

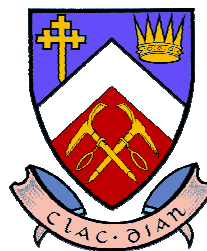
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Something for the Weekend?

After a very successful Weekend Meets year in 2008, which included Portnalong in Skye, Tyndrum, Tulloch Onich and Laggan, the programme for 2009 is even more ambitious and exciting. The highlights of the year are 3 'long' weekends where Friday to Monday (3 nights) weekends are planned. These are in Knoydart, Skye and Glen Affric; more information on each is given below. There is of course a full programme of meets with one every month from Loch Lomond in the south to the Great Glen being visited. Full details of the programme can be viewed on the Club website at <http://www.cairngormclub.org.uk/meetscalendar/meetscalendar.htm>.

The long weekends begin in April, with the Club returning to Knoydart for the Easter weekend. The Club has booked all 25 places in the John Muir Bunkhouse at Inverie (more information at <http://www.knoydart-foundation.com/>) for the weekend - Fri 10, Sat 11 and Sun 12 April. At time of writing, names are being taken for a reserve list as all places have been provisionally booked. If you are interested in attending this meet, please contact Jim Bryce at meetorganiser13@cairnorgmclub.org.uk who will allocate vacancies, as/if they become free on a first come basis. The cost of the weekend will be £42.00 (for 3 nights) and should be paid by 28 Feb 2009

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- cheques made payable to Cairngorm Club.

Quickly on the heels of this meet will be the May Day weekend, Fri 1, Sat 2 & Sun 3 May which sees a return to Skye, this time staying at the Glen Brittle Memorial Hut. We have exclusive use, so there are 18 beds available. There are all the usual facilities and the hut can be viewed at www.gbmh.co.uk Cost is £5.00 ppp night. There is something for everyone in Skye, from an abundance of Munros, Corbetts, low-level walks to rock-climbing, cycling and canoeing. As there is no pub nearby, there will possibly be a communal meal or BBQ provided on the Saturday night. For booking or more detail, contact Marjory Ewan at cttel6@cairngormclub.org.uk.

The September holiday weekend sees the Club venturing into Glen Affric to stay at Strawberry Cottage, the hut of the An Teallach Mountaineering Club (see <http://www.atmc.org.uk/strawberry.cfm>). With many Munros and Corbetts, Glen Affric is a popular location, and there are many scenic attractions at this time of year for the low-level walker as well as the summiteer. The weekend will be for the 3 nights Fri 25, Sat 26 & Sun 27 Sept, at a cost of £15 for the weekend. With 12 beds available, this weekend should fill up fast, so if you wish to attend please contact Colin Brown on comms@cairngormclub.org.uk to secure your booking.

Cairngorms Outdoor Access Trust (COAT)

This successor to UDAT is now fully operational, though with reduced funding, until another mega-bid is successful. An Access Projects Officer West (Chris Goodman) has been appointed, and will presumably lead on that side of the hills. The Mountain Paths and Strategic Routes component of COAT's current programme includes surveys on various paths in the Cairngorm and Lochnagar areas.

Club Training

Want to improve your mountain skills ?

Or maybe want to take the first steps on an outdoor career ?

Or want to pass your skills on to others but lack the qualification ?

The Club offers assistance by way of partial funding for suitable Club members wishing to further their own knowledge and skills and hopefully maintaining the hill craft and safety of the whole Club. We are also keen that individual members contact the training co-ordinator with requests for training. Current suggestions are: First aid, Navigation, Single pitch award or even something more ambitious like Mountain leader or MIC. Suggestions are invited; contact the Training co-ordinator - Adrian Scott.



E-Mailing List

There is a Club mailing list hosted by Yahoo!. This can be used to arrange formal and informal meets or to sell gear etc.

This group is open to non-members who will receive messages posted.

To subscribe, send an email to: cairngorm_club_members-subscribe@yahoogroups.com



Physiotherapy Services

for treatment of injuries or conditions which have arisen during sporting activities or affect participation in them, other than chronic degenerative conditions.

