

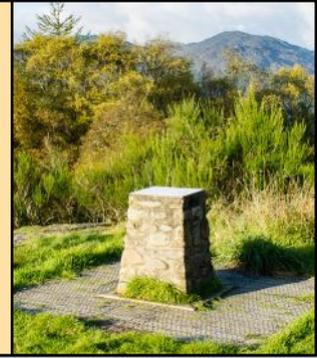


Strathearn Rambler

Autumn 2017

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Chairman's Report

Several events other than our regular rambles have occurred since the last Newsletter. The barbeque in Myra's garden was a most enjoyable evening with lots of chat and laughter. I have to thank Ken Heiser for ensuring that the barbeque was at the right temperature on arrival and to Myra and her family for putting up the tent. Also thanks to all the cooks and bakers who supplied extra treats throughout the evening.

At the end of August the club had its annual weekend away at The Ben Wyvis Hotel, Strathpeffer. The weather was kind to us and the walks were varied and stimulating. I have to thank the walk leaders for the effort they put in especially Ken who re-reccied the Sunday walk a couple of days before the weekend to ensure that the original walk was still suitable and to Carol for testing several routes for the Sunday stroll to ensure the most pleasant was executed on the day.

Although praise has to be given to all the walk leaders the highlight of the weekend was "Ramblers have talent" on Saturday evening. Every act was fantastic and everybody in the audience had their favourites, but personally I thought Felicity's mime plays were outstanding as was Zara's recital of 'Sir Patrick Spens'. However, nobody will forget the zest and sparkle of Dawn in kicking the evening off and intermission entertainment.

Unfortunately we had to cancel the social on the 20th October this year due to lack of

numbers. Although the club funds are currently healthy we could not subsidise an event which would jeopardise the funds for the benefit of so few members. On the positive side several members have approached me with suggestions for socials in the future, each will be given due consideration before any further arrangements are made.

Our best social of the year is the Christmas Stroll which is always great fun, the walking is certainly not taxing, the nibbles and mulled wine halfway through the stroll are always excellent. Some rambles get "elved" up for the occasion although that is not necessary, ordinary walking gear is fine. After lunch Robert Harrison provides a slide show on the previous year's events. Robert is always looking for photographs to share so please pass any you think appropriate to Robert at rb.harrison777@btinternet.com. Roberts asks that the size of picture should be around 500KB and no greater than 750KB and also details of the walk when the photo was taken.

The Christmas lunch is at Auchingarrich this year and the committee have decided to use the Co-Co bus to ferry rambles back to Comrie after the meal as there are no lights on the road back down and it may be dark. Also it has been decided that the Co-Co bus will be available at the nibbles pit stop for rambles who might find the last pull up to the restaurant too demanding.

If I don't see you prior to the festive season may I wish you a Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Irwin Keith

Xmas stroll & lunch Sunday, 10th December

There's still time to book if you get your skates on! **Please use** the form on page 15 and return it by 3rd December.

AGM 2018

The Strathearn Ramblers next AGM will be on **16 March 2018 at 7:30pm** in Comrie Golf Clubhouse.

Everybody is welcome as it is a good social occasion to meet your fellow ramblers over nibbles and drinks. We look forward to receiving your feedback about what you want in the walks programme.

Weekend Away 2018

The next weekend away will be in the opposite side of the country from 2017 – in Dumfries. Dumfries & Galloway is an excellent walking area. The coastline of the Solway is particularly beautiful.

We have booked the Cairndale Hotel in Dumfries for three nights from Friday 14 September to Monday 17 September. Please check out the hotel on the internet.

The cost is £208.50 per person sharing and £298.50 for a single room. You can upgrade your room to a superior room or deluxe room by supplements of £60 and £90 respectively.

To book a place at the Cairndale Hotel please fill the booking form on page 14 with a remittance of £20 deposit. Please book early as I know that this will be a popular venue.

If you are intending to go and would like to be a walk leader please contact me or Myra.

