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The Cairngorm Club
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The Newsletter of the Cairngorm Club

Club Dinner, November 2013

At the Club Dinner in November the enjoyment for most was marred because they could not hear the Club speakers whilst sitting at their tables. Phil Glennie, the guest speaker, was perfectly audible partly due to his being used to speaking in public and also the acoustics are better on the lower level of the Old Mill Inn function suite. I had not organised a public address system and apart from me as Dinner organiser there were two other speakers from the Club, President Adrian Scott and long-standing member Gordon McAndrew.

I feel it is only fair that those attending the Dinner should be able to read what Gordon and Adrian said and hope it will also be interesting to those of you not present.

It is usual for the Hon President to say Grace before the Dinner but very sadly Graham Ewen, our Honorary President, had died just two weeks before the Dinner. A new Honorary President has still to be elected so I asked Gordon McAndrew, a member for 64 years, to say Grace. The following is the text of his address.

“The name of Hugh D Welsh will be familiar to most Club members, and those who remember him do so with respect and affection.

Joining the Club in 1908, he was a distinguished member for over sixty years.

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He was President from 1939 to 1948, when he (continued from page 1) maintained a modified programme of Club activity during the difficult days of the War. He was Honorary President from 1955 until his death in 1969. A strong walker, along with his brother, he had a lifetime enthusiasm for Deeside, the Cairngorms and latterly for the Cuillin. He had an unmatched knowledge of their topography, natural history and folklore, was an accomplished photographer and was much in demand as speaker and lecturer. He was an atmospheric raconteur and in the nineteen fifties, when the traditional New Year meets were resumed after the War, the company would retire after Dinner to a darkened lounge in the Invercauld to be regaled by tales of local folklore and the supernatural.

Latterly he had a house in Braemar and was a kenspeckle figure, always kilted, around the village. He had a special affection for Inverey and was a great friend of Maggie Gruer's, often lodging with her at Thistle Cottage. After her death he acquired Maggie's chair which he gave to the Club, now a treasured memento of those days, and traditionally occupied by the President at Club Dinners. (At which point Adrian lifted up Maggie's chair for all to see!)

For hill-folk he devised an elegant Grace which he would always offer before Club Dinners.

It goes as follows: We who are privileged to tread the high places and are humbled by the glory and majesty of the Creator's handiwork on earth and in the heavens, give thanks for the many favours bestowed upon us, and ask a blessing on the fruits of the earth of which we are now to partake. Amen"

Gordon McAndrew

Before Adrian's address as President he presented Gladys Sangster with her 50 years membership certificate. Andrew Smith has also been a member for the same length of time but could not be present at this dinner.

Adrian reports that his address included the following.

"11 Day Meets, 11 Weekend Meets, 12 Mid Week Walks, 4 Lunch & Danders, 5 Indoor Meets, 52 Tuesday evening climbs, 1 winter skills training course, 1 first aid training course, 1 Club BBQ, 1 international meet to Austria and 2 international climbing trips to Spain.

Also help with continuing training for climbers and folk pursuing their mountaineering qualifications, roof repairs at Muir and the installation of a new stove at Muir, it can only be a matter of time till the jacuzzi is also installed!

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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 £28 (a discount of £10) on proof of Club membership (e.g. card);
priority appointments for Club members; next-day appointments
if booked before 12 noon.

Aberdeen Physiotherapy - 01224 626266

COAT (Cairngorms Outdoor Access Trust)

COAT is putting together a major bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund, seeking approximately £5m to repair paths in Scotland's two National Parks. The Cairngorms Adopt-a-Path Scheme (CAPS) now has almost 30 paths adopted or provisionally adopted, and maintenance work was carried out on 17 of these paths over the summer. Another CAPS training / refresher session is planned for 25/26 April (reserve date: 16/17 May), using on the Cairngorm Estate, with two courses, one on Friday and one on Saturday.