Cost £26; priority appointments for Club members; next day appointments if booked before 12 noon.

Aberdeen Physiotherapy
01224 626266

John Muir Trust Aberdeenshire

The Club is a member of the John Muir Trust.

Work parties are organised locally for conservation work in Glen Tanar and growing native trees at Drum Castle.

See the Trust's website at www.jmt.org for more information.

The Journal

How time flies since the last issue of the Journal. The next one is due out before the end of 2009, so it is time for everyone to start sharpening their pencils (or flexing their keyboard fingers) so that there will be something to put in it! All kinds of articles are encouraged, anything that you think would interest your fellow Club members. If you have any queries, please contact Lydia Thomson at journal@cairngormclub.org.uk
Lydia Thomson

Membership News

The Club is sorry to hear of the death of the following member.

Mr Douglas Berry, Ordinary Life Member.

The following new members have been admitted since the last newsletter.

Mr Frank Lamb, - Associate Member

Mr Malcolm Lamont, - Ordinary Member

Mr Dave Furneaux, - Associate Member

Mr Roy Milligan, - Associate Member

Ms Helen Clark, - Associate Member

Club AGM 2008

This was a more exciting, protracted and well attended affair than usual, with a number of propositions made beforehand and from the floor, and from time to time it generated “lively discussion”. The results of elections etc. are elsewhere in this Newsletter (see back page), and a full account will be in the draft minutes (see Club website), but highlights worth recording here for those unaccountably absent on the night included:

- Ian Bryce included in his Week-end Meets report a motion (which was agreed) that the Club should write to thank the rescue teams involved at the Easter Meet.
- Andy Lawson drew attention to the substantial balance in the Club’s accounts, querying why the Club subscription was being raised yet again. Subsequent discussion centred on whether or not this put off current and/or prospective members, how new and especially younger members might be recruited, and whether the substantial list of Club membership benefits was obvious to all.
- Ken Thomson listed some issues arising from the possibility of withdrawing from the Mountaineering Council of Scotland
- Judy Middleton raised the question of withdrawing discounts to 50+ groups at Muir, in view of commitments offered when raising the refurbishment funds.

From the chair, the President Eilidh Scobbie indicated that the Committee would consider all these issues at its forthcoming meetings.

Weather



Met Office	09068 505323 (Tayside)
Mountain	09068 505324 (Grampian/East Highlands)
Call	09068 505325 (West Highlands)
	09068 505326 (Caithness/Sutherland)
AA	09003 444 900
Roadwatch	
Radio	19:05 Mon. - Fri.
Scotland	06:58 & 18:58 Sat. and 06:58 & 19:58 Sun.
BBC 1	‘Heather the Weather’ at 18:58 (approx)
SAIS	www.sais.gov.uk (avalanche forecast)
MWIS	www.mwis.org.uk/areas.php
Midges	www.midgeforecast.co.uk

Muir Update

Work Week-End

Amazingly enough, the Club “hut”, Muir of Inverey, does not clean and maintain itself, and each year a Work Week-End (WWE) is organised for a blitz on dirt and disrepair. Usually, this takes place in April, but as the high heid yin (Richard Shirreffs, with Gill as backer-upper) is otherwise committed this April, the WWE will be held later, on **Saturday-Sunday 4-5 July**, which is the start of the Family Week. We hope that the two will not clash too much and that the family occupants will have the benefit of everything being hunky-dory. This timing will of course guarantee perfect weather, i.e. not good enough to tempt the workers off to the hills on both days.

Richard has compiled a long list of “envisaged work”, with indoor and outdoor tasks ranging from “sweep/wash/vacuum or whatever all bedroom and washroom floors”, through the dreaded blitz on the kitchen, to creosoting the wall timbers.

