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The Newsletter of the Cairngorm Club

New Club President

Marj Ewan was elected President at the Club AGM in November, taking over from James Friend.

Marj, who was born and brought up in Shetland, came to Aberdeen, first as a Hospital Service Cadet at Kingseat Hospital, trained as a nurse, and has spent the last 37 years working in theatres at ARI. Now retired, she still works in emergency and trauma theatres on the Nurse Bank.

Marj joined the Club in 2000 and has served on the Committee on three occasions, 2001-2004, 2007-2009 and 2014-2017. She has also held the positions of Vice President from 2009 to 2012, and Weekend Meets Secretary from 2009 to 2014.

Marj, a keen climber, has been an active member of the Climbing section since she joined the Club, and has acted as meet organiser many times on the regular Tuesday outdoor Climbing meets. Also a keen walker, Marj is well through the Munros and is a regular on Weekend meets and hopes to attend more Day meets in future.

Since being appointed, Marj has officiated at the Annual Dinner and has taken charge of her first Committee meeting.

On her appointment Marj said "Thank you for asking me to be President. It is a new challenge and I hope I can do a decent job and live up to folks' expectations." I'm sure everyone will join me in congratulating Marj on her appointment.

A more detailed biography of Marj will appear in a future Club Journal.

Colin Brown, Editor

Verwall Alps (Six-Day Hut-to-Hut Tour in Austria) Summer 2018

Club member Derek Beverley is planning a meet to the Austrian Alps scheduled for late July/early August. It is open to all members who have a love of high places and enjoy adventure. If you've never visited Austria before or wish to try hut touring, this meet may be for you. Six days walking with 5 nights at mountain huts are planned. The party will depart Innsbruck Mon 30 Jul 2018 and return mid-afternoon Sat 04 Aug 2018.

The walking will be on paths some sections of which have wires for security. We'll be below glacier level but expect patches of old (or new) snow. A typical day (up and over a 2700mtr col) will be around 6hrs duration and the trip is best described as moderately strenuous. If you are a fairly regular mountain-goer, then you should be fine.

Budget-wise you'll need to get to Innsbruck first (Derek can advise on flights/trains/buses). Once in the mountains, 50 Euros per 24 hours should be adequate to pay for what Huts provide: breakfasts, evening meals, coffees/soups/strudels/lunches, beers and often a packed lunch.

Additional information can be found on the Club Forum <https://www.tapatalk.com/groups/cairngormclub/innsbruck-and-the-verwall-alps-austria-summer-2018-t1369.html> or by contacting Derek by email at meetorganiser16@cairngormclub.co.uk

Aberdeenshire Local Outdoor Access Forum

Judy Middleton will be coming to the end of her stint as a "Recreational" appointee on the above committee, which has the duty to oversee the implementation of responsible access in the countryside, and sometimes to act as a mediator. Any Club member interested in nomination to such a post is encouraged to get in touch with Judy via meetorganiser19@cairngormclub.org.uk, or with the Club Secretary (see back page). More details at <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/paths-and-outdoor-access/local-outdoor-access-forum>.

Anne Cordiner

Most members will have learned about Anne's death on 19 October last. She first served on the Committee in 1957, was our President during the Centennial year 1987, and became Honorary President in 2003. Several members attended her cremation ceremony at Crathes on 30 October, and a longer obituary will appear in the forthcoming Club Journal.

Change of Speaker

The 7 February Indoor Meet will feature a talk "Back to the Hills" by Garry Cormack, a Deeside guide who founded Hillgoers a couple of years ago, as a career change after lower back disc replacement.