SGM/AGM Summary

The SGM proposal to add a new clause to the Club Constitution (making it explicit that the Committee can make representations or contribute financially to other bodies in pursuit of the Club's objects) was passed quickly and (almost!) unanimously: the revised Constitution is on the Club's (public) website under "Miscellaneous". Then the AGM got underway, with reports from Office-bearers (with few questions) and the election of the new Committee: see back page of this Newsletter. The President proposed Honorary Club Membership for Norman Robertson, who had served the Club for many years as unofficial electrician and local custodian at Muir of Inverey: this was approved *nem. con.*

Other business focussed mainly on suggestions for utilising Willie Robb's generous bequest to the Club of just over £40,000: these ranged from subsidies to Club meets through projects such as a bridge or path, or a second Club hut. At time of writing, the Committee is in the throes of whittling down a long list of about 20 suggestions (some specific, some general) to a short list of perhaps three or four; these will be put to the general Club membership in the next Newsletter.

How are we Doing?

According to the feedback received from the question posed last month, not too bad at all!! So look forward for more of the same and thanks to those who took the time to respond.

Situation Still Vacant!! - Social Secretary

The post of Social Activities Secretary is still vacant and is currently being filled on an 'Acting' basis by Anne Pinches.

The 'job' involves organising the Indoor Meets, the Summer Barbecue and the Dinner.

Email Anne on social@cairngormclub.org.uk if you want more details of what the job involves.

Indoor Meets

The next Indoor Meet is on Wednesday 5 February and the presentation is by Eric Johnston. Eric has been a member since 1954 and has held various offices in the Club including President and Honorary President. As a boy he remembers meeting Maggie Gruer (see reference in lead article) and as a climber did what many had to do years ago, get a bus to Braemar after working on a Saturday morning and spend what was left of the weekend on the hill or crag, kipping somewhere on the Saturday night. Eric's wife Joan, also a member, has many photos of club activities which Eric will be presenting. It promises to be an interesting talk on a number of levels. By way of a contrast, the March meet, also on the 5th, is 'A Portrait of Bhutan' by a much younger member, Linda Di Maio. Linda had a holiday in a part of the world not many of us have visited, and it will be fascinating to learn of her experience in that country and see her photos.

Deer

A recent review* records the most recent population estimates for Scotland of between 360,000-400,000 red deer, 200,000-350,000 roe deer, 25,000 sika deer and 2,000 fallow deer.

Red deer numbers on the open hill have increased by around 75-80% since the 1960s, but the most recent count data show a small decline of around 5%.

Around 100,000 deer are culled each year in Scotland.

A 2006 study estimated that deer stalking was worth £105 million per year to the Scottish economy, and supports 2520 paid full-time job equivalents, often in remote areas. About 3,500 tonnes of venison, nearly all from wild deer, are worth approximately £2 million annually, and processing of downstream products may be worth a further £8 million. Three (out of ten in Scotland) deer control agreements on deer numbers and upland habitat impacts are in force for Caenlochan, Mar Lodge and Glen Prosen.

*http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefingsAndFactsheets/S4/SB_13-74.pdf

Provision of the facilities at Muir for a lot of people outwith the club, and that is just the official stuff.

I thanked all the volunteers who gave up their time to ensure these events took place and invited the assembled members to show their appreciation - this they did. (It's no substitute for cash but Garry will be organising a 'thank you' meal/social early next year)

With all this going on it's hard to see where improvements can be made. However we have opportunities, we received a very generous bequest from the estate of the late Willie Robb - over £40,000. Coupled with substantial funds accumulated due to other donations and prudent financial management of the club we have over £100k in the bank .

(£124k as at the last Committee meeting, Kees is doing his best to reduce this but there must be, in theory at least, a limit to the embellishments possible at Muir).

I speculated that for some of the club's more affluent members it doesn't sound a lot but in my parlance, the club is minted!

So we can afford do some interesting things, these things have been suggested to the committee. We have a list and we will be developing these ideas over the coming year.

I listed a lot of events well attended by members of the Cairngorm Club. However one event had not been mentioned, you should all congratulate yourselves as you are participants in the best attended of all the Club events, the annual dinner, thanks to Anne Pinches for organising.

