



“Mountain Thyme Spring 2019



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Blairgowrie and District Hillwalking Club.
The editor welcomes comments and contributions from all members.

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PRESIDENT'S INTRODUCTION

Another Spring and another edition of Mountain Thyme, where does time go? It now seems a distant, though vivid, memory of our 40th anniversary year and we are now into our 41st year.

Since our last magazine there seems to have been something of an upturn in the attendances to our meets and numbers are currently running in the low to mid-twenties on each walk. One notable feature is the number of new members who have joined recently and helped to swell our numbers. This increase makes it more viable to continue in the present format of organised walks with coach travel to and from our destinations. The survey we carried out last year didn't have any surprises and the general opinion was that we remain on the right track.

There has been the usual bag of mixed weather with some stunning days and some rather challenging days. Perhaps the most challenging day was the planned trip to Stuc a' Chroin and Glen Ample where we were met



with several inches of falling snow as we approached Loch Earn. A group decision was made on the bus and the agreed outcome was to progress with a walk keeping it low level and confining the walk to the valley floor through Glen Ample. Although not what had been planned, we still had an enjoyable day.

We had good attendances too on the winter walks following the Cateran Trail in January and Prosen to Clova in February both on pleasant days for winter and both in attendance of Mountain Rescue teams on training exercises, (or had they heard we were in the area?)

The Club agreed to participate in the “sponsoring” of two Munros for the Munro Challenge currently being undertaken to commemorate the death of Sir Hugh Munro on 19th March 1919. Clubs and individuals have been asked to climb a Munro and record the day with the organisers within one year, March 2019 to March 2020 and at the conclusion, a travelling exhibition is planned to promote Munro and Hillwalking.



The chosen Munros for the Club were both on Beinn a' Ghlo and coincided with our Club walk on 29th March.

Our Club actively supports and promotes skills for the hills and subsidises any training relevant to our safety on the hills.

Members are encouraged to participate and this year, so far, we have helped 4 members who took part in Emergency First Aid (see entry under snippets) and 6 members who attended a Mountain Navigation course.

Members are encouraged to



The Navigation course was organised by Mountaineering Scotland and was led by their Mountaineering Training Officer Ian Stewart. The course was held on Meall nan Tarmachan and a similar course is planned for another 6 members in November.

Away from Hillwalking and on the social side we

entered a team from the Club at two quiz nights. The first of these was held in Kirriemuir and was organised by the staff at the Angus glens Museum in Kirriemuir and was timed to coincide with the anniversary of Hugh Munro's death on the 19th March. I am happy to report our "A" team returned triumphant. Team members: Terry Lonsdale; Ken

Murray; Jinty Smart; Norman Smith; Martin Collins; Ian Cameron; Bruce Henderson; Roddy Cameron.



The following evening saw a 3 member team comprising of Martin Collins; Iain Mitchell; and Bruce Henderson take part in the annual Mountain

Mind Quiz hosted by Dundee Mountain Club in the Queens Hotel, Dundee. A total of eight teams participated on mountain related questions, which, judging by the low scoring were found to be difficult by all teams, with the winning team only managing to correctly answer half the questions.

Despite our team having a collective experience of over 100 years we found the going tough, and managed to end up 6th, with only the Carn Dearg Club and the Forfar Club finishing below us – at least we managed to avoid the booby prize of an old boot!

Going forward we again have a full programme of walks and social events planned for the coming year and these are all available to book through our web site. www.bdhc.org.uk Most of the walk sheets are now available to download from the website and members should look at these. If the planned walks are not to your pleasing, then provided Club rules are observed, you may wish to plan your own route.

Good walking,

And be safe.

Ian Cameron President (all photos by Ian Cameron)

TWIXT MEET

Members enjoyed a Festive Break in and around Aviemore, 27th-29th December 2018 and stayed in a variety of accommodation outlets in the village for two nights.

Some members chose to tackle a short walk en-route to Aviemore starting in Kingussie and although the walk was only 6km in length, with little more than 250m of ascent, this gave a fine start to the Festive Break. The walk gave magnificent views from the summit of Creag Bheag (487m) overlooking Kingussie to the East and Newtonmore to the South along Glen Truim.