Irwin Keith

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Proposed changes to walk dates

The committee has proposed that we change the dates of walks so that Hill Walks are on the second weekend of the month, Strolls on the third and Walks on the fourth.

By creating a 2-week gap between Hill Walks and Walks we might encourage more people to do the Hill Walk rather than as present with the Hill Walk one week followed by the Walk the next.

This proposal will be discussed fully at the AGM.

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13th August STROLL Pool of Muckhart

After parking in School Road, 18 of us set off on the walk. We walked along a lightly used lane passing the golf course. The chat was occasionally interrupted by the shout of "CAR" to warn the walkers of an approaching vehicle.

The walk was mainly on lanes and ancient track with the occasional venture across a muddy field while mildly interested cows looked on. One of the highlights of the journey, apart from the scenery, was passing an old disused watermill which featured gargoyles on the walls and a statue of a horse that stood in the garden close to where the river passed the property.



From here we walked on along more tracks and crossed a field to Leys Farm where we were entertained by the owner, Mr Wilson, who showed us his collection of miniature ponies. Many of them had won prizes in



shows around the area. He also gave us an interesting insight into Artificial Insemination.

We stopped for lunch in the garden on the primary school, which had benches conveniently laid out for the purpose. It was while we sat and ate that we had the only shower to occur during the walk. From here it was a short walk back to where we had parked the cars. We all had tea or coffee and cake (except for Ann and Martin who insisted on going to the pub) at Mona's Tea room.

Thanks to Felicity, Val and Ann for leading such a lovely stroll.

Kim Osborne and Gae Matthews



Youngsters having fun © Robert Harrison

10th September STROLL Provost Walk and Oak Tree Walk

Eleven ramblers enjoyed this delightful five and a half mile stroll around Auchterarder. Having parked near the town centre, we began walking towards and along Ruthven Water following parts of the Provost Walk which has been recently upgraded. Developed in the 1930s by the then Provost, this footpath promoted a walking route for local people and visitors.

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Margaret Birks gave an interesting overview of the history of the weaving trade so prominent around the Lang Toon and other areas of Strathearn, from the mid 18th century. Remnants of this important industry still visible in some of the old ruins and preserved buildings, notably the Glenruthven Mill.

Our stroll followed the path part way round the local golf course and whilst keeping a watchful eye out for flying objects, we had a short detour as the recce route had had to follow a slightly different path.

Lunch was enjoyed near the grounds of The Cairn Lodge and Hotel (now unoccupied) and a few minutes were taken to look at the impressive Jubilee Cairn near it's entrance.

The Oak Tree walk enabled a brief return to our unashamedly childhood selves in trying to find as many carved and metal sculptures of animals and other objects scattered around this lovely wooded path - about 26 in all we totted up!



A short uphill road walk back towards the town made us feel rightly deserving of a visit to Kisa's which served lovely cakes and hot drinks. Though the forecast was for continuous rain, it stayed dry apart from the occasional light shower.

Many thanks to Margaret, Val and Ann Morrison for leading this very pleasant early Autumn stroll.

Kate Beauchamp

17th September HILL WALK Glen Tarken

For the first time ever (I suspect), there were no Members from Comrie out on a walk. Yes, there was one Lady Member waiting to be picked up in Comrie, but Cissie, bless, her had driven up from her home in Bellshill to join the walk. She must have thought that she had got her dates wrong when there was no one else waiting in Comrie.

So, Comrie folk, here's what you missed – a smashing high level walk over super countryside, looking down on a magnificent view, in great company. David, the Mighty McKeggie led this walk on what would normally have been a Hill Walk day.

We walked up the path from the Four Seasons Hotel until we reached a well positioned bench where we had a short break, with a lovely view of Loch Earn. Then it was onwards and upwards to the top of Glen Tarken where we stopped for lunch. On the way back down to Loch Earn, we met up with an elderly gentleman who was the only other person we saw on the walk.

After another quick stop at Jerusalem, we made our way down through the woods to the loch-side. From there it was across the road, into our cars and back to "civilisation". NO STOP at the Four Seasons for teas, coffees, or other liquid refreshments. Come back Comrie Members – I miss you.

