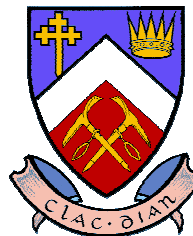


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The Newsletter of the Cairngorm Club

Cairngorm Club Journal

Articles and photographs are sought by the Editor for Issue 113. Articles reflecting Club and Members' achievements, the topography, ecology and geology of the Cairngorms, route and access issues, and the history and culture of mountain communities are particularly pertinent. Any tentative ideas can be discussed at an early stage with the Editor. Drafts should be submitted in Word format by November 2019.

The colour-photograph section in Issue 112 proved popular and will be repeated in Issue 113. Photographs which show particular achievements of Club members and the Club should be in high-resolution format, and have a caption and date. If members can be identified in the photograph, their permission should be sought before submission.

Issue 112, which was distributed to members last May, is shortly to be added to the digitised and searchable archive which is publicly available via the Club's website.

AGM 2018

For those who were not there to experience it, the 2018 AGM went with a swing, with the Treasurer's accounts accepted with a gulp or two, and a few new faces on the Committee: see the back page of this Newsletter. Such discussion as there was centred around (a) the proposed £2 addition to the Mountaineering Scotland subscription (approved by 11 votes to 10; but see MS AGM report elsewhere), and (b) the "opening" of Muir to sister clubs on a standard basis rather than the restricted one recently practised.

The occasion also marked the presentation of three new Club lapel badges, anonymously donated, to the Honorary President, Secretary and Treasurer (see photo).



Also at the AGM, Eilidh Scobbie was elected as the Club's Social Meets Secretary, and she should be contacted about queries and ideas for talks and events. Also Sue Chalmers was confirmed as Weekend Meets Secretary from her 'acting' role.

Spare Journals

The Secretary receives occasional requests for copies of old *CCJ* issues, particularly nos. 100, 105 and 111, which seem scarce. Mark Peel is currently looking for the following issues: 1, 2, 19, 20, 21, 23, 25, 26, 27, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50, 53, 55, 64, 69, 86 and 91. On the other hand, the Secretary holds spares (not always in mint condition) of some (other!) past issues, and will be glad to dispose of these to suitably good homes, perhaps for a small donation to Club funds.

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- Susan Jensen (a Cairngorm Club member) has stepped down as associate editor in charge of Area News.
- A 2017 expedition to The Spectre ("the world's most remote mountain") in Antarctica's Gothic Range used snow kites to pull pulks on the 350 km approach - horses and dogs are so old-fashioned!

Membership News

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

Lesley Bromby	Westhill	Associate Member
Stephen Campbell	Inverurie	Associate Member
Megan Lumsden	West Lothian	Associate Member

The following have had their membership status changed from Associate to Ordinary Member:

Greg McMeekin	Glasgow
Derek Green	Inverurie
Alistair Birnie	Aberdeen
Susan Miller	Achiltibuie
Dave Furneaux	Aberdeen
Viktor Musial	Czech Republic
Vicky Herbert	Glasgow
Norris Rennie	Aberdeen
Brian Purves	Aberdeen
Ian Murray	Aberdeen
Marion White	Aberdeen
Michael Tonge	Aberdeen
Albert Swinborn	Aberdeen
Tom Baird	Fraserburgh
Carlos Oldani	Aberdeen
Izy Kirkaldy	Aberdeen
Kolbjorn Akselvoll	Banchory
Peter Craig Thomson	Kemnay

Braemar Mountain Festival

The Festival this year runs from Thursday 28 Feb until Sunday 3 March 2019. Bookings are now open and there really is something for everyone, from Mountain Food, Ceilidh, talks, Winter Skills, Avalanche Awareness etc, etc. For more information go to <http://www.braemarmountainfestival.com/programme/>

SMCJ 2018 and AJ 2018

We are always glad to receive a copy of other clubs' journals, most of which are archived in the Club Library. In the *Scottish Mountaineering Club Journal 2018*:

- Munro (and lesser) Matters included: 184 more Compleatists (below 200 for the first time since 2002-03), with the two most popular summits being Ben More on Mull (19) and Beinn na Lap (10); Completion reports from 28 clubs including the Cairngorm Club (but excluding the SMC and LSCC!); and reports on Corbetts, Grahams, Marilyns (150m prominence), Tumps (100m) and Humps (30m).
- Mountain Accidents in 2017 (excluding Cairngorm, Glencoe, Lochaber and Tayside MRTs, who have withdrawn from the national body) totalled 423 (2016: 436), with breakdowns as follows; summer/winter hillwalking 73%/22% (others rock or snow/ice climbing, scrambling or MRT activity); male/female 46%/40% (others unspecified); largest 10-year age cohort 26-35 (20%); biggest two causes slip/trip (34%) and getting lost (23%); biggest injury type fracture/dislocation (50%) and location ankle (35%). The 4 excluded MRTs reported a further 206 incidents, involving 185 casualties, 12 fatalities and 8038 MRT man-hours. Amongst the 38 incidents attended to by the Cairngorm MRT are two "mislocated" mobile calls, one from Glencoe and the other from Loch Quoich (not Cuaich) near Barrisdale!
- The usual list (75 pages) of New Climbs, with a surprising number on well-explored Cairngorm crags such as the Hell's Lum and Shelter Stone Crag, and others on lesser-known ones such as on Beinn Bhrotain, Ben Avon and Creagan Coire a Cha-No.
- About 20 varied articles, including those "On Being Scared", a history of Mountain Rescue in Scotland, and on Ben Hope (by Andy Nisbet, who says that "Ben Hope is Scotland's second biggest cliff" (next to Beinn Lair)!

And the *Alpine Journal 2018* also has some interesting articles and snippets, e.g.

- "There are now tens of thousands of British climbers who don't ever go outside let alone anywhere near a mountain" (Foreword).
- In Nepal, 35% of helicopter rescues were fraudulent, costing insurers \$4m; and trekking staff have been known to spike clients' food with laxatives to prompt a rescue and a kickback - sometimes to trekkers as well as staff.

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Mid-Week Walks

Who are the Mid-Week Walkers, and how do they plan their programme? mid-week walks are routes involving 4 -5 hours walking and which can be accomplished as day outings leaving Aberdeen at 9am on the last Thursday of every month.

Each year at an open meeting the twelve routes are chosen and the individual Walk organisers identified. The programme is emailed to those Club members who have requested it, and outlined in the Newsletter.

If you would like to join the Mid-Week Walkers, ask to be added to the list to receive details of each walk from Marion White. Just email Marion 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>

2019 Overnighter

This year's overnighter will be a midsummer traverse from Linn o' Dee to Blair Atholl, with the intention of spending the night in or around the remote Feith Uaine bothy (commonly known as the Tarf Hotel). The likely route is to head west from the Linn then south at White Bridge, past the Falls of Tarf and on to the bothy. On the Sunday a traverse over the Munro Carn a' Chlamain and descent into Glen Tilt will complete the route and take us down into Blair Atholl. Many alternative routes and overnight locations are available in the area. This meet will be by minibus leaving Aberdeen on Saturday morning, cost will be £20 and timings TBA. To book, or register an interest, contact Craig Thomson by email at meetorganiser4@cairngormclub.org.uk.

Craig's One Hundred!

During 2018, Craig Thomson ascended Bennachie 100 times ("Q. Why? A. Because it's there!"), the last occasion being on Sunday 30 December, with 20 or so family and friends, including a couple of other Club members.

Munro Exhibition, Spring 2019

The Munro Society has invited the Club to contribute to an exhibition, to be held in the AK Bell Library in Perth in March-May 2019, marking the centenary of the death of Sir Hugh Munro. We have a splendid 1930s(?) tweed suit, and a pair of tricouni-ed boots (normally hanging in Muir), as well as the “usual” photographs and documents as used e.g. during the Club’s Centenary in 1987. If anyone has other suitable items – not necessarily connected with Munro, and/or perhaps illustrating some recent Club activities – please let the Secretary (see back page) know. An old balaclava, gloves, socks, shirt, etc. would go well with the suit – which needs to adorn a mannequin or similar. All items will be insured, and returned to owners afterwards.