Cairngorms National Park (CNP) Local Development Plan (LDP) 2020 Main Issues Report (MIR)

A jaundiced reviewer writes: "This snappy title applies to a 122-page document - PDF online, fully of glossy photos, and impossible to "use" - from the CNP Authority. It is accompanied by 770 pages of detailed "Site Assessment Reports" running from Aviemore to Invercauld, and ushers in the second of five stages leading up to the next LDP (which will dominate planning applications from 2020 onwards) via six "Main Issues", including Economic Development (the main focus of the Plan, though only part of the last of the Park's four statutory aims), Housing (e.g. the An Camus Mor "new town" proposed next to Aviemore, and sites proposed by developers at Braemar etc.), and (last) Land Management in Upland Areas. Club members may be puzzled and/or relieved that Inverey is nowhere mentioned; neither are hill paths or bothies (though one of the first photographs is a nice one of Corroul in snow). There are at least seven other CNPA "Strategies" and "Plans", e.g. for Tourism. The North East Mountain Trust, of which the Club is a member, has taken on the job of drafting a "response" to the LDP MIR "consultation" which ends on 2 March 2018. The MIR is available at <http://cairngorms.co.uk/consultation/mir/>, and public meetings are scheduled on the 2nd (afternoon) and 6th (evening) of February at Ballater and Braemar respectively.

Day Meets

Further to the Day Meets detailed on pages 7, 8 and 9, listed below are other meets organised for Summer/Autumn 2018

28 Jul (Sat)	Car	Ben Lawers	Garry Wardrope
02 Sep (Sun)	Coach	Cairngorm Traverse	David Brown
30 Sept (Sun)	Minibus	Gairn	TBC

Weekend Meets

Further to the Weekend Meets detailed on pages 8, 9 and 10, listed below are the other meets organised for Summer/Autumn 2018

13-14 Jul (2 nights)	Strawberry Cottage, Glen Affric	Marj Ewan
17-18 Aug (2 nights)	Blackrock Cottage	Joyce Ritchie
21-23 Sep (3 nights)	BMC Memorial Hut, Glen Brittle	Sue Chalmers
12-13 Oct (2 nights)	SMC Naismith Hut, Elphin	Colin Brown

Details of any of these meets can be sought from the organiser at any time. So don't wait until they appear in a Newsletter or on a Yahoo email, as they may already be filling/booked up.

Peatland Restoration Projects in the Cairngorms National Park

This winter (if the weather holds!) work should be started on restoring 532 hectares of degraded blanket bog, all on upland sites extending from 500 metres to 875 metres. The work is targeting eroded gullies, peat hags and areas of bare peat along with a small amount of moorland grips. The presence of Golden eagles on a number of sites is one of many issues that have required careful planning and discussion.

With financial support from Peatland Action (<https://www.snh.scot/climate-change/taking-action/carbon-management/restoring-scotlands-peatlands/peatland-action-201718>) there are five estates involved: Invercauld (photo 1), Glenfeshie (photo 2), Mar, Candacraig and Abernethy as well as a number of sporting tenants.



Garbh Choire Refuge Refurbishment

It is reported that the Mountain Bothies Association has been asked by the National Trust for Scotland, who run the Mar Lodge Estate, to renovate and maintain the refuge as part of their Eastern Highlands network, to be done in much the same way as the larger Fords of Avon shelter. The existing framework will be re-constructed in a back garden in Aberdeen, then taken to pieces, and taken up to the area, possibly by air. The existing shelter will be dismantled, the new one substituted, the same rocks piled on top again, and the remains removed, all in 2018.

The costs have been estimated at some £5000, towards which the MBA has received a substantial private contribution.

Statistical Patterns

Some research has revealed that Marj Ewan is the 7th female President out of the 44 Presidents (or Chairmen, as they were called at first) elected so far. Despite some war-time exceptions, they have served for an average of almost exactly 3 years each (the current “tradition”). There have been 14 Honorary Presidents (two female, including our current Hon. Pres., Dr Ruth Payne); they have served an average of 9 years each, though this figure is affected by the 33 years (1889-1922) served by the first incumbent, Viscount Bryce, and the 20 years (1922-42) by Professor Norman Collie. Analysis of other Club office-bearer services continues!

Mid-Week Walks

Have you considered joining the mid-week walkers? At the planning meeting in August, the twelve walks for 2018 were decided. The walks will be on the last Thursday of every month. Typically they will take 4-5 hours on foot, usually on easy ground but sometimes with height to gain. Some participants will visit a local cafe afterwards, but usually we are all back in Aberdeen before 5pm.