Looking north from Creag Bheag looking east over Kingussie Photo by Ian Cameron

The route followed the Alt Mor up stream as it twisted and turned its way through a narrow cut gorge and then crossed over at the top of Kingussie Golf course to Loch Gynack. Continuing along the South shore of the loch through mature birch woodland the path eventually came out on to the open hillside and a steep little climb to the Summit of Creag Bheag. Breaks in the cloud and bright shafts of sunlight gave magnificent views along the length of the A9 as it passes through Glen Truim and as far as the Drumochter Hills, the Glen Feshie Hills and the Monadhliath Mountains. The descent route followed a well formed path from the summit over the open hillside and down through mature woodland, ending up back in Kingussie.

Next day most members travelled up to the Ski Centre car park at Coire Chais and headed into Coire an t-Sneachda or Coire an Lochain. Some members remained at low level and returned from the Corries to the starting point, whilst others climbed to the summit of Cairn Lochain and a traverse of the Northern Corries before descending the Fiacail a' Choire Chais ridge back to the starting point. Cloud level varied around the height of the local summits and gave some fine, but intermittent views of the corries and surrounding hills. There were only patches of snow and with a little diversion, these could be bypassed, thus avoiding the need to "gear up" with crampons, and ice axes remained firmly attached to rucksacks. With the absence of snow and the current situation with the funicular railway, the hills were much quieter than would normally be expected at this time of year.

Later the group re-assembled for dinner in the "The Old Bridge Inn" where once again a fine meal was served and tales of the day regaled. Members then travelled home on the 29th. Some who had missed out on the earlier walk of the 27th chose to stop off in Kingussie on the homeward journey and complete this as a short detour while others opted for a longer walk and tackled the nearby Corbett in Glenmore, Meall a' Bhuachaille, before heading home or travelling on to other destinations.

Thanks to Martin for organising the 2018 event.

Ian Cameron

SPRING WEEKEND STRATHPEFFER

At the end of May, twenty three members of the club ventured to Strathpeffer for their Spring weekend. With changeable weather, some heavy showers and low cloud, only some of the groups gained views. Nonetheless, the party broke into groups covering walks in five different areas. Ben Wyvis towers over Strathpeffer and one party climbed this Munro – a great achievement for one novice who climbed her first Munro. Well done Kirsty.



Kirsty on top of Ben Wyvis



Roy enjoying his piece on the way up Ben Wyvis Photo by Kerry Lindsay

Also in the hunt for the high hills, an additional party travelled to the Achnasheen area to climb another Munro, Fionn Beinn. They reached the summit in low cloud obscuring views, except of passing trains!

Other walkers tackled a pair of Corbetts in Strathconnon, Meallan nan Uan and Sgurr a' Mhuilinn. Two strong walkers also captured the outliers to the north west. The Corbett, Sgorr na Diollaid, a remote hill between Strathfarrar and Glen Cannich was the target for a trio of walkers and they escaped the showers had some interesting scrambling to the summit comb with glimpses of views of in Strathfarrar, Mullardoch and Glen Affric.



Climbing Sgurr a' Mhuilinn photo by Irene Rintoul

Leaving the summit of Sgorr na Diollaid photo by Jane Clark

A final pairing explored local walks around Strathpeffer climbing through woods to viewpoints where they spotted a wide range of birds and interesting wooden and stone features before a challenging scramble to return to the village. Overall, although the cloud was low, walkers enjoyed seeing red kites, osprey, buzzards ptarmigan, golden plover, crested tits, coal tits, redstart, gold crests, warblers, chiff chaff and many frogs and newts. As well as birds, there was a good display of moorland spring flowers with the first sighting, this year, of mountain azalea and several early march orchids.

The party came together on Saturday evening for an excellent meal at the Red Poppy restaurant, to share stories and enjoy social time together. Tension mounted as the winners of the prize draw and special raffles were announced. (Reports of sailing on Carpe Diem and a ride on Harry to follow in the next edition of Mountain Thyme). Many members like to extend their trip beyond the weekend either before or after the weekend and just prior to the weekend, one trio visited Sutherland climbing Ben Stack on a hot, clear day and wonderful coastal walks and bird watching

near Scourie, on Handa island, out to Cape Wrath around Durness and a boat trip to the Summer Isles.

Jane Clark

MOUNTAIN BOTHY ASSOCIATION – A PERSONAL VIEW

Most club members who have spent any time in my company will probably be aware of my curious delight in finding odd and unusual places to stay the night, from mountain tops to special caves and from basic howffs to remote bothies, I find them all equally exciting.