Cairngorm Club Dinner 2018

Fifty-one members and guests attended the Dinner at the Double Tree Hilton City Hotel. Guests attending included representatives from Aberdeen Mountain Rescue Team, the Braemar Mountain Rescue Team and the Scottish Mountaineering Club. Our guest speaker was mountaineer Sandy Allan who gave his account of the first ascent of Nanga Parbat’s Mazeno Ridge by himself and Rick Allen. It was a fascinating talk and was enjoyed by everyone.

The service in the hotel was excellent and the meal was enjoyed by most of the people who attended. It was a very good evening.

Marjory Ewan, Club President

Mar Lodge Estate Plan

The National Trust for Scotland has issued a 28-page “Vision and Outline Master Plan” for the Estate, to cover “the next five years and beyond”. It focuses on more “connected” habitats in the landscape (especially woodlands, which are to expand – mainly by natural regeneration – by 2000 ha, or by over 80%), greater numbers and engagement of visitors, and better financial sustainability. Six heritage “projects” (4 built, and 2 natural) include a £4m one for Linn of Dee, with a new “ranger base and visitor hub”. Little new is said about Derry Lodge beyond the 2016 planning application. Routine muirburn is to end, deer numbers to be reduced (slightly), peatland north of the Geldie to be “restored”, and all signage “reviewed”.

Mario Di Maio

Mario Di Maio, who was made an Honorary Member of the Club in 2012, was awarded the MBE in the 2019 New Year Honours list, “for services to mountain rescue”. In a press report Mario was quoted as saying, “I know this has got my name on it, but for me it’s very much recognition for the Aberdeen Mountain Rescue Team, and mountain rescue in general.”

Bennachie “Saved”

As many will be aware, the “option” routes for a dual-carriageway A96 road past Inverurie were reduced in mid-October to four, which excluded those which would have passed worryingly close to this iconic hill. However, the “orange” route still cuts across the recently designated Special Landscape Area surrounding the hill at two places. Both intersections are relatively small in extent, but one, near Thainstone, involves a “multi-level interchange” (i.e. an over/underpass), with all that that implies in terms of total area, lights, gantry signs, etc., let alone general visibility from high viewpoints. However, the Save Bennachie campaign considers it not worthwhile to object to these intersections.

Remembrance

On Thursday the 29 November 2018, the Mid-week walk was from Kincardine o’ Neil to Aboyne. The group assembled at the War Memorial in Kincardine o’Neil where Ken Thomson read out the names of the 9 members killed during World War 1. The information came from the article by Mark Peel in the Club Journal.

After a pause for reflection Donald Thomas led an interesting walk past the Dess Falls, along part of the old Deeside railway line, then cross-country to the Tarland Way and into Aboyne by the Castle policies. The route finished at the Victory Hall in Aboyne where again there was time to remember those who lost their lives in conflict.

The adverse weather forecast for the day proved to be accurate - hence the relatively small number of attendees.



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.

Clachnaben Windfarm

To widespread horror, the planning proposal for the above has finally been lodged with the Energy Consent Unit (not Aberdeenshire Council). The proposal is for 26 turbines, each nearly 500 feet (150m) high, located about 5 km SW of the summit, immediately SW of Charr bothy. These and much of the 30 km of associated roads, tracks and service poles will of course be highly visible from the hills and from the Cairn o'Mount road. The Club has lodged a strongly worded objection.

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.

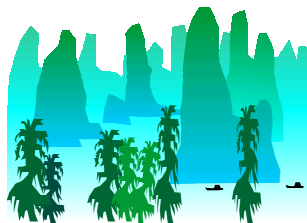
Lunch & Danders

The next Lunch and Dander will be on Tuesday 19th February, meeting at Scolty Car Park at 10:30, with lunch at the Drum Garden Centre (Mains of Drum) at 12:30. Please advise Ruth Payne by Sunday 17th February if you would like to join the lunch gathering.

Another two Lunch & Danders have been planned with the first on Friday 12th April, meeting at Stonehaven Harbour Car Park at 10:30am, with lunch at the Ship Inn, Stonehaven at 12:30pm.

The next will be on Friday 14th June, meeting at the Dunecht House gates at 10.30am, with lunch at Jaff's, Dunecht at 12.30pm

Please advise Ruth by Wednesday 10th April, and Wednesday 12th June, respectively, if you would like to join the lunch gatherings.