No special skills – mountaineering or otherwise – are required to assist in this work, and members who can manage just one day are as welcome as those who can manage two. Participants will be entitled to **free** overnight accommodation and perhaps the odd snack during the day. A reminder/request will go out with the May/June Newsletter, and by e-mail, but meantime please note the above week-end in your diary, for a useful, rewarding and social time. Contact Richard (see back page) if you want to express your interest/commitment.

Charges

The committee within the last few months decided to increase Muir charges as from 1 January 2009, and following discussion of reduced rates at the AGM it has also arrived at a restatement of these. In summary, the charge per night is now £5 for members and £10 for other adults, except where reductions apply as follows: (i) special needs groups and 50+ groups based in Aberdeen City or Aberdeenshire qualify for £5 per person per night when they attend Muir on one of their specific group trips; (ii) there is no charge for children under 5 accompanying a Cairngorm Club member parent, and (iii) other children under age 16 qualify for a 50% reduction (i.e. children of a Cairngorm Club member are £2.50 per night, others are £5 per night). The cottage is also available for day use by members and their guests accompanying them, the charge being £2.50 per person; day use should be booked in the same way as overnight use.

Continental Meet, July 2009?

This is proposed for Cortina d'Ampezzo in the Dolomites, a region with an abundance of paths, huts, and peaks (and lifts!) all around. Two major Alta Vias (long-distance trails), nos. 1 and 3/4, pass through or near Cortina, and there are several via ferrata in the area, as well as climbing up to a high standard. Names to google/goggle at are: Sorapis, Marmarole, Nuvolau, Tofana – but senior citizens will find plenty to see from below the peaks, including the First World War battlefield at Lagazuoi.

If enough interest emerges, we will book a chalet or similar for a week in mid-July (probably 18-25 July), from where folk can go out on walks or climbs (good local buses), or spend a night or two out in one of the surrounding mountain huts. Costs are difficult to estimate at this stage, but maybe Euro 250 (choose your £/€ exchange rate!) for the 7 nights in Cortina, and Euro 40-50 for DB&B at the huts. Travel is usually to Venice, plus a bus transfer.

If you are interested at all, please get in touch with Ken or Lydia Thomson (see back page for contact details) as soon as possible; no commitments are needed at this stage, but we must know if there is sufficient demand.

We will bring along some guidebooks and maps to spring 2009 Club meets, for those who want to discuss things further.



Job Opportunities!

As always the Club is most grateful to all those – on and off the Committee – who ensure that its activities and functions actually take place. At time of writing, someone is sought for the following “vacancy”:

Day Meets Secretary

Please contact the Club Secretary, Ken Thomson
(see back page for contact details)

Indoor Meets

All Indoor Meets take place at The Seafield Club, 12 Seafield Road, Aberdeen. Coming from Anderson Drive, the entrance is on the right hand-side. Enter at the right hand side of a large new house opposite the green space in Seafield Road. There is plenty parking in the adjacent Medical Centre's car park. The meets start at 7.30 pm and cost £3.00 inclusive of tea/coffee and very nice biscuits! There is also a bar available.

- 4 February 2009. Eric Jensen, Deeside Seasons.
- 4 March 2009. Dave Shand et al. Mt Kilimanjaro

Climbing Round-Up

Club winter activities are pretty informal, with most club climbers doing their climbing in pairs or small groups – either indoors at venues like Transition Extreme and RGU: Sport on various nights of the week, or escaping to the winter crags as and when conditions permit.

A winter contact list has been assembled in order to help people link up with suitable snow and ice climbing partners; if you'd like to be part of it, get in touch at climb@cairngormclub.org.uk

Looking to the summer, however, a programme of 21 more sociable climbing nights (usually followed by a visit to a nearby pub) is on the Calendar for Tuesday evenings. There is plenty of variety, so there should be something for everyone! New climbers are always welcome, so if you're twitching to climb real rock in the locality, or know someone else who's keen, get in touch using the details on the back page of the newsletter.

Mike Brian, Climbing Secretary.

(Prospective members, and those members that require Club equipment, should contact the organiser before the meet.)

Your Rescue Team needs you.....