I then proposed the Toast to Bon Accord.

'Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again, Bon Accord'
Toast to the Club (I forgot to do this but thankfully 69 people discreetly shouted out to remind me!)"

Adrian Scott

I hope that has filled in the gaps for those of you who missed what was said, and my thanks to Adrian and Gordon for agreeing to their words being reproduced here. I have taken steps (as have others!) to make sure no one suffers the embarrassment of not being heard at future dinners.

Anne Pinches

Website and Forum

If you haven't visited recently please check out the Club Website and Forum for up-to-date news of Day, Weekend and other meets.

Badges

As part of the 125 celebrations, the Club has had some badges made.

The badges are 7 cm x 10 cm with the Club crest on a black background. Above the crest are the dates '1887 - 2012' while below are the words 'The Cairngorm Club' (see right).

These cost £2.50 each and are still available from Anne Pinches, email social@cairngormclub.org.uk They will also be available to buy at Indoor Meets.



Dolomites - July 2014

Expressions of interest are still sought for a trip to the Dolomites with a view to using the many Via Ferrata in the area. The timing is likely to be July 2014, and key daily features will be 4-6 hrs in the mountains, with debriefing in the bar followed by a nice meal and crisp white sheets in a comfortable hotel.

There are also superb high and low-level walking in the area plus sport climbing (mostly higher grades), trad routes much easier. If you are a history buff, the whole area seems to be an open-air museum dedicated to the fighting between the Austrians and Italians during the first world war. For the botanists the alpine meadows will be full of spring flowers. The walk-ins need not be too strenuous as we expect to make extensive use of the cable cars.

If you are interested in going on the meet, contact Adrian Scott by email at president@cairngormclub.org.uk.

Lunch & Danders

The next Lunch and Dander will be on Tuesday 18th March, meeting at Dunecht at 10:30am for a walk through the estate, with lunch at Jaffs in Dunecht, at 12:30pm.



Please advise Ruth Payne, by 16th March, if you would like to join the lunch gathering.

There will be another Lunch and Dander on Thursday 22nd May, meeting at Glentanar Visitor Centre at 10:30am, with lunch at Lodge on the Loch, Aboyne, at 12:30pm.

Again, as above, please advise Ruth, by 20th May, if you would like to join the lunch gathering.

Climbers, Fancy a Weekend Away?

It is not only Tuesday Climbing meets that are attracting climbers nowadays. Weekend Meet destinations have been given a lot of thought so that climbers are attracted to join in.

The following weekend meets for the first half of 2014 give the listed climbing options -

14 & 15 Feb, Roybridge - close to all of the Lochaber climbing areas including 'the Ben' and Glencoe.

14 & 15 Mar, Aviemore - Winter Skills Training or winter climbing in the Northern Corries etc.

4 - 6 Apr, Kinlochewe - climbing in Torridon and close to other west coast cliffs & crags.

2 - 4 May, Strontian - access to low level cragging on the Ardnamuchan peninsula or mountain cragging on Garbh Bheinn.

6 & 7 June, Dundonnell - access to a wide range of inland or coastal crags.

See centre page spread for details of meet organisers and contact details.

Details of all of the Weekend Meets for 2014 are on the Club Website.

Payments to the Club

The Club bank details are available on request from Treasurer.

So that the payment can be allocated to the right place, please use a reference containing your name and what the payment is for

e.g. 'LSmith Traverse' or 'DPinches M'ship' or 'JBloggs W'end 25/4'.

Note that the reference field is limited to 18 characters including blanks.

Muir Cottage

The solar thermal system for Muir has been approved by the Committee and will be installed in March. The 2014 Work Weekend will take place from Thursday 24th to Sunday 26th April, following on from the April Midweek Walk which is planned not far away from Muir. To book your free bed please contact Kees on huts@cairngormclub.org.uk and of course if you are only coming for a day you are very welcome, but please let him know.