Muir Cottage

Muir has seen a steady stream of visitors in 2018. I would like to encourage more members to enjoy our cottage, it's well equipped, easy to reach and it's in the middle of the beautiful Cairngorms National Park. Also did you know that there are 37 Munros, 8 Corbetts and a Graham within 12 miles of Muir? The 2019 work weekend will take place from Thursday 30 May to Sunday 2 June. This follows on from the May midweek walk which is planned not far away from Muir. To book your free bed for the work weekend, 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 me know in advance. All booking information is on the web at <http://www.cairngormclub.org.uk/muircottage/muircottage.htm>, or contact David Kirk at muir-booking@cairngormclub.org.uk.

Kees Witte, Hut Custodian

Zap Those Rabbits – or Midgies?!

In late summer, a North East walker was surprised to come across notices warning of lasers nearby: apparently, they are being tested – e.g. on the Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust's Demonstration Farm of Auchnerran near Logie Coldstone, just south of the Groddie start for Morven – to discourage animals such as rabbits and rodents infesting cropland: see <http://laserfence.eu/>.

The technique can also be used against insects, with the ability to discriminate between species (e.g. bees and mosquitos), and to "hit" only the unwanted ones – such as midgies?!

Planning Items

Cairngorms National Park Planning Officers have recommended, subject to conditions, approval of (i) a new Quoich road bridge about 80m upstream of the current ruined bridge, using a new track up the west bank of the river, and then bending back to the existing track on the other side, and (ii) a bar/restaurant and 18 chalet-type units at the site of the burnt-out Spittal of Glen Shee Hotel.

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 £37 (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

Mountaineering Scotland AGM, 24 November 2018

Three Club office-bearers attended this Glenmore meeting, which included useful Discussions covering (*inter alia*) hydro tracks and windfarms, and MS membership. The AGM itself voted against the proposed £2 increase in MS subscriptions, and elected Ron Neville to the Access & Conservation Directorship. After lunch, various “workshops” were offered, e.g. on hut custodianship (increasingly complicated) and a couple of outdoor navigation sessions (one with a faulty map!).

Weekend Meets

Further to the Weekend Meets detailed on pages 8, 9 and 10, listed below are the meets organised for the rest of 2019:

12 - 13 Jul (2 nights)	Jura (camping)	Sue Chalmers
16 - 17 Aug (2 nights)	Loch Ossian YH	Joyce Ritchie
20 - 23 Sept 4 nights)	Grange Old School, Borrowdale	Rod Campbell
11 - 12 Oct (2 nights)	Forest Way Bunkhouse, Lael	Colin Brown
8 - 9 Nov (2 nights)	Blackrock Cottage, Glencoe	Joyce Ritchie
6 - 7 Dec (2 nights)	Inverardran Cottage, Crianlarich	Sue Chalmers

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>.

CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for the year 2018/19 became due on 1st October 2018.

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 2018/19 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, are 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

Winter Skills

An Instructor has been arranged to provide winter skills training to coincide with the Newtonmore weekend meet on the 9/10 February. Topics covered will depend on the wishes of the group but will likely cover such things as moving on snow and ice, ice axe arrest, winter navigation and avalanche awareness. Cost will be £40 each for 2 days of training (excluding accommodation - book separately, see page 10). This is an ideal introduction to the winter hills or for those wishing to consolidate skills.

Contact Garry Wardrope at day@cairngormclub.org.uk to book the training.

First Aid

The Club has booked Phil Glennie to deliver first aid training. For those of you that don't know Phil, he is a member of the Braemar MRT and has delivered several well received courses for the Club in the past. Training, covering the National Governing Body requirements (SML, WML, SCU, RYA etc.), of 16 hours duration will be delivered over the weekend 30/31 March 2019 at Muir. An optional evening session (2hrs) on Friday 29 June is available if the full First Aid at Work certificate is required. We have rescheduled this course as it has been difficult to find a date when enough members can attend, so please put this in your diary now if you want to get trained. The cost to Club members is £55 which includes 2 nights' accommodation at Muir (bring your own food/drink etc.).