Aberdeen Mountain Rescue Team has been providing support and assistance to hillwalkers, climbers and skiers in the Cairngorms for almost fifty years. The Team's origins are very closely linked with the Cairngorm Club, in that some of the first organised rescues carried out in the Eastern Cairngorms involved members of the Club; indeed the first cache of rescue equipment in the corrie of Lochnagar was as a direct result of the actions of Club members. This early connection between the Club and the Rescue Team has been maintained over the years with Club members frequently also being members of the Team.

Maintaining a highly trained Rescue Team can be a challenge, and we are always on the look out for motivated and experienced hillwalkers and mountaineers who are willing to give of their time and expertise to support the Team. We are currently in the process of trying to recruit new Team Members – so if you are looking for a challenge, would like to develop new skills and are interested in perhaps putting something back into your sport we would like to hear from you.

The Team can be contacted through its website www.amrt.org.uk

Mario Di Maio, Team Leader, Aberdeen Mountain Rescue Team

Munroist List Clerk

To register a completion of a full round of Munros or Corbetts, members should write to David J. Broadhead who is the "Clerk of the List" for the SMC. Please enclose a SAE for your certificate.

David J Broadhead
Cul Mor
Drynie Park North
Muir of Ord
Ross-shire
IV6 7RP

DISCOUNTS

Blacks

Craigdon Sports

Nevisport

Hilltrek - Aboyne

Climbing - Ballater

All the above shops offer discounts to Club members on production of a current membership card

TISO discount nights 6.30 to 8.30 pm, quarterly.



MCofS

Mountaineering Council of Scotland

The Secretaries of a few other clubs have been in touch regarding general unhappiness with the Council. We are keeping in contact as the Committee continues to explore alternatives.

The MCofS uses the "Scottish Mountaineer" as their main method of communication with members of clubs. They also regularly update their website with news articles and other important information.

If you wish to keep informed concerning MCofS news and activities, please visit their website at www.mcofs.org.uk/home.asp

Transition Extreme

The Centre is now a full member of the Association of British Climbing Walls (ABC), and a regional centre of excellence.

North-East Mountain Trust

Alec Macmillan has taken over from Ken Thomson as the Cairngorm Club's representative on the NEMT General Council.

The Club pays about £400 annually to NEMT, whose chair has just moved from Jennifer Cook to Dave Windle.

Current NEMT activities include a Capacity Action Group which will survey individual and club members to assess future NEMT strategy, and the Hilltracks project, which has completed its Phase 1.

Club Library

The Cairngorm Club library is housed in the Aberdeen University Special Collections Library and consists of over 1000 books and journals, most of which are listed on our Club web site www.cairngormclub.org.uk/library. The library can be accessed by Club members on presentation of a valid membership card. A selection can be viewed at the indoor meets and any requests can be sent to the Club librarian at librarian@cairngormclub.org.uk



Book Reviews

Ben Nevis and Glen Coe, 100 Walks in Lochaber, from Cicerone.

An excellent guide, well laid out and informative, only 3 scrambles described otherwise all suitable for walkers. Ronald Turnbull skips over the tourist routes and spends more time on the alternative and more interesting ways up mountains. I never knew there were 10 different ways to walk up Bidean! There are also back-packing routes and low-level walks described. (Claire Marris)

Fathomeering by Ivor Howitt.

Ivor is a past member of the Cairngorm Club from the second half of the 1940's. He and his friends formed the Amphibian Club and experimented with diving in and around Aberdeen and Braemar, making their own equipment, as none for recreational diving as a sport was yet available. They were also the first people to canoe the whole length of the river Dee, in their home-made canoe! A fascinating account. (Claire Marris)

Staying Alive in Avalanche Terrain by Bruce Tremper.