Booking to take part is not essential, but the car-shares and the walks always start on time, so it may be as well to let the walk organiser know that you plan to come.

The plans will be outlined in the Newsletter and listed in the Calendar. The detail of each walk can be obtained from Marion White by email at meetorganiser1@cairngormclub.org.uk

Each month there are 2 options: Either meet at 9am at one of the four locations below to optimise car-sharing, or at the walk start-point, where parking space is more limited.

<u>Code</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Grid Ref</u>
C	Craibstone Park & Ride	879108
K	Kingswells Park & Ride (lower level)	868063
R	Riverside Drive (near Brig o' Dee)	928036
P	Persley Gardens, Woodside	910093

At Kingswells and Craibstone there are toilets and a waiting room.

<https://www.firstgroup.com/aberdeen>

<https://www.stagecoachbus.com/about/north-scotland>

<https://www.aberdeenairport.com/transport-and-directions/buses-and-coaches>

Overnighter Plus

The location has been advertised for this year's Overnighter simply as Knoydart. However Ivan Hiscox the meet organiser has more ambitious ideas other than a night in the 'rough bounds'. Current thinking is that this could be extended to a 3 night trip, night 1 (Thursday) in Fort William, night 2 camping/bivvying en route, and night 3 in one of the hostels in Inverie, or another night out .

The 'adventure' would begin at Glenfinnan on Friday morning, with the walk being through remote country, possibly/over Munros, to reach Inverie on the Saturday/Sunday for the ferry out to Mallaig.

If you are interested in this 'extended' Overnighter, contact Ivan as soon as possible by email at ctte3@cairngormclub.org.uk .

Annual Dinner 2017 (DofE Award Diamond Challenge)

The Annual Dinner was held in the Hilton Double Tree Hotel on the Beach Boulevard on Friday 24 November 2017.

Three club members, that we know of, took part in the Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Award Diamond Challenge 2016 and it was decided that the account of their adventures would be the after-Dinner 'entertainment'.

The background to the Challenge is that in 2016 the Duke of Edinburgh's Award was 60 years old and thus celebrating its Diamond Anniversary. Everyone involved with the Award was invited to complete a challenge of their choosing and in so doing raise a minimum of £60. The funds would then go towards helping less advantaged youngsters complete their DofE at Bronze, Silver or Gold level. The challenge could be anything that would be a challenge to the participant. A lady in Peterhead, for example, knitted 60 hats for local fishermen.

The three club members who were the subject of the dinner presentation choose hill-related challenges. Benn Hitchen decided to walk up Ben Avon in winter conditions wearing a kilt, Judy Middleton's challenge was to follow the River Dee from its source on the summit plateau of Braeriach to its mouth at Aberdeen harbour. Anne Pinches was invited by two former pupils from Northfield Academy to join them, and they decided to walk up Ben Macdui and then spend a night in Corroul Bothy before a leisurely walk out next day.

Benn completed his challenge in late November with a group of friends, including his Dad, in winter conditions, and we were treated to an excellent presentation. Benn told a good story and had wonderful photos including a fog bow and a Brocken spectre, his first experience of both. His route was circular and too long to be completed in daylight but everyone got back unscathed including the kilt!

Judy had surprisingly chosen to go on a cruise rather than attend the dinner and tell her story!! Anne showed Judy's photos and gave an account of her journey. Over 3 days in August, the first part with a friend for company, and then on her own, Judy completed her journey. Cycling from Linn of Dee to White Bridge and then on foot, Judy and Kirstin made their way to the source of the Dee and then spent that night in Corroul Bothy. Cycling out the next day and travelling on from Ballater alone Judy made her way towards Aboyne before spending the night with a friend. She completed the journey next day and enjoyed good weather for the 3 days.

For her challenge Anne was retracing part of a journey undertaken some 17 years previously with a group from Northfield Academy who were completing their Gold DofE expedition.