Thanks as always to our only leader, the Mighty McKeggie, and to all the others for their enjoyable company.

Ann Morrison

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24th September WALK Glen Lochay to Strath Fillan

As the Ramblers waited for the Co-Co bus at the Coop car park the rain decided to emulate a monsoon and going west towards Killin seemed not the wisest of decisions. Go east the passengers shout, yes the driver replied but where? To the Fife coast where there is promise of sun, sand and no sangria. As Ken drove towards the North Sea coast we decided on Tentsmuir, a favourite of all ramblers. Unfortunately this meant we took a longer route through the Fife countryside and we missed the free car park at the edge of the reserve.

After paying our £2 entrance fee and decanting the bus we were met by a Crufts away day much to the delight and thrill of the canine lovers in the party and dispassionate tolerance from the rest. After calming the dogs, their owners and bow-wow ramblers we ventured onto the beach where the sand was soft and the sea breezes gentle which lighten the hearts of all. Making our way to the ice house we stopped to comment on the green metal WWII observation hut and rusted wagon on rails which was used by the RAF as target practise. Before reaching the ice house we passed a metal cow structure which generated discussion on the replacement of the straw cow in Burrell Square. After lunch at the ice house we made our way circuitously towards the Morton Lochs. Not wanting to disturb the twitchers within the hides on the loch we had a quick drink before heading back to the car park on a long and rather boring track.

At the end of the walk many of us were looking forward to a tasty bite at the creperie van by the car park but in typical "welcome to Scotland" style the staff complained that they

were just about to close but with some persuasion and hard cash they served most of us although not with the greatest openhearted attitude.

Back in the bus we drove back on the faster route through Dundee and passed the V&A building which everybody thought amazing and commented how the changes in Dundee have really improved the look of the city.

Thanks go to Ken for driving the bus and although I was the nominal leader everybody contributed on the day to make it a great success.

Irwin Keith



Ramblers at Tentsmuir © Irwin Keith

8th October STROLL Craigie & Mailer Hill

It was a dark and stormy night. Fortunately, the day was dry and calm when a dozen strollers collected behind the Cherrybank Inn. Our intrepid leader, Felicity, set out the plan of attack and off we went, carefully stepping around the parcels left by dog walkers. After crossing the footbridge at

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the entrance to the Buckie Braes, we had an interlude when Ann Morrison read the poem of that name by Willie Souter (1898-1943), who spent much of his youth exploring Craigie Hill. On your next trip to Perth, why not try one of the Souter Walks: <http://www.williamsoutar.com/walks2.html>

Soon we arrived at the site for our coffee break on the edge of Craigie Hill Golf Course, where we enjoyed the view over the Fair City and its surrounding hills to the north and west. Then we were off again, over Moncreiff Hill, past the former General Accident HQ (which won an award from RIBA), across the M90, and to the top of Mailer Hill at 182m where we joined a few head of cattle. We did not want to disturb them too much, so we did not quite make it to the trig point but Felicity gave us a quick tour of the landmarks to the west and south. Although it the day was overcast, the hills of Strathearn were easily discerned, including the Knock of Crieff. And to the south we could see the hill forts at Moncreiffe.

We then started back along a different route taking in various landmarks. And we had the treat of another Souter reading from Ann, Craigie Knowes. And, I even encountered a fellow Scottish Country Dancer out walking her dog! All in all, it was a very enjoyable day out. Thank you to Felicity and her team.

Kate Kinnear



*Ann reads Buckie Braes © Kate Kinnear
Top: Dave and the coos © Kate Kinnear*

15th October HILL WALK East and West Lomond

Eight of us from Crieff met at the Co-op at 8.15 at the end of the Drovers Tryst week to climb East and West Lomond hills (in retrospect we could have had a bit longer in bed as they are not far away and are quick to do).