Bâton Wicks. 322pp, paperback. ISBN 978-1-898573-75-3. £14.99. This is an authoritative account of avalanches in North America, which may differ a wee bit from the Cairngorms (lots of snow for months on end, for one thing), but with lessons we can all learn from, even if we do not always venture out in winter on foot or snowmobile with "the bare minimum [of] beacon, shovel, probe and Avalung™". Ten chapters cover everything from "avalanche basics" to "the human factor", with plenty of graphs and pictures along the way. (Ken Thomson)

The review copy of this book will be placed in the Club Library, and it is planned to include a longer review in the next issue of the Cairngorm Club Journal.

(Prospective reviewers, please apply to the Librarian/Editor,
Lydia Thomson: for contact details see back page).

Dauner

The next 'Lunch and Dauner' will be on Wednesday 20th May 2009, meeting at 10:30am in the Tolbooth/Harbour Car Park at Stonehaven, with a light lunch at 12:30pm at the nearby Boat House.

Please advise Ruth Payne if you would like to join the lunch gathering.



Mid-Week Walks

Arthur Dickie has kindly agreed to take over from Jack Connell the coordination of the Club's popular Thursday ("Mid-Week") Walks series next year. He will (if he follows past practice) convene a planning meeting early in autumn, and then leave the responsibility for each meet to the relevant organiser. Meantime, Jack remains in charge.

Club Library

Lydia Thomson has taken over management of the Library from Claire Marris, and would welcome suggestions to encourage use of the Library, new book purchases, book reviews, etc. See back page for contact details.

CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for the year 2009/2010 become due on 1st October 2009.

For those paying by Direct Debit this will be collected automatically on 1st December 2009.

Others should send their subscriptions to the Treasurer: Derek Pinches, Broombank, Kinellar, Aberdeen AB21 0TL.

	2009/2010		
	Club	MCoS + Insurance	Total
Full	£13.00	£9.37+ £3.63	£26.00
Reduced	£6.50	£9.37+ £3.63	£19.50

Reduced rate is available for members who:
live and work over 80km from Aberdeen; or
are aged over 65 or under 21; or are in full-time education.

For latest details on Meets etc, see the Club website at:

<http://www.cairngormclub.org.uk>

Club Forum

As announced in the October Newsletter, the Club now has a Forum which is available for all members to join. You can find the Forum at <http:// Cairngormclub.freeforums.org/>.

The registration process is fairly simple, and once registered you will have access to many interesting and informative topics posted by other Club members.

Unlike the Club Yahoo Group, the Forum is only open to paid-up members of the Cairngorm Club, thereby ensuring that your posts are only able to be seen by other Club members, and is a source of both information and entertainment.

The Forum has a facility to send private messages and alerts to members who you know will have an interest in a particular subject. Currently you can post a message to an individual, a selection of individuals selected from a list, or to one of the two predefined groups, Members or Committee. Click on "Find a Member" and check the tick boxes for whom you want it to go to.

This group list can be extended but there will be an administrative 'overhead' in maintaining these groups. This work of course can be shared.

If you should have any problems registering with the Forum, email comms@ Cairngormclub.org.uk or webmaster@ Cairngormclub.org.uk and you will receive the help you need to be able to log in and begin to enjoy the Forum.

So far the Forum has 55 members, nearly 12% of Club membership, so there are many of you out there who are missing out at present.

The Forum currently has 112 topics with over 420 individual posts covering most activities of the Club. These posts range from Meet announcements, trip reports (with some stunning photographs), to competitions like 'Name That Bothy'.

The most popular 'thread' on the Forum is the 'Musical Bealach' where a daily link to a music video is posted. In the build-up to Christmas this included carols and seasonal 'pop' hits from the past.

Once you have contributed to a 'thread' you can choose to receive an email alert of subsequent postings.

So, if you are sitting in front of the television watching for the sake of it or are just less active in the Club than you used to be, why not register and log onto the Forum and catch up with what's happening in the Cairngorm Club, your Club? - you won't be disappointed.

Colin Brown & Andy Lawson



Please note: bookings are not confirmed until payment is made to the Club.