Some of the newer members might not yet have come across, or be aware of, the many bothies that are to be found across Scotland. The majority are under the care of the Mountain Bothies Association, a charity whose *raison d'être* is “to maintain simple shelters in remote country for the use and benefit of all who love wild and lonely places”. The MBA came into being in 1965 when a group of volunteers came together to restore the dilapidated building of Tunskeen in Galloway. By the time they had finished it was a snug, windproof and watertight shelter left open to all. The volunteers knew of other buildings often used by climbers and stravaigers for overnight accommodation which were in a similar run down condition and would soon be lost for ever. They got to work to remedy this and thus the MBA was formed. It now looks after over one hundred such buildings, all over Great Britain, though most of them are in Scotland. They only own two of the buildings, the rest are maintained with the permission and support of their owners. All the work done in maintaining the bothies is done by volunteers. Each bothy has one or two maintenance organisers who visit their bothy a couple of times a year to check on things and make minor repairs. If any major work needs done a work party is organised and due to the many and varied skills of the members they are able to tackle virtually anything! No work party is the same, some are lucky enough to get boats or helicopters to bring in supplies, others rely on volunteers to carry paint, tools, even a whole staircase once, over wild mountain passes. Several work parties have rebuilt buildings from the remains of four low walls, some last for a couple of days and some a lot longer. There is one planned in Morvern this Spring which will last for one month! As you can see the volunteers are very dedicated.

After I had been using bothies for several years I felt a need to give something back to the association, so I began to attend work parties

myself and from there took on the responsibility of Suardalan Bothy near Glenelg as a maintenance organiser which I have done now for well over 10 years.



Beautiful Suardalan with Beinn Sgritheall in the background

Last year increased my involvement when I became Area Organiser for the West Highland and Islands area which means I oversee nine of the loveliest bothies in Scotland, Suardalan being one of them!

I was lucky enough to come across bothies before the advent of the internet and social media, which now gives instant gratification and knowledge to anyone interested in finding out more about them. Instead I spent hours poring over maps looking for those likely looking little squares in remote areas that deserved investigation. Then I would set out with my young son, Jed, to go exploring. Some “squares” were nothing more than collapsed wooden sheds but others were complete gems, some situated on cliff top eyries, some with libraries, others with flushing toilets, electric lights and even free electric heaters, others were still frozen in time past from their last occupants, it was brilliant. We never knew what we would find and that was the fun, the anticipation of discovery. Mostly we had them to ourselves but sometimes we shared the bothy with others which usually meant a fun and interesting night, impromptu ceilidhs, unlikely characters and always the dropped hint of another previously unknown “gem” of a bothy for us yet to discover.



*Jed and Norman outside Blackburn
of Corrieyarick bothy*

The Bothy fire

Bothies can be found all over Scotland, often quite handily placed to access the more remote Munros and Corbetts, for example Shenavall, Corrou or Bearnais.



Kervaig, on the remote Cape Wrath peninsular.

They are open and free to use and, most importantly, a bothy is never full. There is always room for one more. There are no rules apart from Respect – for the bothy, other users and the surrounding area. Facilities are basic, usually a fireplace, a table, some chairs and increasingly a sleeping platform but a night spent sitting round the bothy fire, embraced by the warm glow of the candlelight and the twinkle of the stars outside, is five star accommodation to me.

Norman has also shared many a bothy trip with me. In fact one of our first adventures was when we arranged to meet one cold and snowy November night at Blackburn of Corrieyairack bothy. Jed and I were already there, trying to coax a miserable fire from the bag of coal we had

hauled in (I didn't realise at that time that coal needed a grate to burn and this fireplace had none). Norman meanwhile had left work in Perth, driven up the A9 to Ft Augustus and then pushed his laden bike in the dark up the icy and snowy track towards the Corrieyarick Pass. He arrived at 9.30pm complete with a block of peat and bottle of mulled wine and we had a lovely cosy evening after that. I realised he truly was a knight in shining armour!



