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The Newsletter of the Cairngorm Club

Dave Kirk, Outgoing Muir Booking Secretary

It is with a bit of sadness, but a great deal of pride in the fantastic facility we have in the shape of Muir (and the small part I've played regarding it). that I now hand the job of Muir Booking Secretary to Jamie Vince.

When Eilidh Scobbie asked if I would take on the job of Booking Secretary, 13 years past August, I was a little apprehensive. I'd only just managed to pass on the job of Clerk of the Munroist List for the SMC, I was starting up a new Cub pack, and my own kids still demanded a lot of attention. On the other hand, I did use Muir several times a year, and it only seemed fair to put something back. So I said yes, and have really enjoyed the experience.

I've enjoyed communicating regularly with the booking contacts from other clubs and groups, and with members from our own Club. It's very obvious that within the Scottish, even British, mountain community, Muir, and its location, is something special. Being able to help groups of all types - clubs, families, schools - get their trips there has been fantastic.

The years rolled by and each change brought in by the committee made my job easier: the key safe (no more trips to the post office); the initial deposits (much less need to chase payments); and digital bank transfers (far fewer trips to the bank, especially as the one I used has now closed!). My lads outgrew the Cub pack and I moved on from that, getting involved in Duke of Edinburgh for some years. The Muir job outlasted them all.

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At the committee meeting in 2019, you may have had an idea that I was reaching the point when I wanted to bow out while still enjoying it. I hoped I could outlast Covid, to get all the cancelled bookings re-homed in future slots. I haven't quite got to that stage, but I'm sure my successor Jamie will get it all sorted out.

I've many people to say thank you to....

- To Eilidh, for thinking that I might be able to take on the role, and agreeing that the role didn't require me to attend committee meetings (I'm a rubbish committee person!)
- For Joyce and Alex, my predecessors, as first and second booking secretaries, for all their work and bringing the system into a computer/email-based format.
- To Jamie for taking on the role (I love the place too much to give up the job without a willing successor).
- To the legendary Robbie and all the Muir Custodians before him who both looked after it and took the bookings back then!
- To Richard, the first Muir Custodian I worked for.
- To everyone I've been in touch with and who's stayed and appreciated the place.
- And finally to my brilliant hard-working boss of many years now - Kees.

Cheers, here's to the old place!

Dave Kirk

On behalf of the Club, I'd like to say thank you very much to Dave for the great job he has done looking after the Muir bookings over the last 13 years. Just to show what a job he did, I looked back at the confirmed bookings over a number of years, and the average was about 63 per year. Each booking usually takes several emails and phone calls, and then there are the enquiries that lead nowhere. As they say, do the math – I work it out at least one call/email per day!

Kees Witte

Training

With the current restrictions we are unable to offer any training at the moment; both winter skills and navigation training have been impacted. However, if regulations allow, we do hope to be able to organise some navigation training later in the year.

Mountaineering Scotland AGM 21 November 2020

Another rather uneventful event by Zoom, chaired by Brian Shackleton of the SMC, and an Aberdeen lass (Hazel Meehan, of Aberdeen Mountaineering Club) elected to the board as MS Board Director of Finance & Treasurer. Formal minutes are not yet available, but a fairly detailed account is at www.mountaineering.scot/news/online-agm.

The Value of Mountains?

Economists in the Club may be interested in the following points from a recent report by the Office of National Statistics (see www.ons.gov.uk/economy/environmentalaccounts/bulletins/uknaturalcapital/mountainsmoorlandandheathaccounts)