Loch Ossian YH, 20-21 February (Fri & Sat nights)

Private opening for remote hostel with special appeal, high on Rannoch Moor. Lots of wildlife, Munros/Corbetts. To book contact Ken Thomson
secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk

Corran Bunkhouse, Corran Ferry, 20-21 March (Fri & Sat nights)

4* Corran Bunkhouse with Nevis Range, Mamores, Glen Coe, Ardgour, good chance of some Winter Climbing (if not, the Ice Factor isn't too far away). The cost of the meet is £14 pppn. To book contact Andy Lawson

Inverie - Knoydart Foundation Bunkhouse, 10-12 April (Fri - Sun nights, a true Easter Meet)

Convenient for 3 Munros and 3 Corbetts with a further 2 Corbetts reserved for very strong walkers. Inverie is home to the famous Old Forge, mainland Britain's remotest pub, serving excellent meals. Boats between Mallaig and Inverie on Fridays and Mondays, or save the fare and walk from Kinloch Hourm or Loch Arkaig (allow at least 8 hours.)
 £42.00 - cheques made payable to Cairngorm Club. To book contact Jim Bryce

Glenbrittle Memorial Hut, Skye, 1-3 May (Fri - Sun nights)

The hut is convenient for Coire Lagan and Cuillin hills, and May is a fine time to try the gabbro. See lead article. To book, contact Marjory Ewan

Muir Cottage, 8-9 May (Fri & Sat nights)

Weekend includes a Traverse - Auchlean in Glen Feshie to Muir. Possibilities include Sgor Gaoith, Cairn Toul, Devils Point, Monadh Mor, Beinn Bhrotain. Minibus leaves Muir at 07:30am for one-way trip to Auchlean Farm. Cost for members of traverse + 2 nights is £24.25.
 To book contact Ian Bryce

Loch Lomond Area (Possibly Inverarey YH), 5-6 June (Fri & Sat nights)

Convenient for climbing at the Whangie, Arrochar Alps, several low hills such as Luss Alps and a plethora of Corbetts and Munros. To book contact Garry Wardrope
 (Check website for latest information)

NW Highlands, 17-18 July (Fri & Sat nights)

An informal camping meet to be arranged later, possibly at Sheigra near Kinlochbervie (Grid ref 182601) with wild camping and wild rock climbing plus Sandwood Bay and even hills such as Foinaven. To book contact Marjory Ewan

Mid-week (Thursday) walks (walk details on pages 8 & 9)

Please arrive promptly at the meeting points. On some occasions the arrangements may change, so please contact one of the organisers if in doubt or if further information is required. If you intend to drive straight to the starting point of the walk, please let one of the organisers know. If you carry a mobile phone on a walk, please let others know the number before starting out.

Code	Location	Grid ref.
K	Kingswells 'park and ride'	868063
P	Persley	910093
R	Riverside Drive	928036

Day Meets



Bookings for Day Meets should be made with the organiser for that meet (see names and contact details below and in the mid-page listing). Transport is by coach, mini-coach, minibus (driven by a Club member) or car(s) (ditto), depending on expected or actual numbers. Pick-up usually starts at Golden Square in Aberdeen at 7am, then at various points out west, e.g. Anderson Drive, Cults; the meet organiser will be able to give details or provide suggestions.

Some prices include a pre-arranged meal, normally at a local hotel. Please contact the organiser for a reduced price if you do not want the meal, or if you want to join us for the meal only. There is often a menu (including a vegetarian option) to choose from on the trip out, or beforehand.

The descriptions below are not exhaustive, and members may take any route they desire, with other drop-off / pick-up points often possible. However, members are reminded that they are responsible for their own and their guests' safety, for ensuring that they and their guests are properly equipped for whatever they undertake, and for checking that what they plan can be accomplished in the time available having regard to the conditions. More details are at

www.cairngormclub.org.uk/clubactivities/clubactivities.htm.

After comments at the November AGM (see elsewhere in this Newsletter) about Club expenditure, the Committee considered at its January meeting the number of coach meets, which are often loss-making though popular with some Members. Views from Members are invited on this and other Day Meet issues, such as Saturday meets, meals, etc.