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Muir Cottage

Muir has been fairly quiet over the last few months. Recently the fridge freezer failed and a new one has had to be installed. In order to keep Muir running smoothly, can users please let me know immediately when something has gone wrong or has broken by sending me an email with a picture of what's needing repaired or replaced. This will save me guessing and possibly having to make an extra trip to Muir.

Preparation has started for the next work weekend which is scheduled from Thursday the 31st of May to Sunday the 3rd of June. To reserve your bed please contact me by email at huts@cairngormclub.org.uk.

All booking information is on the web <http://www.cairngormclub.org.uk/muircottage/muircottage.htm>, or contact David Kirk at muir-booking@cairngormclub.org.uk.

Kees Witte

Payments to the Club

The Club bank details are: Sort Code 831531; Account no. 00129748.

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.

Online Walking etc Resources

Other than the Club's resource of trip reports on the Forum, the internet is bursting with walking websites that you may or may not have come across.

One of the most popular is Walkhighlands which has thousands of routes and trip reports for the Munros, Corbetts and so much more.

Website is - <https://www.walkhighlands.co.uk/>

Another is Scottishhills.com, which again has thousands of trip reports from most categories of hills.

Website is - <https://www.scottishhills.com/>.

One that most of you will not have encountered is not a website per se, but has content on Youtube. This consists of a large number of videos, some taken with the use of a drone, filmed mostly in the hills of Scotland.

Website is - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJyJKu3ysdceGqK_JaZFUNA

One that you are probably familiar with is the Cairngorm Wanderer (Neil Reid) who writes about "Wandering in the Cairngorms and other lesser ranges." This website contains information on the history of the Cairngorms, bothies etc and stories of Neils wanderings.

Website is - <https://cairngormwanderer.wordpress.com/>

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
17 Drumdyre Road
Dingwall
IV15 9RW

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.

Save Bennachie Alliance

Members of the Save Bennachie group recently held talks with Economy Secretary Keith Brown and local MSPs at the Scottish Parliament. At it they outlined their concerns over the possible rerouting of the A96.

They handed the minister a new 18-page report detailing their argument why Bennachie, Aberdeenshire's iconic hill, should be saved from the new A96 dual carriageway.

Transport Scotland consultants are currently assessing the options for the eastern section of the £3billion road, with two of the potential routes passing close to the Bennachie Forest.

Aberdeenshire East MSP Gillian Martin arranged the meeting with Mr Brown to press the campaigners' case. Bob Smith, from Save Bennachie, said: "It was a very positive meeting, well supported by the north-east MSPs".

More information about the Alliance, including its newsletters, can be found at www.savebennachie.com.

Lunch & Danders

The next Lunch and Dander will be on Fri 2nd February, meeting at Crathes Castle Car Park at 10:30am, with lunch at Milton of Crathes at 12:30pm. Please advise Ruth Payne by Wed 31st January if you would like to join the lunch gathering.

There are also another two Lunch and Danders planned.

The first is on Tue 24th April, meeting at Brimmond Hill East Car Park at 10:30, with lunch at the Brimmond Bistro at 12:30. Please advise Ruth by Sun 22nd if you would like to join the lunch gathering.

The second is on Fri 15th June, meeting at Old Kinord Car Park at 10:30, with lunch at the Loch Kinord Hotel at 12:30. Please advise Ruth by Wed 13th if you would like to join the lunch gathering.

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Kathleen and Louise had been part of the group and had gone on to be the first pupils from Northfield Academy to gain their Gold Awards.

As sometimes happens, plans can be made and the weather has other ideas! There was no flexibility in the time planned for the trip, so despite the forecast thunderstorm the three 'girls' set off having decided to swap the order of events. Through the thunderstorm they walked up to Corroul to spend the night. The next day they got to the top of Macdui and then walked out, getting back to the car at 9.30 pm. Before Anne told the story of their trip, Kathleen told us what having a Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award meant to her, and Louise introduced and explained the Diamond Challenge. It was a different after-Dinner topic from previous years but those present seemed to appreciate the presentations.