- Scotland accounts for about 80% of UK MMH, with about 29 million (M) km² of MMH, out of the national Scottish total of 79 M km².
- SSSIs account for about 22% of total Scottish MMH, a much lower share than in England and Wales, though more in terms of area. Of these SSSIs, the shares of all types in “favourable condition” have risen (to 67% for Upland Bog) since 2007.
- Visitors to the Cairngorms “would need to travel, on average, 7,197 metres on paths to find a bus stop, suggesting that this National Park is the least accessible” of all UK Parks.
- Over 92% of total participants in “game shooting” do so in England.
- “Maintenance and restoration” of MMH in Scotland is valued at about £185 million per year, within a UK total of about £300 million per year.
- The “asset [i.e. capital] value” of UK MMH ecosystem services – carbon (C) sequestration, recreation, and air pollution removal – over 100 years is estimated at about £20 billion. The C figure of £10.6 billion uses a value of £60 per tCO₂e for 2010, rising to over £300 per tCO₂e for years around 2100, and is based mostly on grassland (rather than peat, which stores rather than captures C), but does not include C sequestration by upland forests or by wetlands (which emit C).
- Within the above figure, the recreational figure of £9.2 billion (whose annual value at 2017 prices has fallen somewhat in recent years) is based on travel-cost estimates for day trips (i.e. not all domestic tourism), and (presumably) does not take changing future recreational habits into account.

Gairnshiel Bridge

Aberdeenshire Council has approved “the erection of a new crossing and road bypass to the east of the current bridge,” which was built around 1750 as part of the Hanoverian military road network.

Weekend Meets Update

Sadly, no weekend meets have taken place since April 2020. The major obstacles continue to be the closure of club huts and bunkhouses, and the Tier restrictions which prevent travel across Scotland.

The first three weekend meets of 2021 may be possible, since all are scheduled for Covid-safe venues offering individual bedrooms and bathrooms. However, we shall have to wait and see if travel into Highland region is allowed when the dates come around.

We hope that restrictions will be eased again by the summer when, even if club huts etc remain closed, some camping meets could be arranged.

The 2021 Weekend Meet programme is available on the Club website and members are welcome to register their interest in currently planned meets. We can only hope!

Sue Chalmers, Weekend Meets Secretary

Clachnaben Footpath Update

The planned footpath work was finished last winter (19/20), fully utilising a grant from the Lottery, and donations by NEMT and Ramblers Scotland. The path has been well-used during 2020, including by Club members, with considerable pressure on car parking. Donald Thomas has been on the path a few times during the year and feels that the recent work was carried out to a high standard. On one visit, he, along with another volunteer from the JMT local group, cleaned out some of the drains.

There is more work that could be done by volunteers once Covid restrictions are relaxed and other work will require a paid contractor to tackle the more technical issues.

NTS Cards

As a member of the National Trust for Scotland, the Club holds 15 NTS cards which allow free access and parking to NTS properties (and NT ones in England and Wales) for Club members and their guests. To borrow for a week or two, please contact the Secretary (see back page).

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 £39 (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.

MWW Update

In December we managed a near-normal walk following the fisherman's path from the Bridge of Dee to Cults, then returning by the Deeside Railway line. Unfortunately due to the current lockdown the January walk from Persley Bridge to Brig of Balgownie has been cancelled. Hopefully we will be able to return to the programme at some point in the not too distant future.

'Virtual' Indoor Meets - Spring 2021

With the whole UK once again in lockdown, at least for the month of January, only the 'virtual' Club events survive of the events planned for members, with the resumption of Day and Weekend Meets, Mid-Week Walks and climbing expeditions having to wait for better times.

Club members continue to be generous in sharing their enthusiasms - and photos - at the fortnightly Virtual Indoor Meets on Wednesday evenings, which are now organised until the end of April. I am planning to continue to run these on a fortnightly basis until June, and expect to start again in the autumn. Any offers will be considered and usually gratefully received, though preferably with a connection to the hills!

On the Wednesdays in between, the Club virtual coffee mornings are open to drop into any time between 10.30am and 12 noon, and are attended by an enthusiastic group of pensioners. Topics discussed are wide-ranging, and always stimulating. These will continue until at least the end of April, and these are detailed on pages 8 & 9.

I am now wondering if there would be any enthusiasm for a Club Pub Quiz on Saturday or Sunday nights during acute lockdown. If you would be interested in participating in these, please email me at social@cairnngormclub.org.uk.