Glengarrisdale bothy on Jura

So when you next walk past a bothy spare a thought, you never know what might have happened there. One bothy is the home of James of the Glen, the innocent man hung after the infamous Appin murder in 1752, another is the location for the movie Effie Gray and another, which has just had a quarter of a million pounds spent on it by the generous landowner, has links with the painter Landseer. If any club members are lucky enough to have a copy of the book *Burn on the Hill*, which describes Ronald Burn's adventures as he climbed all the Munros in the early 1900's they will find he stays with many families still living in the buildings that are now empty bothies. It makes for fascinating reading. My own bothy, Suardalan, has been declared the long lost ancestral home by two Canadian ladies who are coming over to visit it in May. However, their ancestors left in the 1700's and though I am trying to convince them that the present building is only slightly over one hundred years old they are having none of it. I do hope they aren't too disappointed.

If any club members would like to find out more about the MBA I would recommend going on the website www.mountainbothies.org where they should get all the information they need.

Jinty (all photos from Jinty)

WHY HILL-WAKING IS LIKE DATING

Hill walking is like an emotional roller coaster that is even worse than dating! However, more of that later.

So, the day started off well as a cold crisp, clear morning when leaving Dunkeld – and that was meant to be the forecast for the full day. It was never going to be an easy walk as it was the first one post-Christmas diet of cheese and red wine, however I tried to remain positive and thought, I'll take it slowly and all will be well. My first mini cardiac arrest moment happened when Bruce did his usual walk down the bus asking who was doing what walk. I was half paying attention when I heard out of Evelyn's mouth, the words, "We're doing the A walk" – was she having a laugh! Her response was, "you'll be fine". She obviously knew something about my current sloth-like state that I didn't!

Fast forward and we start off with lovely weather and a very nice long flattish walk in from Glen Isla towards Monega Hill, which to be fair should be called Monega Mountain! The heat for a January day was ridiculous.



Starting the climb of Monega Hill (Kerry in white) photo Ian Cameron
Whether it was the post-Christmas extra rolls of fat or the remains of the lurgy that had been doing the rounds, the climb up Monega Hill (Mountain) was hell. I very quickly fell to the back and didn't know if I was going to pass out or be sick. I had no other choice but to shed the layers to see if it was sweat from exertion or sweat you get before passing

out! Brian who very kindly held back to make sure I was okay and to give me company, did start to show a little concern after the third layer came off and wondered how far I was going to go ☹. Even Bruce on walking past reminded me it was still a cold winter's walk as I continued to strip! But get up I did. Just as the mist came in super low.

This is where the emotional rollercoaster starts to kick in. Monega Hill is the hill of the hidden tops. They just kept coming! We eventually reached the top where I caught up with Evelyn. On explaining how I was feeling, Evelyn kindly gave me some Dexter energy tablets to help – what she didn't tell me was they were five years out of date. As the mist was so low, Evelyn was keen we didn't lose sight of the group in front of us so we could see where they were going! Easier said than done for the peching, coughing spluttering novice by her side. But alas as we got over Little Glas Maol we reached the top of the Munro (only my second) Glas Maol, and it was blooming freezing so all the clothes went back on – rapidly! By this time the mist was fairly thick so there was no visibility. It did clear long enough to see the very snowy corrie quite close by, not scary at all. One point I'll make here is, it really is easier for men up on those hills to have a pee stop, especially when they've got some mist as cover - there really is nowhere to hide as a woman!

We decided not to hang about long and still had one more climb to do – so they told me, “three in total”, Evelyn said. Things became a little trickier as due to poor visibility and what looked like a big drop covered in snow, we had to contour around rather than going straight down. Being a beginner in all this I did have my near second cardiac arrest of the day when I thought they were going to actually make me try and get down that way! I am proud to say that after crossing a patch of snow and ice and not falling, I did then resume my 100% fall rate by falling on the grass. Not the usual face plant, this was more bum first then legs in the air. We saw some gorgeous white Ptarmigan, which if I hadn't been using my hands for balance I would definitely of whipped the camera out for a photo. We also saw some remnants of an avalanche which was fairly cool. As we got over Meall Odhar and started the decent down towards Glenshee ski car park I felt it was time to relax knowing we were only going down. Again, just as you thought it was fine more blooming inclines appeared – emotional rollercoaster!

They might not have been hills, but after the previous 4 hours I only wanted to see flat or downward hills! I did upon seeing this incline, happen to let out a little expletive that I thought no one heard – however Evelyn has ears like my mother's! As always, everyone's support and sense of camaraderie was first class and special thanks to Iain M and

Bruce for expertly guiding us down safely. One thing I have come to appreciate is meeting a man on the hills is never going to happen – looking good during these walks I definitely do not! Till next time.