What we hadn't counted on was the wind factor! Hurricane Ophelia was predicted for the following day, but we all felt as if it had arrived early. We certainly reckon that the force at the tops of both were over 40mph.

We all set off for East Lomond Hill from Craigmead car park (which we felt was very well appointed with toilets and recycling bins). Charlie Panton was leading and Dave McKeggie backmarking with Kim, Gae, Angie, Mo, Kate and myself sandwiched in between. We set a brisk pace and were glad

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that most of us had put on our gaiters as it was pretty muddy in places. A lovely lady farmer stopped her quad bike and trailer to chat to us saying that she was off to find her cattle who she reckoned were hunkering down out of the wind.



As we neared the start of the steep ascent, we discussed whether to go up knowing what the wind would be like at the top but as it was blowing us onto the hill, we decided to go for it. We kept ourselves low and got to the summit in no time where we got a bit of shelter. Didn't linger and descended very quickly back to the car park and ate our lunch on the picnic benches there.

Energised by food and hot drinks, we set off for West Lomond hill and reckoned it would take us an hour to get up and back down and that was exactly how long it did take us with the wind behind us going up and into our faces coming down.

We finished off by driving to the wonderful organic farm shop and restaurant at



the Pillars of Hercules between Falkland and Auchtermuchty where we sat outside with drinks and cakes. We truly enjoyed our last hill outing of the season and look forward to next season's ones. However we do know that these hill walks are only possible because of our wonderful leaders and assistants who plan, recce and take us on these fantastic expeditions.

Lesley Wright

29th October WALK Aberfeldy to Pitlochry

Oh happy day! An extra hour in bed as the clocks rolled back, a cold but fine morning and the Beavers' favourite granny to guide all 31 of us over the road!

Resisting our first temptation - a dram at Aberfeldy Whisky Distillery - we eagerly set off along a path beside the River Tay, entertained by excitable dogs racing across stubble fields and 'mountain' bikers traversing what was once a well levelled railway line. Now, flanked by trees, the route follows the final part of the Rob Roy Way.

By lunchtime, we had reached the site of the old railway station (1865-1965), now the home of the Scottish Canoe Association, complete with campsite, picnic benches and keen canoeists. Not long after, we spotted the colourful kayakers preparing to brave the rapids as we crossed the 1865 iron bridge from Grandtully. The second temptation of the day was, not to join them, but to resist the perfectly located Chocolatier shop!

Over the bridge lie the picturesque houses of Strathtay, the traditional red telephone kiosk now an information booth. A lane led up to a

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golf course and then tracked the Tullypourie Burn, where the local witches used to meet. There were also the remains of an old meal mill. The path became more wooded and then increasingly muddy as we slithered up a slope to higher ground with spectacular panoramic views across the Tay valley.

Next came a pine needled path under tall trees, followed by a carpet of deciduous leaves and then we entered Fonab Moor - actually, more of a forest these days. Crossing a clearing, we approached the legendary Druids' Stones. 'Don't touch! You'll end up back in 1743!' some warned but, ignoring their pleas, two hardy (or foolhardy?!) ramblers scrambled right up on top!

Luckily, they survived, as did the rest of the troupe, who made their way across country and the scary A9 to the sanctuary of the Pitlochry Festival Theatre. Here, they



encountered their third temptation – tea and cakes. And this time, they succumbed!

With hearty thanks to the leaders, Carol Buchan and Fiona Penfold and the back marker, Margaret Birks, as well as to Ken Heiser for organising the luxury bus and to the indefatigable Alan, who drove us all there and back again and helped us to cross the A9.

Fiona Bryce



Ken from the back and front!
© Lesley Harbinson

12th November STROLL Doune Ponds, Castle & River Teith

A good day for strolling as our happy band met in Doune and made our way up towards to woods to the north of Doune. At an appropriate spot at 11.00 Ken led the Remembrance Observance with grace and solemnity.