More detail on the summer and autumn 2009 meets will be given in the May/June newsletter.

February 8th - Glen Isla (Minibus or Car Meet)

This meet offers a splendid high-level walk over Glas Maol and other Munros, to be picked up on the A93, or shorter circular walks from Glen Isla, e.g. to Corbetts Monamenach or Mount Blair, up to Caenlochan Glen, or to less frequented hills to the east, with pick-ups by arrangement.

Afterwards, we will stop at Braemar or Ballater for sustenance.

To book contact Ken Thomson

March 8th - Beinn a'Bhuird (Coach)

A start up the Quoich involves a slightly longer bus run than Invercauld, but a quicker access to the big hill, or Corbett Carn na Drochaide, if preferred.

To book contact Derek Beverley

April 19th - Glen Lyon - Carn Mairg (Minibus or Car Meet)

This is a twice-postponed car meet (possibly by minibus this time). There are no fewer than four Munros on the fine Carn Mairg circuit, or Corbett Beinn Dearg a little further west; and there are other possibilities, at this (usually) fine time of year.

Organiser TBC;

May - There will be no standard Day Meet in May, since on **Saturday 9 May**, the Week-End Meet will offer a Cairngorms traverse (see Week-End Meets). It may be possible to arrange pick-up elsewhere on Deeside or Donside, and/or transport back to Aberdeen on Saturday evening; contact the Week-End Meet organiser.

June 20-21 Saturday-Sunday (the Overnighter). Destitution Road (A832) to Kinlochewe

Starting (by minibus) from Aberdeen on Saturday afternoon, this offers a variety of routes, either from Loch a'Bhraoin (via Craig Rainich?), or from Corrie Hallie near Dundonnell via Shenavall (over 3 or 4 Munros?), to east end of Fionn Loch, down to Loch Maree or Heights of Kinlochewe (or possibly, for energetic walkers by prior arrangement, over Corbetts etc. to Poolewe). All long walks, but in superb country. Alternatives may be possible by prior arrangement.

To book contact Ken Thomson

Up-to-date details of all meets can be found at www.cairngormclub.org.uk

February

4	Wed	Indoor	Eric Jensen - Deeside Seasons. £3; 7:30pm; Seafield Club, Aberdeen (Anne Pinches; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
8	Sun	Day Meet	Glen Isla (7:00am; 43,44; 192697; 7hrs; £12.50; Minitibus or Car; Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
13	Fri	Training	Muir Cottage - Winter Skills Training Weekend (Adrian Scott; vp@cairngormclub.org.uk)
20	Fri	W/E Meet	Loch Ossian Youth Hostel. (Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
26	Thu	MW Walk	Hill of Fare. (9:15am; 38; K; Ian Bryce;)

March

4	Wed	Indoor	Dave Shand et al - Mt Kilimanjaro. £3; 7:30pm; Seafield Club, Aberdeen (Anne Pinches; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
8	Sun	Day Meet	Beinn a' Bhuid (7:00am; 36,43; 115913 or 118912; 8hrs; £16; Coach; Derek Beverley; ctte14@cairngormclub.org.uk)
20	Fri	W/E Meet	Corran Bunkhouse (Andy Lawson; webmaster@cairngormclub.org.uk)
26	Thu	MW Walk	St Combs to Rattray Head. (9:15am; 30; P; Lydia Thomson;)

April

10	Fri	W/E Meet	JMT Bunkhouse, Knoydart (Jim Bryce; meetorganiser13@cairngormclub.org.uk)
19	Sun	Day Meet	Minitibus Meet - Glen Lyon (7:00am; 51; 666483; 7hrs; £14; Minitibus or Car; Organiser TBC, meantime, contact secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk - check website for latest details)
21	Tue	Climbing	Souter Head (6pm; LW 16:57; Bumbanks Village; Mike Brian; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
28	Tue	Climbing	Long Slough (6pm; HW 16:27; Doonies Farm; Keith Milne; meetorganiser7@cairngormclub.org.uk)
30	Thur	MW Walk	Correen Hills (9:15am; 37; K; James Friend;)