NEMT 2013-2014 Winter Lecture Series

February 18th - Manny Gorman "The Corbetts in 70 days (without motorised help)"

March 19th - Jules Lines "Tears of the Dawn"

Lectures held in the Sportsman's Club at 7.30 pm. £4 or £2 Concession.

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
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Ross-shire
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DISCOUNTS

Cotswold - 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

For all of the up-to-date information from the MCofS go to - <http://www.mcofs.org.uk/>



Skye B&B - Discount for Club Members

Club members Greg & Sue Walters are offering a 10% discount at their B&B on the Isle of Skye.

The price is normally £30 pppn for B&B discounted to £25 pppn with further discounts for 3+ nights.

Drop them a line at Achtealean B&B, 5 Stenscholl, Staffin, Isle of Skye. IV51 9JS or call them on either 01470562723 or 07748533377

You can also check them out at their website - <http://www.achtealean.co.uk/>

Radio Scotland Outdoor Weather Forecasts

These are broadcast at 19.04 on Monday-Friday, 07.04 and 22.04 on Saturday, and 07.04 and 20.04 on Sunday. These and other forecasts can be accessed direct via Club website from the 'Links' page - <http://www.cairngormclub.org.uk/links/links.htm>

Graham Ewen

As many Club members will know, the Club's Honorary President died last November aged 73, after a period of ill health bravely borne.

Following his father into the Club in 1966, he served as Vice-President 1977-1980, but was much better known as its highly reliable and resourceful Bus Secretary for a record 36 years (1967-2003).

A fount of knowledge about the Cairngorms in general, he devoted much time (often with Eddie Martin) to historical investigations in the Inverey - Braemar area, and several of his articles have appeared in the Club Journal, where a longer obituary will appear in due course.

The Club extends its condolences to his wife Jane, a Life Member of the Club.

Anne & Adrian back at School

Our President and Acting Social Secretary recently took time to talk to a Primary 4 class about winter walking and climbing as part of the children's project on 'Scott of the Antarctic'. Afterwards a letter was sent saying that some children had persuaded their parents to ascend Bennachie and also with questions from the pupils. After Adrian responded another letter was sent to Anne reading -

"Please could you pass on my thanks to Adrian for the letter he wrote in reply to the thank-you letters my pupils sent to you.

They were delighted to receive it and even more delighted to have their questions answered.

Your talk does seem to have had a lasting impact on my pupils, with one of them getting a climbing harness for his Christmas.

I too have been inspired and have decided to undertake the 'Learn to Climb' course at Transition Extreme, something I have always wanted to do but never quite had the nerve.

Our topic this term is 'The Romans', so if there is anyone within the Cairngorm Club who has knowledge of this, or of archeology do let me know.

Thanks again and I hope your walking and climbing gets off to a good start in 2014.

Kind regards, Mairi Stewart"

So, if you wish to rise to the challenge and impart your knowledge of the Romans, and/or archaeology, then give Anne a call and she will pass Mairi's contact details to you.

Contact details for Anne are on the back page.

Weekend Meets 2014

Apart from the two meets shown in the centre spread of this Newsletter, here are the other Weekend Meets that have been booked, and dates where not, for the rest of 2014. Dates are mostly Fri & Sat but include Sun where a 3 night stay has been arranged.

Jul 11 & 12	Strawberry Cottage, Glen Affric	Marj Ewan
Aug 15 & 16	Naismith Hut, Elphin	Jim Bryce
Sept 19, 20 & 21	To be arranged, possibly Raasay	Colin Brown
Oct 24 & 25	Inverardran Cottage, Crianlarich	Jim Bryce
Nov 28 & 29	To be arranged	Ken Thomson
Dec	To be arranged via Forum and email mid-late 2014.	