Leaving the town we walked by some allotments and into the woods on a path of gold, red and autumnal leaves crisp below our feet. The colours were magnificent and our photographers had innumerable opportunities to show off their skills. Margaret led us through the many paths within the woods, some of which were slightly more boggy than others, till we reach the largest of the Doune Ponds where we sat and had lunch with a company of ducks and swans on the prowl for any scraps we had to hand.

After lunch we walked back through the town, making notes on the best places to end up in after the walk, and visiting the ancient Doune Pistol factory. Allegedly a Doune pistol fired the first shot of the American War

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of Independence. From one military establishment to another as we entered the grounds of Doune Castle where Margaret gave us a brief history of the castle from its building in the 13th Century, rebuilding in the 14th Century and as royal residence for James I then up to the present day as a film location of Monty Python and the Holy Grail and most recently as set for The Game of Thrones and Outlander.

The castle is in a magnificent setting overlooking the River Teith which sparkled in the autumn sun through a patchwork of colourful trees as we made our way alongside back towards the town. The last part of the stroll was through this quaint royal town with its many historic and interesting buildings and structures and ending up in the more modern Buttercup Café for coffee and cake.



Thanks go to Margaret McVicar, Ann Morrison and Pat Keith for leading a lovely stroll on Remembrance Sunday.

Irwin Keith

Future Walks – December

10th December XMAS STROLL Mystery route

About 3 miles

Leave Crieff Coop 9.45am
and Comrie School car park 10.00am
where the stroll starts

Leaders:

Irwin Keith (652541; mob. 07816 182730)
and his elves

An easy stroll with stops for fun and carols.
Fancy dress welcome.

Walking up to Auchingarrich for lunch.
A minibus will take Ramblers who need it
from the halfway point up to the lunch
venue. It will also be available for lifts back
down to School car park.

**Please complete & return the Xmas lunch
booking form on page 15 by 3rd December.**

No WALK in December – Have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year

Future Walks: January – February

14 January STROLL Falls of Turret, Drumantivore & Castle Cluggy

5 miles

Leave Comrie School car park **10am**

Meet at Macrosty Park at **10.15am**

Pay drivers **£1**

Leaders:

Margaret McVicar (670989, mob. 07513
431237), Myra Robertson, Irwin Keith

From Taylor Park (the Macrosty Park car park) we will head towards Ochertyre by the allotments then down to Monzievairst Loch on a grassy slope then onto Castle Cluggy.

From the Loch there are good paths to Drumantivore and the Falls of Turret. This can be muddy in places.

28 January WALK Auchingarrich Circular

8 miles

Leave Crieff Coop **8.45am** and

Comrie School car park **9.00am**

Meet at Auchingarrich **9.15am**

Pay drivers **£1**

Leaders:

Myra Robertson (670166, mob. 07522
690289), Margaret McVicar, Val Callan

This walk starts at Auchingarrich and continues with a short maybe boggy climb up to the Torlum path, where the views will be stunning, before dropping down to the Balloch Rd.

A short road walk will take us to the Glascorrie Road, where a path will take us through woodland to a short road walk back down to Auchingarrich where we can stop for coffee and cake or soup!

11 February STROLL Lady Mary's Walk & Laggan Hill

5 miles

Leave Comrie School car park **10am**

Meet at Macrosty Park at **10.15am**

Pay drivers **£1**

Leaders:

Val Callan (653863, mob. 07908 231473),
Myra Robertson, Margaret McVicar

This very pleasant circular stroll starts at Taylor Park (the Macrosty Park car park) then along Lady Mary's Walk along the River Earn with clear paths. There is then a gentle climb up Laggan Hill but this is very short.

On Laggan Hill there are nice views to Comrie and the local hills. The walk was a favourite of Lady Mary Murray of Ochertyre and was named for her in 1825 by her father.

Future Walks: February – March

25 February WALK Standing Stone Circular, Balmuick

7 miles

Leave Crieff Coop **8.45am**

Meet at Laggan Park, Comrie at **9.00am**
(N.B. Don't go to Comrie School car park!)

