



ELLON HILLWALKING CLUB

Newsletter February 2013

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Programme:

Monday 11th February 2013
Falkland Islands – Linda Davidson
Station Hotel Ellon 20:00

Sunday 17th February 2013

Morven
Focal Pt Mike Taylor (01651 862234)
Community Centre Car Park 08:00

Morven (OS Sheet 37)

Mike Taylor

Over the years we have visited Morven a number of times - usually in winter.

The name is derived from Mor Bheinn, gaelic for Big Mountain. It doesn't reach Munro height but is a large, prominent hill which dominates the views around Aboyne. 'One of the great mountains to the West of Donside is styled the hill of Morven, is of stupendous height, and on the side next to Cromar almost perpendicular.... The other great mountains appear to sink to a common size, and even Laghin y Gair (Lochnagar) abates of its grandeur' (Pennant, 1769 quoted in Drummond, 1991).

In the past we have always approached the mountain from the east so this time we will try a different approach - from the west. We could start from the road end at Lary in Glen Gairn (GR 336003) or on the A939 in Glen Fenzie (GR 313029). From Lary to the summit and back is about 14km with 550m of ascent (about 4½ hours) and from Glen Fenzie about 16km with 600m of ascent (about 5 hours).

Given reasonable conditions, this walk is well within the capabilities of any reasonably fit member of the club. It is winter though so lots of warm clothes, good footwear and plenty food are essential. We will meet at the community centre car park at 8.00 am to sort out transport.

If you are interested in taking part in this walk, please let Mike Taylor (01651 862234) know by Thursday 14 Feb.

Drummond 1991: Scottish Hill and Mountain Names, Peter Drummond SMC

Forthcoming Events

Mar 17th Ailnack Gorge and the Castle
Mar 29-31st Tyndrum Bunkhouse Weekend
Apr 14th Lochnagar

March Bunkhouse Weekend 29 – 31 March

Mike Taylor

We have, in the past, arranged bunkhouse weekends in March so we are planning one for 2013. 8 beds have been booked at the By the Way Hostel in Tyndrum (www.tyndrumbytheway.com) for Friday 29th and Saturday 30th March. There is a large number of interesting hills in the area which are unfamiliar to many club members.

The cost is £16 per night. As we are not sure how many members will be interested, we are advertising this early, so that additional beds can be sought if there is more interest than expected.

If you want to go, please give £32, which is non returnable, to Mike Taylor as soon as possible. Please make cheques payable to Ellon Hill Walking Club and if you can't catch up with Mike in person send them to Loch an Eilein, Newmachar, Aberdeen, AB21 0UQ.

34th EHCW AGM – Subscriptions Now Due

Alan Murray

The 34th AGM of the Ellon Hillwalking Club was held on Monday Jan 14th. The Club is still financially sound and subscriptions have been held at the same level as last year, i.e. £15 for an individual, £30 for a family and £1 for juniors. Many people have already paid but if you haven't yet done so please send a cheque for the appropriate amount made payable to Ellon Hillwalking Club to Allan Brown at 8a Riverview Place, Ellon, AB41 9NW as soon as convenient. Many thanks. As a reminder, the Club has discount arrangements with many Outdoor Equipment retailers in the area including Craigdon, Blacks, Nevisport, Cotswold Outdoor and Hilltrek in Aboyne but you will need to show a current membership card to prove eligibility.

Falklands Islands Presentation 11th Feb

Linda Davidson

This month's evening meeting at the Station Hotel is a presentation from Linda Davidson on a trip she made to the Falkland Islands:



Photo: Falkland Islands Tourist Board

The Falkland Islands, known to the Argentines as the *Islas Malvinas*, are an archipelago located in the South Atlantic Ocean on the Patagonian Shelf. The principal islands are about 310 miles (500 kilometres) east of the Patagonian coast at a latitude of about 52°S. The islands, a British Overseas Territory, are the subject of considerable dispute between Argentina and Britain at the moment but according to the Falkland Island Tourist Board it's a great place to relax and unwind. "The Falklands archipelago is teeming with wonders of wildlife and nature; experience personal encounters with penguins and pinnipeds or the beauty of delicate flowers. Discover an unpolluted environment with fantastically clear blue skies, seamless horizons, vast open spaces and stunning white sand beaches." Please come along on Monday and ensure a good turnout for this talk.

Draft 2013 EHWC Programme

Month	Date	Event*	Time	Focal Point
Jan	14 20	AGM & Tuscany – Allan Brown Monagowan	20:00 08:30	IJ
Feb	11 17	Falkland Islands – Linda Davidson Morven from the west	20:00 08:00	MT
Mar	11 17 29/31	St Kilda – Alan Donaldson & Charlie Allan Ailnack Gorge - The Castle - walk from Dorback Lodge & Bar Supper Bytheway Bunkhouse Tyndrum	20:00 08:30	
Apr	8 14	Via Ferrata – Heather McCabe? Lochnagar	20:00 07:30	
May	13 18/19 19	West Highland Way – Mike Taylor Skye Weekend Mount Keen	20:00 07:30	
Jun	10 16	Windy Hills (Fyvie) Evening Walk Jock's Road – through walk (taking in Tolmount and Tom Buidhe)	19:00 07:00	
Jul	8 14	Bennachie Evening Walk Schiehallion	19:00 07:00	
Aug	12 18	Railway Line Walk Carn an Righ	19:00 07:00	
Sep	9 15	Cycling in Southern India – Barbara Wyatt Cairngorm and Ben Macdui	20:00 07:00	
Oct	14 20 26/27	First Aid in the Mountains – Mike Taylor An Socach Loch Ness Bunkhouse Weekend	20:00 07:30	
Nov	11 17	Wildlife Protection Cannes Glen & Bar Supper	20:00 07:30	
Dec	9 15	Christmas Party Cruidhie Crom and Little Pap	20:00 08:00	

*Please note that a number of the evening meeting events have not been agreed and are subject to change.