Mid-Week Walks

Arthur Dickie (meetorganiser35@cairnngormclub.org.uk) coordinates this popular series, which takes place on the last Thursday of every month, with a different organiser each time. Walks take about 4-5 hours, with possible recourse to a local tea-room afterwards. The usual Aberdeen car-share meeting points are given below, with the start time usually 9.00 am. Please contact the organiser beforehand to check on arrangements or to make queries, and especially if you intend to meet up at the walk starting point. Similarly, please ensure that your mobile phone number (if any) is known to someone - and that your mobile is switched on during the walk!

Code	Location	Grid ref.
K	Kingswells Park and Ride*	868063
P	Persley Gardens (Woodside)	910093
R	Riverside Drive (near Brig o' Dee)	928036

* Bus service 40 (about 08:15 from Union Street and via the ARI) stops at the P&R toilets and waiting room, and service X17 (08:10 and 08:30 from Union Square) just west of the Kingswells roundabout (before and/or after, depending on direction of your travel and progress of current roadworks). Service 11 no longer operates to Kingswells during the day.

For (cheap) Sale

Blue Butane Calor Gas 15kg cylinder, little used before we switched to electricity: does not fit Muir Midgeater! Contact Secretary if interested.

CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for the year 2013/14 became due on 1st October 2013.

For those paying by Direct Debit this was collected automatically on 1st October.

Others should send their subscriptions to Derek Pinches, the Club Treasurer.

Cairngorm Club Subscription rates for 2013/14 are as follows:

	Club	MCoFS	Total
Full Rate	£13.00	£14.25	£27.25
Reduced Rate	£6.50	£14.25	£20.75

The reduced rate above is available for members who, on 1st October, were aged 65 or over, or under 21; or under 25 and still in full-time education; or who are normally resident and working more than 80km from Aberdeen.

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. Current suggestions are: First Aid, Navigation, Single Pitch Award, or even something more ambitious, such as Mountain Leader (ML) or MIC.



Alpine Journal

The following issues of the above (all in excellent condition except for the first) are for disposal, perhaps with an appropriate contribution to Club funds: Vols. 74 (1969), 89 (1984) to 103 (1998) and 114 (2009).

Please contact the Secretary (see back page).

Membership News

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

Graham Ewen	Aberdeen	Member since 1966 (Honorary)
Bill Barlow	Westhill	Member since 1973 (Ordinary)
Mike Hewitt	Aberdeen	Member since 2003 (Ordinary)

The following members have transferred to Ordinary Membership.

Alex Barbour	Aberdeen
Sue Chalmers	Peterculter
Ross Littlewood	Banchory

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

Roderick Campbell	Alford	Associate
Roger Cookson	Banchory	Associate
Philip Hall	Kingswells	Associate
Ben Hitchen	Aberdeen	Ordinary
Pippa Robertson	Peterhead	Associate
Peter Smith	Westhill	Associate
Henry Webb	Newmachar	Associate
Paul West-Watson	Aberdeen	Associate
Ben Winter	Westhill	Associate

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



14 - 15 February. Roy Bridge Hostel. (Fri & Sat nights)

This meet is to this ever popular area surrounded by big hills and even Corbetts!! The Grey Corries in winter can be a wonderful day out and you also have Ben Nevis and Aonach Mor near by and don't forget the multiple Carn Deargs of Glen Roy. The Glencoe and Nevis Range ski centres are also close by if you fancy a day on the piste. To book, contact Sue Chalmers on email at ctte11@cairngormclub.org.uk.

14 - 15 March, Aviemore Bunkhouse (inc. Winter Skills) (Fri & Sat nights)

Aviemore provides access to the Northern Cairngorms, a mecca for winter sports including walking, climbing and skiing. This meet also doubles as the Winter Skills Training weekend if you wish to brush up on the safety aspects of winter walking and climbing. To book, contact Donna Ryan by email at ctte14@cairngormclub.org.uk

4 - 5 April. Kinlochewe Hotel Bunkhouse (Fri & Sat nights)

We have exclusive use of the bunkhouse for this year's Pre Easter meet. The location is ideal for the Torridon hills and Slioch is on our doorstep. There are also several Corbetts in the area and if the weather is nice the Gairloch sports crags are also close to hand. Cost is £30 for the two nights. The hotel bar serves meals in the evenings and rooms may be available for those wishing more plush accommodation (please book directly with the hotel). To book, contact Garry Wardrope on email at ctte17@cairngormclub.org.uk.