To book or register your interest in any of the above activities, please contact : Garry Wardrope at (day@cairngormclub.org.uk). (Full contact details on the back page).

Skiing on Cairngorm

In October, the Planning Committee of the Cairngorms National Park Authority rejected (against the advice of its officers) a proposal for two dry ski areas just above the main car park on Cairngorm. A little later, it was widely reported that the Cairngorm funicular had had to be closed on safety grounds (an engineers' report expected in November has not yet emerged), and that Cairngorm Mountain Limited (CML) (the company that then ran the regular ski area, under the Natural Retreats brand) had been placed in administration. The Scottish Government body Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) has taken over the running of Cairngorm Mountain snowsports centre and funicular railway, and it is reported that over £1 million has been spent on snow making kit for this year. Local businesses are naturally concerned over the 2018/19 winter situation but are determined that skiing will be maintained even without the funicular, which was opened in 2001 at a cost of £26m, and carries about 300,000 visitors each year. The current status seems uncertain, but <https://www.facebook.com/cairngormteam/> offers up-to-date information.

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



8 - 9 Feb, Newtonmore Hostel (Fri & Sat nights)

Newtonmore Hostel is well situated for both the Monadhliath and the Cairngorms, and also offers the option of travelling further west. To book, contact Marj Ewan on 01358 761408 or email ccpresident@cairngormclub.org.uk. Winter Skills training will also be offered on this weekend. Please contact Garry Wardrope by email at day@cairngormclub.org.uk to reserve a place on this.

8 - 9 Mar, Corran Bunkhouse (Fri & Sat nights)

In March we return to a favourite destination, Corran Bunkhouse. This very comfortable bunkhouse (now with new lounge annexe) and is a great base for exploring Lochaber and the Ardnamurchan Peninsula. To book, contact Debbie Fielding by email at meetorganiser2@cairngormclub.org.uk.

5 - 6 Apr, NTS Kintail Outdoor Centre (Fri & Sat nights)

The NTS Kintail Outdoor Centre at Morvich is at the foot of the last of the Five Sisters of Kintail. It is a very comfortable base from which to climb the north and south Kintail Ridges. The Torridon hills and Skye are also easily accessible from here. To book, contact Jamie Vince by email at meetorganiser3@cairngormclub.org.uk.

3 - 5 May, Coruisk Hut (Fri, Sat & Sun nights)

Coruisk is a unique hut accessible only by boat from Elgol or on foot (approx 10 km). The southern end of the Cuillin Ridge can be accessed from the hut, as can Sgurr na Stri (which has been described as Britain's finest viewpoint), the Dubhs and Gars-bheinn. To book, contact Mark Peel by email at meetorganiser38@cairngormclub.org.uk.

7 - 8 June, Glen Affric Holiday Park, Cannich (2 nights)

Three six-berth cabins at the Glen Affric Holiday Park have been booked for the June meet. The cabins have been highly praised by club members who have booked them privately! The Glen Affric, Mullardoch and Strathfarrar hills can all be accessed from here. To book, contact Sue Chalmers by 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; organiser 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. 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 2018/19.

More details are at www.cairngormclub.org.uk/clubactivities/clubactivities.htm.

February 23 (Saturday), Mount Keen

Another Saturday minibus meet, looking to ascend Mount Keen. If conditions are favourable we will ascend from the South and traverse East along the county boundary before descending. There are also lots of lower-level options in the area. We will stop for refreshments at the Glenesk Retreat on the way home. The minibus will depart St Margaret's at 7am, cost £12.50. To book, contact Garry Wardrope by email at day@cairngormclub.org.uk.

March 23/24 Snow Hole - Winter Overnighter

On this regular winter meet we plan to overnight somewhere high in the Cairngorm Mountains, though will depend on the snow. This is a car meet with departure time and location agreed by those attending. To register an interest, or book, contact Izy Kirkaldy by email at ctte10@cairngormclub.org.uk

April 21, Burn o'Vat to Ballater

This meet to Deeside is a chance to see the Burn o'Vat and ascend the Corbett Morven all on the same through-route to Ballater. A low-level option could be a drop off at any point on the A93, to pick up the Deeside Way, and walk to Ballater. The minibus will leave St Margaret's at 7am. To book, contact Derek Beverley by email at meetorganiser16@cairngormclub.org.uk.