Anne Pinches

Aberdeen Joint Schedule of Winter Talks

The Club website homepage contains a link to the above (http://www.cairngormclub.org.uk/miscellaneous/Joint%20Winter%20Schedule%20of%20Aberdeen%20Outdoor%20Talks%20Winter_Spring%202018.pdf): this will be updated when the programme is produced for Winter 2018/19.

AGM 15 November 2017

The Club's 2017 Annual General Meeting went smoothly, most existing Office-Bearers being re-elected in post, with the notable exceptions of Marj Ewan replacing James Friend after the latter's three-year stint as President, and the standing-down of Benn Hitchen as Social Activities Secretary after his departure from Aberdeen. Joyce Ritchie and Izy Kirkaldy replaced Marj Ewan, Ruth Payne and Marion White as "ordinary" Committee members. No major AOCB items, but notification of possible repair work to the Clochnaben path (at time of writing, a technical and financial assessment is awaited from Outdoor Access Trust Scotland, UDAT/COAT as was), and an enquiry about the pictures and/or photos which have disappeared from the Cairngorm Café at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary.

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 £35 (a discount of £5) 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

Furths

Have you climbed the Furths, i.e. 3000 foot mountains of England, Wales and Ireland? If so, you may be interested in Simon Glover's website <http://furthsummits.blogspot.co.uk/> which has information about these mountains and also contains a (incomplete as yet) list of those who have climbed them. If you have completed the Furths and would like your name added to this list, contact Simon at email - moelfamau555@gmail.com.

Library

The Club has a large but little-used collection of books, journals and papers stored in the Special Collections of the University Library at Kings College. Recent acquisitions have included the 2015 issues of the *Scottish Mountaineering Club Journal* and the *Alpine Journal*, and the book *The Cairngorms: a Secret History*, by Patrick Baker. Access to the collection is not as easy as might be wished, but items can be searched for, password-free, at <https://aulib.abdn.ac.uk/F>, and the Secretary (see back page) will be pleased to borrow them on behalf of members.

It turns out that the Club has approximately three series of *Scottish Mountaineering Club Journals* in its Library collection, though none are complete. It is proposed to reduce these to one complete set, and to dispose of the rest of the issues. This is probably best done via the SMC Librarian (with whom we have a reciprocal arrangement to exchange current issues), but if any member is particularly interested, he or she should get in touch with the Librarian (see back page).

CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for the year 2017/18 became due on 1st October 2017. 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 2017/18 are as follows:

	Club	MCofS	Total
Full Rate	£13.00	£16.25	£29.25
Reduced Rate	£6.50	£16.25	£22.75

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.

First subscriptions are only part of a full year's subscription, based on when admission occurred within the Club year.

Training

First Aid

Names are still being collected for an Emergency First Aid (to HSE standards) course. If your certificate has expired or you would like to learn a vital skill, just add your name to the list. There will be no commitment at this stage but it has been decided to hold this at Muir in the Autumn. More details on the Website, the Forum, and by email from Garry Wardrope (contact details below) for those who have already expressed an interest.

Navigation

Navigation training is held from time to time. Interest can be intimated to Garry Wardrope (contact details below) at any time and when he has sufficient numbers he will arrange a suitable date and time with the trainees.

To register your interest in any of the above activities, please contact: Garry Wardrope by email at day@cairngormclub.org.uk.

Winter Skills

Ron Walker MIC has been booked to provide instruction for up to 6 during the February Weekend meet(17/18 Feb) to Riasg, Roybridge.

This is an ideal opportunity for members to get some quality instruction, with the level and content tailored for those present, be it an introduction to crampons and ice axe or advanced winter navigation. Cost is to be £45 for 2 days of instruction, a real bargain considering equivalent courses at Glenmore Lodge can be over £200.

Contact Garry if you are interested in the Winter Skills training and also contact Jim Bryce for accommodation at Riasg (see page 10 for details).

The Club supports other training such as Mountain Leader and Rock Climbing by providing grants to members. Applications should be made to the Treasurer.