Pay drivers **£1**

Leaders:

Irwin Keith (652541 Mobile 07816
182730), Ken Heiser, Myra Robertson

From the Laggan Park car park (signed Comrie Gold Club from the A85) we will walk up the Millennium Path . We will continue in the direction of Balmuick then cross some rough ground to the sheep pens below the Standing Stones.

From the Standing Stones it is downhill on a mixture of paths and sheep trails towards Colonel Williamson's Monument finishing the walk at the meeting point.

11 March STROLL Falls of Bracklinn & Callander

5 miles

Leave Crieff Coop at **9.45am** and
Comrie School car park at **10.00am**
Meet Bracklinn Falls car park, Callander at
10.50am

Pay drivers **£3**

Leaders:

Ann Morrison (656375, mob. 07770
864529), Val Callan, Felicity Martin

A popular walk for the ramblers starting at the Bracklinn Falls Car Park and a short walk to the falls bridge then walk up by the Keltie Burn on tracks through forest and open moorland.

After crossing over a bridge further north the walk returns towards Callander on a minor road before branching up to the Craggs on a well-worn path.!

25 March WALK Foulford to Comrie

12 miles

Coco bus (fee **£3**) leaves
Comrie School car park at **9am**
Crieff Coop at **9:15am**

Leaders:

Fiona Penfold (218104; mob 07875
281591), Ken Heiser, Andrew Quinn

**PLEASE COMPLETE BOOKING FORM A
on page 13 of the newsletter**

This is a linear 12-mile walk starting on the A822 south of the Foulford Inn. It follows a waymarked track to Loch Turret, where we cross the dam & pick up another well defined track to Comrie. Passing by the recently renovated Braefordie we head over to join the Balmuick Road & back to Comrie via the golf course.

The walk is on good tracks, is mostly flat with a couple of steepish climbs and great views of Strathearn throughout.

Future Walks: April

HILL WALKS – Please note the walk Leader will decide whether the hill walk will take place on the Saturday or Sunday of the selected weekend and communicate this to all Ramblers who have previously indicated an interest in participating in the walk ,usually 3-4 days ahead.

8th April HILL WALK Ben Venue, The Trossachs

6.5 or 7.5 miles, depending on approach
Height: 729m; approx time: 4hours
Pay drivers **£4**

Main leader:

Robert Burns (670408, mob. 07706 952172); email: marg.rob@tiscali.co.uk

Please let Robert know if you are interested in this hill walk and he will confirm the date, timings and start point

Made famous by Walter Scott's epic poem 'Lady of the Lake', this hill has been described as one of Scotland's best-loved small mountains. Ben Venue may be small in stature but it is a mountain of real character, the finest in the Trossachs when seen across Loch Venachar, Loch Achray or Loch Katrine.

The ascent is a great walk with both boggy and rocky ground higher up, and stunning views from the summit.

There are two possible approaches, from Loch Achray to the east or Ledard on Loch Ard to the south. The Loch Achray approach is the most popular but much of the route is through forest which is being steadily felled. Good forest tracks and paths to the tree-line, then a very boggy path to the col and a final rocky path to the summits.

The Ledard approach offers a more satisfying hillwalk combining fine oak and birch woodland at the start with a traverse through dramatic mountain scenery. Path up the Ledard Glen is very muddy in places and boggy higher up. On Ben Venue itself the going is rough and rocky.

15th April STROLL Braco Castle

5 miles

Leave Comrie School car park at **10.00am**
and Crieff Coop at **10.15am**
Meet in Braco at **10.30am**

Pay drivers **£2**

Leaders:

Margaret Birks (218104; mob 07783 596953), Margaret Shankland, Val Callan

Park in Braco just south of the bridge over the River Knaik, near the entrance to Braco Castle.

A gentle, fairly level walk beside the River Knaik leads to Braco Castle, whose gardens are always a pleasure to visit. There is a charge of £4 per person for visiting the gardens.

We will return on tracks via a different route back to the village.