May

1	Fri	W/E Meet	Glen Brittle BMC Hut, Skye (Marjory Ewan; ctte16@cairngormclub.org.uk)
5	Tue	Climbing	Deceptive Wall (6pm; LW 17:45; Doonies Farm; Eddie Alaszewski; meetorganiser5@cairngormclub.org.uk)
8	Fri	W/E Meet	Muir Cottage, Inverey - Auchlean to Inverey (Ian Bryce; weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk)
12	Tue	Climbing	Black Rock Gulch (6pm; HW 16:19; Bumbanks Village; Tim Walker; ; meetorganiser11@cairngormclub.org.uk)
19	Tue	Climbing	Grey Mare Slabs (6pm; HW 22:42; Bullers o' Buchan Car Park; Mike Brian; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
20	Wed	Dauner	Harbour Car Park, Stonehaven at 10:30am. (Ruth Payne) Lunch at the Boat House, Stonehaven at 12:30pm.
26	Tue	Climbing	Sickle Row (6pm; HW 15:31; Sickle Row Railway Arch; Keith Milne; meetorganiser7@cairngormclub.org.uk)
29	Thur	MW Walk	Pressendye (9:15am; 37; K; Lydia Thomson)

June

2	Tue	Climbing	Fulmar Wall (6pm; HW 22:41; Slains Castle Car Park; Ian Diack; meetorganiser8@cairngormclub.org.uk)
5	Fri	W/E Meet	Loch Lomond Area (Garry Wardrope; meetorganiser16@cairngormclub.org.uk) (see website for latest details)
9	Tue	Climbing	Earnsheugh (6pm; HW 15:28; Findon Village; Dave Ogden; meetorganiser4@cairngormclub.org.uk)
16	Tue	Climbing	Clachnaben (6:30pm; ; Glen Dye Car Park; Tim Walker; meetorganiser11@cairngormclub.org.uk)
TBC	Sat	Picnic	Family Picnic - Date, time and location TBC. Contact Anne Pinches; 01224 790298; social@cairngormclub.org.uk.
20	Sat	Overnighter	Dundonnell - Kinlochewe: (2:00pm; 19; 162760 or 114849 to 027620; 18hrs; £29; Minitibus; Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
23	Tue	Climbing	The Graip (6pm; LW 20:36; Collieston; Dave Ogden; meetorganiser4@cairngormclub.org.uk)
25	Thur	MW Walk	Deskry Water (9:15am; 37; K; Monica Gray)
30	Tue	Climbing	Pass of Ballater (6:30pm; ; Crag Car Park; Neil Gauld; ctte19@cairngormclub.org.uk)

July

4	Sat	Work W/E	Muir Cottage Work Weekend (for details, see page 3)
4	Sat	Family Week	Muir Family Week starts
7	Tue	Climbing	The Humpback (6pm; LW 20:24; Bumbanks Village; Tim Walker; meetorganiser11@cairngormclub.org.uk)
14	Tue	Climbing	Meikle Partans (6pm; HW 18:54; Slains Castle Car Park; Adrian Scott; vp@cairngormclub.org.uk)
17	Fri	W/E Meet	Informal weekend to the west coast. Details to be confirmed. (Check website for latest details)
18	Sat	Continental	Cortina d' Ampezzo in the Dolomites. (Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk) (see page 4)
21	Tue	Climbing	Clashrodneay (6pm; LW 19:38; Level Crossing Lay By; Ian Diack; meetorganiser8@cairngormclub.org.uk)

Day Meets (departure time; map sheet(s); grid reference(s) of drop-off and pick-up points; walking time; cost; means of transport; organiser)

Mid-Week Walks (departure time; map sheet; departure point; organisers; contact details)

Weekend Meets (organiser; telephone number; email contact)

Climbing (meeting time; high/low water; meeting place; organiser; contact details)