Membership News

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

Anne Cordiner, Ordinary and Honorary Member since 1949
(President 1985-88; Vice Pres 1962-65, 1984-85; Committee 1957-60, 1991-94; Hon Pres 2003-09) (also see page 3)

The following new member have been admitted since the last newsletter
Jenifer Malcolm Blackburn Associate

Club Forum

If you are not already a member why not register for the Club Forum. You can register at - <https://www.tapatalk.com/groups/cairngormclub/index.php>

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



16 - 17 February, Climbers Club Hut, Riasg, Roy Bridge (Fri & Sat nights)

Riasg ('The Boggy Place') is situated in the village of Roybridge, on the A86 about 20km from Fort William. It is in an excellent location for Ben Nevis and the major climbing centres of the west coast of Scotland. Glen Coe is 35 minutes drive and even Skye and the Cairngorms are accessible from here. To book, contact Jim Bryce on 01349 864464 or email weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk
Winter skills training (see page 11) is also available at this meet. For more information or to book, contact Garry Wardrope by email at day@cairngormclub.org.uk.

9 - 10 March, Glassie Bunkhouse near Aberfeldy (Fri & Sat nights)

This weekend meet is to an area not often visited by the Club. This is a great base for the Perthshire hills, including those accessible from Loch Tay and Glen Lyon. Blair Atholl is not so far away either. There are also several Corbetts and Grahams locally, along with many low-level walking and cycling options. To book, contact Sue Chalmers by email at vp@cairngormclub.org.uk

30 Mar - 1 Apr Great Glen Hostel, Loch Lochy (Fri - Sun nights)

With plenty of walking, high & low level, skiing, cycling and even canoeing nearby, the hostel is a great base giving many options. This includes the Nevis range, the Grey Corries and the Loch Arkaig hills. Indeed the Hostel claims 59 Munros are within a 20 mile radius!! To book, contact Jim Bryce by email at weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk.

4 - 6 May, Sail Mhor Croft, Dundonnell (Fri - Sun nights)

Situated at the foot of the famous An Teallach mountain range, the hostel is ideally situated for mountaineers, walkers, backpackers and anyone wishing to explore this remarkable area. It is within easy reach of the Fisherfield Mountains, the Fannichs, the Beinn Dearg hills and many more. To book, contact Marj Ewan by email at ccpresident@cairngormclub.org.uk.

8 - 9 Jun, SMC Ling Hut, Torridon (Fri & Sat nights)

This weekend gives a fantastic chance to experience the Torridon area. With all of the Torridon Munros and Corbetts on the front doorstep and the north Achnashellach hills a short dander from the back door, you will be spoilt for choice. To book, contact Mark Peel by email at meetorganiser38@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 (Summer) (time, low or high water, organiser; contact details)

Day Meets take place once a month and can be by coach, mini-bus or car, or 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 at 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 7:45am. 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/Spring 2017.

February 10, Ben Vorlich and Stuc a'Chroin (Saturday)

This minibus meet is a trip to Loch Earn in Perthshire. Subject to conditions the party will ascend Ben Vorlich from Ardvorlich on the shores of Loch Earn. If time and conditions allow we will also ascend Stuc a'Chroin. Full winter conditions are expected so ice axe and crampons should be carried by all attending. Other options include perhaps a walk up Glen Ogle via the old railway line and back. book, contact Garry Wardrope by email at day@cairngormclub.org.uk.

March 17/18, Snowholing - Winter Overnighter (Saturday/Sunday)

Becoming a regular winter meet we plan to overnight somewhere high in the Cairngorm Mountains, possibly in Coire Domhain, South East from the Fiacail Buttress. Exactly where will depend on the snow cover. This is a car meet with departure time and location agreed by those attending. To book or register an interest, contact Izy Kirkaldy by email at meetorganiser1@cairngormclub.org.uk.