Kerry

2019/2020 WALKS PROGRAMME

We are now into the 2019/2020 walks programme, and hopefully there is plenty to encourage members to attend the meets – the more the merrier!

The walk programme was compiled by the committee following suggestions from members to provide variety of destinations as well as visiting some of the more popular local haunts such as Clova and Glenshee. Where the walks are by car rather than the usual bus, this is due to necessity such as access or parking issues, and we have revived the summer afternoon coastal walk which this year will be from Inverbervie to Johnshaven where we will finish in The Anchor Inn, Johnshaven, for food and refreshments.

The Club weekends are as follows, and those interested in attending should contact our Secretary, Evelyn, who will be co-ordinating meal arrangements and, in the case of the Isle of Rum, accommodation.

Autumn Weekend 2019 – Isle of Mull (using Salen as the base)

Spring Weekend 2020 – Ullapool

Autumn Weekend 2020 – Isle of Rum (using Rum bunkhouse as the base)

We are also grateful to Terry and Liz Lonsdale for organising the “Twixt” meet for this year, which will be 27th - 29th December 2019 in Ballater using Deeside Inn as the base where special accommodation rates have been negotiated.

For those of you who are new to attending the weekends please arrange your own accommodation or liaise with other Club members who are attending for both accommodation and transport. The meal on the second evening will be arranged by the Secretary. We have found that finding accommodation in some of these areas can be difficult – so book early!

Remember – if there are any suggestions for walks and weekends for future programmes please e-mail the Meet Secretary.

Bruce Henderson Meet Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Review 2018/19 (Year to end February 2019)

At the AGM back in March 2018, with slight trepidation, I stared into my Treasurer's crystal ball and suggested that the club funds would potentially reduce from £7,000 in our bank account to around £6,000 during the club year 2018/19. The main elements considered in arriving at this outrageous suggestion were firstly a similar overall funds movement to 2017/18 (a reduction of around £250) plus the cost of a one-off special event, our 40th Anniversary Dinner with guest speaker Mark Beaumont, estimated subsidy £700.

In the event our funds in the bank were just under £6,000 while the actual cost of the Anniversary Dinner, at £714, was also very close to the forecast. This implies that the crystal ball was fairly accurate, however, a closer look at the numbers during the year reveals a considerable element of good fortune with this forecast.

The accounts for 2018/19 reflect four unanticipated significant cash flow differences with the previous year. Our various fund-raising initiatives (the quiz night, BBQ, Little's event, William Wilson boat raffle, slide night, calendars & Club Draw) raised £269 more than 2017/18 while our coach subsidy decreased by £616. Offsetting these benefits to our funds, we spent £762 more than expected on the club website (we needed to migrate to a new site for the club) and training costs were up £250 compared with the previous year.

The net combined effect of these four items was just over £100 negative, so a minimal overall impact. Had they all been negative for example then clearly the forecast would have been quite different to the final outcome, which is why I will always give a big health warning with any forecast, to be aware of the numerous assumptions made!

The coach subsidy always attracts a lot of interest. As I have commented above, this showed a welcome decrease of £616, from £1,750 in 2017/18 to £1,134 in 2018/19. There were three factors behind this decrease. Firstly while the average cost of the coach per trip was virtually unchanged (£346 v £348 in 2017/18) the average fares received were up, to £233 from £219, reflecting a welcome increase in passenger numbers. So our average subsidy per coach was down by £16 and with 11 trips that equals a £176 decrease in the subsidy.

Most of the coach subsidy reduction was generated by a reduction in coach trips from 14 in 2017/18 to 11 in 2018/19. A reduction of three coaches subsidised plus surplus funds from using cars generated the remaining saving of approximate £440 (£616 less £176).

A very welcome trend was an increase in average passengers per coach, up from 15 per trip for the first 6 trips of the year to nearly 24 for the last 5. As ever and stating the obvious the more the merrier, not least from a Treasurer's perspective!

For the third year running the committee were pleased to propose that coach fares remain unchanged at £12 per seat with club membership fees also unchanged.

So how may our finances look at the end of 2019/20? Well, bearing in mind those health warnings about forecasts, if the pattern of funds flow from 2018/19 continues then we will be looking at a little over £6,000 in the bank at the end of February 2020, a good cushion in case we do end up with any surprises.