2 - 4 May, Ariundle Centre Bunkhouse, Strontian (Fri, Sat & Sun nights)

In an area with many craggy Corbetts, especially Garbh Bheinn, you will not be stuck for something to do. Also access to low level cragging on the Ardnamuchan peninsula or mountain cragging on Garbh Bheinn itself. To book, contact Marj Ewan on email at weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk.

6 - 7 June Sail Mhor Croft, Dundonnell (Fri & Sat nights)

Situated at the foot of the famous An Teallach and close to the Fisherfields and Fannichs there are numerous Munro's and Corbetts in the immediate area. Also for climbers there is access to a wide range of inland or coastal crags. To book, contact Marj Ewan on email at weekend@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 contact details)

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

Weekend Meets (organiser; telephone number; email contact)

Climbing (organiser; contact details)

Day Meets take place once a month and can be by coach, mini-bus, car and by bus share or service bus. Meets are generally on Sundays but occasionally on Saturdays.

Members should contact the Meet Organiser to book a place, and the organiser or Day Meets Secretary can be contacted should any additional information be sought.

Meets generally leave Aberdeen around 7am (sharp!); departure times and cost are listed in the centrefold of this Newsletter. For service bus meets the first bus out of Aberdeen for Deeside is the one we need. It leaves Union Square around 07:45am. On all Meets, an organised "President's Party" walk will be available for those new to the Club or for members who simply want a day out without the challenge of route finding or navigation. The following Day Excursions are offered for Winter 2013/14.

February 2, 2014. Sgor Gaoith & Mullach Clach a'Blair, Glen Feshie

This car meet will leave from Aberdeen at 6am. Basic winter skills knowledge required as a minimum. Sgor Gaoith & Mullaach Clach a'Blair will be ascended from Glen Feshie. To book contact Donna Ryan by email at ctte14@cairngormclub.org.uk.

March 2, 2014. Northern Cairngorms

This meet to the Northern Cairngorms will see cars leaving from Aberdeen at 6am. The exact route to be taken on the hill will depend on conditions on the day. To book, contact David Brown by email on meetorganiser25@cairngormclub.org.uk.

April 13, 2014. Glenshee

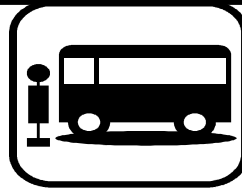
This coach meet is a shared meet with the Stockets. The president's party" will ascend Carn Aosda and the Cairnwell from Baddoch followed by An Socach then a walk out to Auchallater. Many other drop-off's and pick-ups are possible giving among others the option of Lochnagar, Beinn a'Bhuirdh & Ben Avon or perhaps Baddoch to Morrone. To book, contact Derek Beverley on email at day@cairngormclub.org.uk.

May 25, Mona Gowan & Morven Traverse

This minibus meet will take the participants from Strathdon to Tullich near Ballater. The president's party will ascend Mona Gowan to its impressive cairn before heading cross country to the slopes of Morven where an ascent will be made by the west ridge. A descent to the south will see the party return will be via the path which to Tullich where the minibus will await. Other options include a walk up Mona Gowan with the driver and return to take the bus to Tullich where a walk along the Desside Railway line or a walk up the path up to meet the rest of the party can be done. To book, contact Colin Brown on email at newsletter@cairngormclub.org.uk.

June 21, Overnighter - Knoydart

A night in the hills of Knoydart is on offer this mid-summer. Details are not finalized at present but more information will be sent out by email and will appear on the forum nearer the time. To book contact Donna Ryan by email at ctte14@cairngormclub.org.uk.