May 19, Glen Feshie to Coylumbridge

This minibus meet will give the opportunity to traverse over Sgor Gaoith and its subsidiary tops to descend to Coylumbridge, via Glen Einich, and perhaps a visit to the Cairngorm Club Footbridge in Rothermurchus Forest. To book, contact Garry Wardrope by email at day@cairngormclub.org.uk.

June 22/23 Overnighter, Linn o'Dee to Blair Atholl (Sat night)

This year's overnigher will be a midsummer traverse from Linn o' Dee to Blair Atholl, with the intention of spending the night in or around the remote Feith Uaine bothy (commonly known as the Tarf Hotel). More information re route on page 3. The minibus will leave Aberdeen on Saturday morning and will be returning on Sunday afternoon/evening (more details on page 3). To book, contact Craig Thomson by email at meetorganiser4@cairngormclub.org.uk.

January 2019			
25	Fri	Weekend	Muir Cottage, Burns Supper Weekend (Marj Ewan; ccpresident@cairngormclub.org.uk)
29	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
31	Thur	MWW	Hazlehead to Countesswells (9am; 38; Hazlehead; Brian Davey)
February			
5	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
6	Wed	Indoor	Graham Wyllie - From the Cairngorms to the Matterhorn (Eilidh Scobbie; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
8	Fri	Weekend	Newtonmore Hostel (Marj Ewan; ccpresident@cairngormclub.org.uk)
12	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
19	Tue	Lunch & Dander	Meet at Scolty Car Park at 10:30am with lunch at the Drum Garden Centre (Mains of Drum) at 12:30. (Ruth Payne)
19	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
23	Sat	Day Meet	Mount Keen (7am; 44; 447803; 6hrs; £12.50; minib; Garry Wardrope; day@cairngormclub.org.uk)
26	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
28	Thur	MWW	Sands of Forvie (9am; 38; P; Norris Rennie)
March			
5	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
6	Wed	Indoor	Anke Addy – The Living Cairngorms (Eilidh Scobbie; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
8	Fri	Weekend	Corran Bunkhouse (Debbie Fielding; meetorganiser2@cairngormclub.org.uk)
12	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
19	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
23	Sat	Day Meet	Snowholing in the Cairngorms (Izy Kirkaldy; cte10@cairngormclub.org.uk)
26	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
28	Thur	MWW	Benaquhallie (9am; 37; K; Lydia Thomson)
29	Fri	Training	First Aid Course - Muir Cottage (Garry Wardrope; day@cairngormclub.org.uk)
April			
2	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
5	Fri	Weekend	NTS Kintail Outdoor Centre (Jamie Vince; meetorganiser3@cairngormclub.org.uk)
9	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
12	Fri	Lunch & Dander	Meet at Stonehaven Harbour Car Park at 10:30am with lunch at the Ship Inn, Stonehaven at 12:30. (Ruth Payne)
16	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
21	Sun	Day Meet	Burn o' Vat to Ballater (7am; 37; 430997 - 369959; 7hrs; £12.50; minib; Derek Beverley; meetorganiser16@cairngormclub.org.uk)
23	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
25	Thur	MWW	Tap o'Noth (9am; 37; C; Donald Thomas;)
30	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
May			
3	Fri	Weekend	Coruisk Hut, Isle of Skye (Mark Peel; meetorganiser38@cairngormclub.org.uk)
7	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
14	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
19	Sun	Day Meet	Glen Feshie to Colyumbridge (7am; 36; 852976 - 956097; 7hrs; £12.50; minib; Garry Wardrope; weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk)
21	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
28	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
30	Thur	MWW	Braemar/Corriemulzie (9am; 43; K; Richard Shirreffs)
June			
4	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
7	Fri	Weekend	Glen Affric Holiday Park, Cannich (Sue Chalmers; weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk)
11	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
14	Fri	Lunch & Dander	Meet at Dunecht House gates at 10:30am with lunch at Jaff's, Dunecht at 12:30. (Ruth Payne)
18	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)