Richard Townsend treasurer

SOCIAL EVENTS

Since our last magazine we have been busy with our social events. First was our annual visit to Little's restaurant which, as always, was a great afternoon. Willie is always so welcoming and it is a good way to spend a Sunday afternoon and while doing so we are also fundraising for the Club.

We had a very informative talk on 16 November from Gareth Mason, Environmental Ranger for the Forestry Commission. He has such a vast amount of knowledge and he was more than happy to answer questions from members.

As mentioned above, quite a few members attended the annual Twixt Christmas/New year event on 27-29 December with hill walks to blow away the cobwebs and plenty of chat in the evenings.

Our annual quiz night on 18 January was well attended and there was a really good raffle. Thanks again to Roddy our quiz master and Evelyn Hood who set the questions. Please refer to Ian Cameron's report for news of other quizzes with mixed fortune.

Looking Forward

On Saturday 15 June we are doing a coastal walk from Inverbervie to Johnshaven and we will finish with a fish tea. This event is open to anyone so please encourage visitors along.

Our annual BBQ/walk is on Saturday 20 July. This is being hosted by Phil Seymour (thanks Phil).

Next on our calendar is our Autumn weekend 13-15 September to Mull. We are basing ourselves at Salen and it is essential to book your accommodation early and inform Evelyn.

The Mountain Mind quiz will be hosted by our Club in 2021 and also 2028, so we will be looking for volunteers to assist in due course.

Evelyn and Bruce

Note from editor: over the year, social events and raffles have raised a total of £1410. Fantastic effort. Many thanks to all those who have helped organise these events especially Evelyn and a special mention to our worthy raffle planners Anne and Rhoda.

SNIPPETS

First Aid course

In January three Club members successfully completed a B.A.S.P. (British Association of Ski Patrollers) Outdoor Emergency First Aid course at the Birnam Institute. Those members were: Richard Townsend; Roy Heel; and Bruce Henderson, with Richard and Roy gaining a First Aid certificate for the first time and Bruce renewing his certification. All three thoroughly enjoyed the two-day course, but hope never to have to use their new-found skills on the hill!

A reminder to all members that the Club is happy to subsidise appropriate courses, whether in First Aid; Navigation; or Winter Skills, and should anyone wish to take advantage of this scheme they should contact a committee member.

It is also worth members having a look at the following web-site which provides many hints on how to stay safe on the hills - www.mountainsafety.co.uk

Bruce Henderson

Website update

BDHC website www.bdhc.co.uk



Loch Brandy by Ian Richards taken on club walk May 2019

Our previous website, launched in 2014, had served the club very well over a number of years. It had been created by Steve Johnson who last year advised us that the Adobe platform on which it was based was becoming overly complex and expensive to maintain.

Steve listened to what our committee had to say about which features should be retained in any new website. We had a number of proposals but eventually settled on the site that was adopted last summer.

Just as with the 2014 site, the club took advantage of the change by checking all the data for accuracy before it was transferred to the new format. More information was also added to the historical section.

The change went smoothly and apart from a couple of glitches with the bus booking system the new site has been well received, it is in many ways clearer and easier to navigate than the one that it replaced and has the advantage of being much simpler to upload information onto, such as the blog and new walk sheets. This magazine will also be uploaded to the website.

If there are any comments that members would like to make, please contact Ian Richards who will pass them on to Steve Johnson for review and action if necessary.

Ian Richards

Congratulations

Evelyn Menzies 40 years of guiding

In November 2018, Evelyn attended a service at Westminster Abbey to honour all those in both Scouts and the Girl Guide movement who had completed over 40 years service. Evelyn received her certificate earlier in

the year and the service was to recognise their service and to say thank you.



Evelyn in her Guide uniform, taken by her daughter Kirsty, outside Westminster Abbey

Rob and Anne Robertson

The club likes “big birthdays” and at least two of our members were born in 1939. At the AGM, Rob and Anne Robertson provided members with drinks (thanks) and, more recently, enjoyed a jaunt to the Plant Explorers’ garden in Pitlochry where the team especially appreciated the Himalayan blue poppies.



At the Douglas Pavilion

Happy group after the walk

Photos by Jane Clark

CLOSING REMARKS

Many thanks to all contributors who submitted articles and photographs – the magazine demonstrates the range of club activities and I hope everyone will find something of interest. Already the next edition (due in December has an outline) but more articles are always welcome.

Jane Clark editor