



ELLON HILLWALKING CLUB

Newsletter February 2014

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Programme:
Monday 10th February 2014
The Matterhorn – Tony Richardson
Station Hotel Ellon 19:30

Sunday 19th January 2014
Mount Battock
Focal Pt Mike Taylor (01651 862234)
Community Centre Car Park 08:00

Mount Battock (OS Sheet 44)

Mike Taylor

At 778m (2555 ft) Mount Battock is the most easterly Corbett and gives fine views over the Cairngorms and the lowlands of North East Scotland. It is, so the guide books say, notable as the most easterly hill in Scotland where ptarmigan nest.

Our usual route up is the one starting in Glen Esk at Millden Lodge (541791). A rough road leads to the farm of Blackhills from which the summit of Mount Battock can be reached by walking north over Allrey or north west over Mount Een. This route is 6 km long with 640 m of ascent. The round trip takes 4-5 hours.

The walk is suitable for any reasonably fit club member unless severe winter weather strikes by then but lots of warm clothes, good footwear and plenty food are essential.

If you are planning to go on the walk please let Mike Taylor (01651 862234) know by Thursday 13 February.

Forthcoming Events

Mar 16th Cromdale Hills
Apr 5/6th Bunkhouse Weekend Tyndrum
Apr 20th Mount Keen

Mona Gowan Walk Report

Irene Jamieson

This year the roads were open to Mona Gowan so nine dedicated EHWC members donned waterproofs and set off up the path from Fleuchats to climb a hill few of us had visited before. It had rained steadily since leaving Ellon and the ground was very wet with water flowing rapidly down each side of the track.

The wind strengthened and the rain continued all the way so it was not a day for picnics and admiring the view! Everybody was in good spirits, though, and because it was not going to be a long walk, we kept going. There were a lot of paths criss-crossing the hills, some not on the map, but we got on to a good landrover track which we followed most of the way before branching off to the summit. The large cairn offered little shelter but photos were taken and a quick snack, before retracing our steps to the bus.

Bunkhouse Weekend 4 – 6 April 2014

Mike Taylor

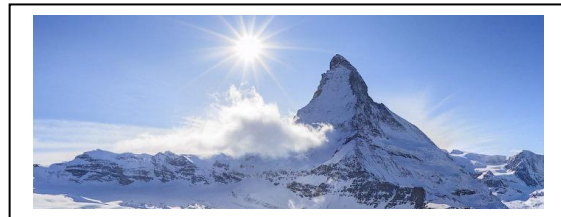
The March bunkhouse weekend this year has wound up in April because of the lack of availability of our chosen bunkhouse in March. 8 beds have been booked at the By the Way Hostel in Tyndrum (www.tyndrumbytheway.com) for Friday 4th and Saturday 5th March. There is a large number of interesting hills in the area which are unfamiliar to many club members.

The cost is £18 per night. If you want to go, please forward £36, which is non returnable, to Mike Taylor by the end of February. Please make cheques payable to Ellon Hillwalking Club and if you can't catch up with Mike in person send them to Loch an Eilein, Newmachar, Aberdeen, AB21 0UQ.

The Matterhorn - Monday Meeting (10 Feb)

Tony Richardson

Our Monday evening meeting at the Station Hotel on Monday 10th Feb is a talk on The Matterhorn from Club member Tony Richardson. Come along for an informative and exciting evening with some great alpine photographs.



North East Mountain Trust
Winter Lectures

**The Corbetts in 70 Days
(without motorised help)**

Manny Gorman

Tuesday 18th February

Sportsman's Club
11 Queen's Road Aberdeen
Admission £4

2014 Programme

The committee has drafted the following programme of walks and talks for 2014. The new committee will be meeting shortly to determine focal points for all the walks after which a more confirmed version of the programme will be issued.

Speakers for the Monday evening meetings is still work in progress so if you know of someone who has an interesting story to tell and would be willing to come and talk to the Club, please let us know.

Month	Date	Event	Time	Focal Point	
Jan	13 19	AGM & Short talk Mona Gowan	19:30 08:30	IJ	
Feb	10 16	The Matterhorn – Tony Richardson Mount Battock	19:30 08:00	MT	
Mar (Apr)	10 16 5/6	Via Ferrata - Heather McCabe Cromdale Hills Bytheway Bunkhouse Tyndrum	19:30 08:00		
Apr	14 20	TBD Mount Keen	19:30 07:30		
May	12 17/18 18	TBD Skye Weekend Clachnaben	19:30 07:30		
Jun	9 15	Bennachie Evening Walk Cairngorm & Ben Macdui	19:00 07:00		
Jul	14 20	- The Eag	19:00 07:00		
Aug	11 17	- Lairig an Laoigh & Bynack Mor	19:00 07:00		
Sep	8 14	Red Squirrel Protection Carn Ban Mor and Sgor Gaoith	19:30 07:00		
Oct	13 19 25/26	TBD Cairnwell Munros (x3) Ledgowan Bunkhouse Weekend	19:30 07:30		
Nov	10 16	Mountain Film Evening Ben Tirran	19:30 07:30		
Dec	8 14	Christmas Party Conachraig	19:30 08:00		