April 22 - Ben Macdhui (Sunday)

A spring visit to the Cairngorm plateau with an ascent of Ben Macdhui from Linn of Dee. With the minibus staying at the Linn Car Park there are many other options available, including lower level walks. To book, contact Derek Beverley by email at meetorganiser16@cairngormclub.org.uk

May 19 - Angel's Peak (Saturday)

Another visit to the Cairngorms this time to the west side of the Lairig Ghru and a visit to Sgorr an Lochain Uaine (the Angel's Peak). There is the possibility to bag three Munros on this meet, if the Devil's Point and Cairn Toul are also ascended. Again with the minibus staying at the Linn Car Park there are many other options available, including lower level walks. To book, contact Garry Wardrope by email at day@cairngormclub.org.uk.

June 21 - 24 Overnighter Weekend, Knoydart (Thursday - Sunday)

As described in more detail on page 3, this year's Overnighter is to be a 3 day adventure. Attendees will gather in Fort William on Thursday. The through walk will start on Friday morning from Glefinnan and proceed to Inverie in Knoydart. You can spend either 1 or 2 nights out in the wide-open spaces, wild camping, bivvying or bothying or the 2nd night could be spent in an Inverie hostel. To book, or for more information, contact Ivan Hiscox by email at ctte3@cairngormclub.org.uk

February 2018

2	Fri	Lunch & Dander	Meet at Crathes Castle Car Park at 10:30am with lunch at Milton of Crathes at 12:30. (Ruth Payne)
6	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
7	Wed	Indoor	Indoor Meet - Back to the Hills, Garry Cormack (Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
10	Sat	Day Meet	Ben Vorlich & Stuc a'Chroin (7am; 51 & 57; 633232; 7hrs; £12.50; minibus; Garry Wardrope; day@cairngormclub.org.uk)
13	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
16	Fri	Weekend	Climbers Club Hut. Riasg, Roy Bridge (Jim Bryce; weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk)
20	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
22	Thur	MWWalk	Seaton Cliffs & Auchmithie, Arbroath (9am; 54; R; Fiona Lyall)
27	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)

March

6	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
7	Wed	Indoor	Indoor Meet - Foreign Travels - Dr Ruth Payne (Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
9	Fri	Weekend	Glassie Bunkhouse near Aberfeldy (Sue Chalmers; vp@cairngormclub.org.uk)
13	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
17	Sat	Day Meet	Snowholing Overnighter - Coire Domhain (Izy Kirkaldy; meetorganiser1@cairngormclub.org.uk)
20	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
27	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
29	Thur	MWWalk	Braes and Woods of Gight (9am; 30; C; Brian Davey)
30	Fri	Weekend	Great Glen Hostel, Loch Lochy (Jim Bryce; weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk)

April

3	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
10	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
17	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
22	Sun	Day Meet	Ben Macdui (7am; 43; 062898; 8hrs; £12.50; minibus; Derek Beverley; meetorganiser16@cairngormclub.org.uk)
24	Tue	Lunch & Dander	Meet at Brimmond Hill East Car Park at 10:30am with lunch at the Brimmond Bistro at 12:30. (Ruth Payne)
24	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
26	Thur	MWWalk	Ben Tirran (9am; 44; R; Martin Duguid)

May

1	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
4	Fri	Weekend	Sail Mhor Croft, Dundonnell (Marj Ewan; ccpresident@cairngormclub.org.uk)
8	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
15	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
19	Sat	Day Meet	Angels Peak (7am; 43; 062898; 8hrs; £12.50; minibus; Garry Wardrope; day@cairngormclub.org.uk)
22	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
29	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
31	Thur	MWWalk	Ballochbuie (9am; 43; K; Ian Murray)

June

5	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
8	Fri	Weekend	SMC Ling Hut, Torridon (Mark Peel; meetorganiser38@cairngormclub.org.uk)
12	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
15	Fri	Lunch & Dander	Meet at Old Kinord Car Park at 10:30am with lunch at Loch Kinord Hotel at 12:30. (Ruth Payne)
19	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
23	Thu - Sun	Overnighter	Knoydart - Meet in Fort William on Thursday evening and return by ferry from Inverie and train to Fort William on Sun. (Ivan Hiscox; cte3@cairngormclub.org.uk)
26	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
28	Thur	MWWalk	Ailnack Gorge (9am; 36; K; Malcolm Lamont)