The Cairngorm Club Calendar of Events

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2	Sun	Day Meet	Sgor Gaoith & Mullach Clach a' Bhlairst (6am; 43; 852976; 7hrs; cost TBC; car; Donna Ryan; cte14@cairngormclub.org.uk)
4	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at RGU (Eddie Alaszewski; meetorganiser34@cairngormclub.org.uk)
5	Wed	Indoor	Climbing and the Cairngorm Club - Eric Johnston (Anne Pinches; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
11	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
14	Fri	W/E Meet	Roy Bridge Hostel (Sue Chalmers; cte11@cairngormclub.org.uk)
18	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
25	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at RGU (Eddie Alaszewski; meetorganiser34@cairngormclub.org.uk)
27	Thur	M/W Walk	Strathfinella Hill (9am; 45; R; Judy Middleton; meetorganiser19@cairngormclub.org.uk)

March

2	Sun	Day Meet	Northern Corries (6am; 36; 990062; 7hrs; £12.50; minibus; David Brown; meetorganiser25@cairngormclub.org.uk)
4	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
5	Wed	Indoor	Portrait of Bhutan—Linda di Maio (Anne Pinches; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
11	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
14	Fri	W/E & Winter Skills	Aviemore Bunkhouse (Donna Ryan; cte14@cairngormclub.org.uk)
18	Tue	Lunch & Dander	Meet at Dunecht at 10:30am for a walk through the Estate. Lunch at 12:30pm in Jaff's, Dunecht. (Ruth Payne)
18	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at RGU (Eddie Alaszewski; meetorganiser34@cairngormclub.org.uk)
25	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
27	Thur	M/W Walk	Fetteresso Forest (9am; 45; R; Arthur Dickie; meetorganiser35@cairngormclub.org.uk)

April

1	Tue	Climbing	**Outdoor Season Begins** - Souterhead (6pm; NE Outcrops p67; LW 21:30; Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
4	Fri	W/E Meet	Kinlochewe Hotel Bunkhouse (Garry Wardrope; cte17@cairngormclub.org.uk)
8	Tue	Climbing	Clashrodneay - Cairnrobin (6pm; NE Outcrops p106; HW 21:18; Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
13	Sun	Day Meet	Glenshee Bus Share with the Stockets (7am; 43; 140780 - 156883; 8hrs; £15; coach; Derek Beverley; day@cairngormclub.org.uk)
15	Tue	Climbing	Alan's Cliff (6pm; NE Outcrops p58; LW 20:24; James Hirst; cte5@cairngormclub.org.uk)
22	Tue	Climbing	Long Slough (6pm; NE Outcrops p52; HW 20:24; Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
24	Thur	M/W Walk	Carn an Drochaide (9am; 43; K; Martin Duguid)
25	Fri	Work W/E	Muir Cottage (Kees Witte; huts@cairngormclub.org.uk)
29	Tue	Climbing	Deceptive Wall (6pm; NE Outcrops p51; LW 18:36; Ross Littlewood; cte10@cairngormclub.org.uk)

May

2	Fri	W/E Meet	Ariundle Centre Bunkhouse, Strontian (Marj Ewan; weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk)
6	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing (from this point on locations will be decided at Meets and via Facebook, Yahoo & the Forum (Chris Wilson; 07540 499349; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
13	Tue	Climbing	As per 06/05/14
20	Tue	Climbing	As per 06/05/14
22	Thu	Lunch & Dander	Meet at Glentanan Visitor Centre at 10:30am. Lunch at Lodge on the Loch, Aboyne at 12:30pm (Ruth Payne)
25	Sun	Day Meet	Mona Gowan & Morven Traverse (7am; 37; 8hrs; 337103 - 389975; £12.50; minibus; Colin Brown; newsletter@cairngormclub.org.uk)
27	Tue	Climbing	As per 06/05/14
29	Thur	M/W Walk	Glen Buchat (9am; 37; K; Mike Forsyth)

June

3	Tue	Climbing	As per 06/05/14
6	Fri	W/E Meet	Sail Mhor Croft, Dundonnell (Marj Ewan; weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk)
10	Tue	Climbing	As per 06/05/14
17	Tue	Climbing	As per 06/05/14