



Glenrothes Hillwalkers Club

Affiliated to the Mountaineering Council of Scotland



Monthly Newsletter – March 2017

Introduction

Welcome to the March newsletter, with a roundup of news on walks, weekends, and the AGM and other Club news.

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

Walks

The **February walk** on Sunday 19th took 12 members to the Aberfeldy area, with 3 walks planned. Unfortunately that plan did not quite work out that way. I was not able to go as I had a very heavy cold (hence no photos!), but I was able to take the money and despatch the minibus in the capable hands of Lynne Smith. Nobody signed up for the B walk so the 1st stop was in Aberfeldy to drop off the C walk. On leaving the minibus a diesel leak was spotted, which meant that the A walk could not be dropped off on the South shore of Loch Tay. However, the A walkers improvised and managed to get up some hills close to Aberfeldy.

Fortunately the driver was able to get the minibus repaired – the leak was caused by a loose fuel injector – and everyone was able to get home without further incident.

The **March walk** is on Sunday 19th, with 3 walks planned in the Bridge of Orchy area. The A walk is climbing 2 Corbetts (Beinn a' Chaistell and Beinn Odhar) as is the B walk (Beinn Chaorach and Beinn Odhar). The C walk are getting dropped off at Inveroran and walking to Tyndrum on the West Highland Way.

We have a 33 seat bus ordered, and there are still seats available. If you would like to book a seat, please contact Ian Morris by phone on 01592 612376 or by [email](#). This will be Ian's last walk in charge before he stands down from the committee

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 **Annual General Meeting** took place on Tuesday 7 March, with 35 members attending.



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The meeting opened with the annual report from Steve Thurgood as Chair. He talked through the core activities of the Club and reported another successful year. Steve thanked the 3 committee members who were standing down for their hard work and their contribution towards that success. Those standing down are Mary Slaven as Treasurer, Kath Wilcock as Membership Secretary and Ian Morris as Walks Convener.

The Club's financial situation has improved considerably, largely due to the reduced cost of buses, which has resulted in a small surplus on the bus over the year, rather than a considerable deficit in previous years. Last year we reduced the bus charge from £13 to £11, and this year the charge will fall to £10 from April.

As previously announced the Membership subscription will remain at £25, with a sliding scale for new members joining during the membership year. This is despite a £2 increase in the membership subscription that the Club pays to Mountaineering Scotland for each member.

The Clubs' Office Bearers were duly elected – Steve Thurgood as Chair, Brian Robertson as Secretary, and Jim Anderson as Treasurer. Both Steve and Brian stated that they would only serve for one more year, so we will be looking for a new Chair and Secretary at the next AGM.

Louise Cascarino, Gary Kerr, June Smith and Fiona Frayser were elected to the committee, so we will have a total of 7 on the committee. This again leaves us 2 short of a full committee. Club members can be co-opted onto the committee at any time, so if there is anyone who would like to help to run the Club, please get in touch. The individual committee member roles will be decided at the April committee meeting.

The **Silent Auction** raised £63, which will be added to £277 already raised and donated to the Galloway Mountain Rescue Team.

Club News

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 2 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.

Mountaineering Scotland Members Portal – all members can get access to the MS membership database in order to keep their personal details up to date and book courses. The portal can be found at <https://mountaineeringscotland.azolve.com/Account.mvc/Login?ReturnUrl=%2f>

Click on the First Time Access tab, type in your username and press the green Activate button. Your username is your email address if your MS Membership number starts with ME, or your MS membership number if it does not start with ME. You will then be sent an email with instructions to



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set your password. If you do not know your MS membership number, it will be on your new membership card, which will be available at the next meeting.

Finally, thanks to all those members who have helped out with running the front door and making the refreshments over the last year. Your help has been invaluable in helping to make our meetings run smoothly.

If you would like to help out at future meetings, please put your name down on the roster [here](#).

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