



ELLON HILLWALKING CLUB

Newsletter January 2019

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Programme:

Monday 14th January 2019
A.G.M.+Munro bagging DVD
Station Hotel Ellon 19.30

Sunday 20th January 2019

Bennachie
Leave from Riverside Carpark 08.00
Focal Point – Irene jamieson 07817643429

Bennachie Mike Taylor OS Sheet 38

Bennachie is probably the club's most visited mountain; it is certainly our nearest. It can be seen from all over the North East and has a distinctive outline from whatever angle it is viewed. The origin of the name is much disputed but the favourite is that it is from Beinn na Ciche, Mountain of the Nipple or Breast – fairly obvious when you look at it!

It is really a ridge, about 5km long, with several tops. The highest is Oxen Craig at 528m but the most prominent is the Mither Tap at 518m. The views from the summit ridge are extensive: the rich agricultural land of the Garioch; the hills of Upper Donside; the Cairngorms.

There are various combinations of ascents and traverses. What is done on the day will depend upon the weather and what the group fancies.

If you want to join this walk please let Irene Jamieson (07817 643429) know by Thursday 17 January.

Forthcoming events

January 20 – Bennachie

February 17 – Culardoch

March 17 – Mount Battock

March 29-31 – Ossian weekend

December walk Correen Hills

Report and photos - Richard Paton

Following some feelings of trepidation because of stormy unsettled weather, it was pleasant to be able to enjoy the club's visit to the Correen Hills on a fine sunny winters day. Fiona and I set off from the Riverside Carpark and stopped at Craigdam on the way to pick up Tony to form a trio of walkers.

We took the high road via Auchleven and Keig, and we had no problem finding a suitable a suitable parking space at Dubston. The going was fairly easy to begin with on thin crunchy ice as we made our way along the track by a forest. After successfully crossing a pair of icy wooden planks, laid across a deep fast flowing burn, the conditions under foot changed to snow which became deeper and deeper as we ascended Fouchie Shank.



The going was very slow in the deep snow which appeared to have drifted in the previous day's stormy weather and accumulated on the track. On reaching the trig point at the summit of Lord Arthur's Hill we enjoyed splendid views and a bite to eat. From here the visible route for the remainder of the circular walk didn't look too bad in terms of the depth of the snow, at least from a distance.

We allowed ourselves to imagine that the going would now be easier and we set off downhill towards Wood of Logie. This proved to be somewhat optimistic as the track further down the hillside was full of very deep snow. We realised that to complete the full circular walk at that pace would probably mean that we would be returning to the car in darkness.

Having observed that the snow seemed to be deeper on the track we had a look at a map and planned a new off-path route. This allowed us time to enjoy the car journey back to Ellon in daylight; this time via Monymusk and Kemnay.



Loch Ossian Weekend

Mike Taylor

As intimated in the Newsletter in November, we have reserved the Loch Ossian Youth Hostel for the weekend of 29 -31 March 2019.

A number of people have reserved places but there are still a few left. Payment has to be made to the SYHA in January so could those members who want to join the club on this weekend please pay £50 to me by Saturday 19th January. This could be in the form of cash at the AGM or dinner, cheque payable to the Ellon Hillwalking Club and sent to me at Loch an Eilein, Newmachar, ABERDEEN.AB21 0UQ or bank transfer (please email me for bank details at lochaneilein@gmail.com).

I have been asked about the possibility of arranging a bus for the weekend as we did for our last visit. The large bus I hired last time is not available but I could probably get a minibus. This would cost about £30 per person. If you would be interested in this, please let me know (email address above) and if there is sufficient interest, I will try to book a bus.

Annual General Meeting Monday 14th January.

The 40th AGM of the Ellon Hillwalking Club will take place in the Station Hotel, Ellon at 19.30.

If anyone is interested in joining the committee nominations should be sent to the secretary.

This year's AGM will follow the pattern of previous years with the following agenda:

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting
2. Matters Arising.
3. Chairman's Report on 2017 Activities.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Election of Office Bearers and Committee
6. Election of Honorary Auditor
7. Setting of Annual Subscription
8. Any Other Business.

**40th AGM Dinner.
Friday January 18th.
Station Hotel, Ellon.
7p.m.for 7.30p.m.**

Forty- three places have now been sold for our celebration dinner.

The Press and Journal have offered to send a photographer to record the event (free) for their weekly magazine page ... photos will be available to purchase later if required!





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2019 draft walks and talks.

Month	Date	Event	Time	Focal Point
Jan	14	AGM +DVD	19.45	
Jan	20	Bennachie	08:00	IJ
Feb	11	TBC		
Feb	17	Culardoch		
March	11	TBC		
March	17	Mount Battock		
March	29-31	Bunkhouse weekend - Ossian		
April	8	Walking in Morocco - Lisa Kelly		
April	14	Broad Cairn and Cairn Bannoch		
May	13	Sri Lanka - Alan Brown		
May	19	Tom's Cairn		
May	17-19	Skye weekend		
June	10	Evening walk - Lenabo woods.		
June	16	Ben Wyvis		
July	14	Newtonmore Area		
August	18	Jock's road		
Sept	9	Access - Malcolm Coombe - TBC		
Sept	15	Carn an t-Saigairt Mor		
October	14	Iceland - Richard Paton		
October	20	Creagmhor		
October	25-27	Bunkhouse weekend - Corran		
Nov.	11	Routeburn Track - Allan Murray		
Nov.	17	The Convals		
Dec.	9	Christmas Party		
Dec.	15	Morrone		

Happy New Year!