



Glenrothes Hillwalkers Club

Affiliated to the Mountaineering Council of Scotland



Monthly Newsletter – November 2016

Introduction

Welcome to the November newsletter, which includes news on yet another Munro completion, some changes to event dates, and news on subscription charges. I hope you enjoy the roundup of news from around the Club. Contributions from members are always welcome - you can email them to the Secretary at secretary@glenrotheshillwalkers.co.uk.

Walks

The last Club walk on Sunday 16 October saw 19 members take the long and windy road from the rest break at Edzell to the Invermark car park at the head of Glen Esk.

The A walk was programmed to go to Mount Keen and then strike off to the East before returning to the car park, but they decided to cut the walk short and just ascended and descended Mount Keen by the normal route. This they managed to do very quickly, but were rewarded with no views and strong winds.

The B walk did a circuit via Loch Lee to Hunt Hill and back via Dead Man's Gulch, a dramatic scar in the rolling hills with a series of waterfalls. They got a view from the summit, but got soaked in the last hour of their return to the bus.

The C walk went up Dead Man's Gulch in the opposite direction from Loch Lee and returned along the South side of the Loch, managing to cunningly avoid getting soaked.

Despite some of the members getting soaked, everyone enjoyed their walk and many commented on how beautiful the Glen Esk area was.



Setting out from the car park



Sandra crossing a very rickety bridge



A rather windswept group on Hunt Hill

The next Club walk on Sunday 13 November is the High Tea walk to the Blair Atholl area, with 3 walks planned. The walks will be followed by High Tea at the Atholl Arms Hotel. The menu and pricing are at the end of the newsletter.

There are still seats available on the bus, so if you would like to sign up, please contact Ian Morris by phone on 01592 612376 or by [email](#). There will be pick-ups at Falkland and Broxden Park and Ride.



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Weekends

The final Club weekend for 2016 was held over 2 nights the Oban SYHA hostel starting on Friday 26 October, with 7 members attending. The weekend was blessed with fine weather, and saw members ranging over a wide area to tackle Munros, Corbetts, low levels walks, and even to cycle around Mull. The weekend coincided with Ian Morris's final Munro, so a couple of other members joined on the Saturday to celebrate with Ian and stayed on for an excellent celebration meal out at the Lorne Bar in Oban.

The fine weather continued on the Sunday, and I had an excellent day out on the Aonach Eagach. There were many favourable comments about the hostel, and I am sure we will be back there again.



Barry, Ian and Janice on Sgorr Dhonuill, Ian's final Munro



Members celebrate on Saturday evening



The Aonach Eagach in all its glory on Sunday

If you have any suggestions for the weekend programme for 2017, please send them to Jim Anderson by [email](#).

Meetings

This month's meeting on Tuesday 1 November saw the return of James Ogilvie for the third time, this time to tell us in more detail about his trip to Antarctica. This was a follow on from his talk last year when he told us about the ascent of the highest summit on each of the 7 continents. James is a very engaging and informative speaker, and his well-illustrated talk was very much enjoyed by all.



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Next month's meeting on Tuesday 6 December sees Ian Morris testing our knowledge in the Christmas Quiz. The only clue he has given so far is to mug up on the Carry On films! The quiz will be followed by the raffle of Christmas hampers in aid of our chosen Mountain Rescue Team.

Club News

Congratulations to Ian Morris on completing his Munros on Sgorr Dhonuill on October 22nd. His first was the adjacent Sgorr Dhearg some 36 years ago. Ian has decided not to accept the traditional Quaich as he can't be bothered to polish it, and has generously asked the Club to make a donation of the equivalent amount to our chosen Mountain Rescue Team.

On that theme, the committee has chosen the Galloway MRT to be the recipient of our donation for next year. They are one of the smaller and less well known teams, but still do a vital job from their base in Newton Stewart.

Mountaineering Scotland (formerly MCofS) have decided to raise their subscriptions by £2 per annum from 1 April 2017. At the last meeting the committee reviewed the Club's financial situation. This has improved considerably, as we have been able to reduce the cost of hiring buses by changing supplier. The Club now has a surplus against the bus rather than the previous large deficit. It has therefore been decided to absorb the MS increase from Club funds, and not to increase our own Club subscriptions for next year, which will remain at £25 for adults.

There have been a couple of date changes. The Post-Christmas Walk has moved from Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th December, and the first meeting of the year has been moved from Tuesday January 3rd to Tuesday January 10th by popular request – democracy in action!

Thanks to all the members who generously brought along donations for the Christmas hampers, which will be raffled after the Christmas Quiz at the next meeting. Thanks also to Janice Duncan, who has kindly volunteered to make up the hampers this year. It is not too late to donate if you missed the meeting – you can bring donations along to the High Tea walk, or contact Janice direct.

Finally, we rely on volunteers to help the monthly meetings run smoothly by running the front door and making the refreshments. Although we enjoy member's home baking, it is not obligatory, so please do not be put off volunteering to do the teas and coffees just because you would be fired from The Great British Bake Off in the 1st round! Biscuits are fine.

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

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GLENROTHES HILLWALKERS CLUB

HIGH TEA WALK

SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER – ATHOLL ARMS HOTEL

Menu

1. Fresh battered haddock served with mushy peas and chips
2. Homemade steak and ale pie served with new potatoes and vegetables
3. Deep fried chicken goujons served with homemade coleslaw and chips
4. Vegetarian curry with rice and garnishes
5. Homemade macaroni and cheese served with side salad and chips

Selection of Cakes and Scones

Bread and Butter

Tea or Coffee

Price is £14 for High Tea and £11 for the bus, total £25 per head.

If you wish to attend, please book and give your menu choice to Ian Morris direct by email on walks@glenrotheshillwalkers.co.uk or by phone on 01592 612376.