Future Walks: April

22 April WALK Loch Ordie

11 miles

Leave Comrie School car park **9.00am** and
Crieff Coop **9.15am**

Meet Cally car park in Dunkeld, off
Blairgowrie road beyond sawmill

Pay drivers **£3**

Leaders:

Carol Buchan (650606, mob. 07523
088613), **Fiona Penfold, Irwin Keith**

Starting along the path to Mill Dam, then following the path to Loch Ordie, passing Loch Rotmell and Loch Dowally on the way, with great views up the Tay glen towards Logierait and Grandtully. From Loch Ordie we will take a rough path back to Mill Dam.

Lovely Perthshire views and scenery with woodland plantations, followed by Highland moors and landscape. Height gained 700 feet. Look out for fallow deer between the car park and Mill Dam!.

Dates for your diary

16 March 2018: AGM at Comrie Golf Clubhouse at 7:30pm

14–17 September 2018: Weekend Away at the Cairndale Hotel, Dumfries

Bus Booking Form A

25 March 2018 WALK Foulford to Comrie

Closing date: Wednesday 21st March 2018.

Please reserveseats on the bus for this walk.

Enclosed is the sum of £..... @ **£3** per person.

Cheques to be made to "Strathearn Ramblers".

Tick the box if you wish to be picked up at Comrie School car park at 09:00

Tick the box if you wish it be picked up at Crieff Coop car park at 09:15

Names of passengers

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Please pass this form and monies in an envelope clearly marked "Walk 25/3/18" to:

Ken Heiser, 18 Polinard Comrie PH6 2HJ

**BOOKING FORM FOR THE STRATHEARN RAMBLERS
WEEKEND AWAY AT THE CAIRNDALE HOTEL, DUMFRIES
FROM FRIDAY 14 SEPTEMBER TO MONDAY 17 SEPTEMBER**

Name(s)

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Please reserve Double room(s) @ £208.50 per person

..... Twin room(s) @ £208.50 per person

..... Single room(s) @ £298.50 per person

Please upgrade my/our room(s) to Superior @ £60 extra per room (tick here)

Please upgrade my/our room(s) to Deluxe @ £90 extra per room (tick here)

At the Cairndale Hotel, Dumfries for Evening Meal, Bed & Breakfast

I am/we are able to offer a lift to the hotel for other member(s).

I am/we are unable to offer a lift.

I /we require a lift.

Please delete the above as appropriate.

I/we enclose a cheque for £20 per person as a non-refundable deposit. The cheques to be made payable to 'Strathearn Ramblers'. Envelopes to be marked 'Dumfries'.

Special dietary requirements

Other needs

**Please pass forms and cheques to the Treasurer, Susan Sinclair,
5 Strathview Place, Comrie PH6 2HG by 28 February 2018.**

Christmas Lunch Booking Form

Lunch at 12.30 for 13.00 on Sunday, 10th December 2017 at Auchingarrich Wildlife Centre

I/We wish to attend the Christmas Lunch at Auchingarrich Wildlife Centre on 10th December 2017 The names of the attendees are:

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Enclosed is the sum of £..... @ £12 per person.

Please pass this form and monies in an envelope clearly marked as the "Xmas Lunch" to

The Treasurer, Susan Sinclair, 5 Strathview Place, Comrie, PH6 2HG

Cheques to be made to "Strathearn Ramblers".

Closing date: Sunday 3rd December 2017.

The lunch will consist of a choice of soup, a main course of turkey baguettes and all the trimmings with tea or coffee and Christmas mince pies to finish. As we do not have a licence to serve alcohol please bring your own bottle.

Please indicate any dietary requirements below.

Name	Dietary requirements

The Christmas Stroll will start at 10.00 from the Comrie School Car Park.

The Strathearn Rambler

The Strathearn Rambler is the official newsletter of the Strathearn Ramblers, a Comrie based organisation with no affiliation or connection to the Ramblers Association or any other walking organisation.

The editor welcomes contributions to and comments about the Strathearn Rambler. Please send in walk reports as soon as possible after the event (while the day is fresh in the mind!). Photographs should be sent as separate email attachments, not embedded in a text file.

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