Eilidh Scobbie, Social Meets Secretary

OATS

The 2019/2020 Annual Report of the Outdoor Access Trust for Scotland was issued in October/November. It reports a "challenging" year, erosion- and funding-wise, but with much work done on Skye (e.g. at the Fairy Pools, a huge crane used for a 140-place car park and 200K hd(bm?)/yr toilets, at a cost of £¾ million) and on Ben More at Crianlarich. More locally, work on Lochnagar was done on the Glas Allt path and bridge, and on the way up to the Foxes' Well. The 5-year £5.6m TMTP project has ended, with around 40% of the work carried out at 23 sites in the Cairngorms National Park, e.g., Jock's Road, a Loch Brandy path, and the Lairig an Laoigh.

Separately, the John Muir Trust has worked during 2020 on paths on Schiehallion, Blaven, Ben Nevis and Quinag.

Club Member Achievements

On the Club website there is a page that lists Club member achievements - <http://www.cairngormclub.org.uk/miscellaneous/achievements/achievements.htm>. If you have completed your Munros, Corbetts etc, your name, and a picture if you have one, can be added to the list. Please forward any relevant information to newsletter@cairngormclub.org.uk.

Climbing Update

In November at the Club AGM Rod Campbell stood down from his long-held role (circa 5 years) as Climbing Secretary - thank you Rod for your contribution to the club.

This doesn't mean that he will sit idle as he continued to arrange daytime meets at local crags whilst others attended evening TX sessions. He has burdened himself with the task of organising a range of climber trips for 2021: Dolomites, Alacante and Latheronwheel.

Another trip is being planned by Mark Lord who has already managed to secure a sought after booking for the Don Whillans Memorial Hut at The Roaches - on a long weekend!

As the newly appointed climbing secretary, I held a climbers' meeting where the calendar of climbing events was confirmed by the dozen or so attendees. New for this year, on top of the trips mentioned above, is the introduction of weekend day meets at crags which are too remote for evening sessions (though the keen would disagree with me on some - Eagle Ridge after work anyone?). To top it off, a one or two day partially subsidised training day/weekend will be arranged where an MIC will teach self-rescue techniques.

Covid restrictions have limited the amount of climbing events run by the Club though informal meets have seen some members winter climbing and making use of rare glimpses of sun at the sea cliffs. Recently a few new interim members have joined the club with interest in attending the climbing meets once Covid restrictions are eased.

Stuart Message, Climbing Secretary.

Payments to the Club - New Bank Account

The Club bank details have changed and now are: Sort Code 83-15-31; A/C 19165508; Name "Cairngorm Club".

So that the payment can be allocated to the right place, please use what the payment is for as the reference e.g., "Traverse" or "Membership". There is no need to include your name.

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

Club Journal no. 114

Jean Robinson would welcome any further submissions for the above, by November at the latest. Please get in touch with her (see back page) if you are keen to see yourself in print!

Membership News

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

Hazel Witte Ordinary Member since 1998 & Journal Editor 1990-99

The following have been promoted to Ordinary members since the last newsletter:

Stuart Dick, Mike Duguid & Jamie Vince

Bothy News

Some news from the 2020 MBA Newsletter:

- The Red House (Ruigh Ealasaid) at White Bridge has seen work begun on the toilet block; more substantial repair to the main building awaits a bat survey
- Ryvoan was vandalised by some external wall-paint, but was cleaned up by a concerned local, and the MBA has done some other sprucing-up
- Corroul has had its toilet waste removed after a summer-time delay, despite some minor (but potentially expensive) vandalism
- Culra at Loch Pattock under Ben Alder has received the go-ahead for a replacement sans asbestos.

Scottish Mountaineering Club Journal 2020

In exchange for our own journal, the Club has received a copy of the above. Along with the usual "New Routes" section, book reviews and obituaries, many of the articles in this issue deal with Scottish adventures and topics, including a first(?) winter ascent of a ridge up the SE corner of Devil's Point by Iain Young, and reflections on Scotland's 40-year-old National Scenic Areas by Bob Reid.

Mountain accident statistics and brief reports make a welcome return, and the "Munro Matters 2019" section carries a photograph (taken by Anne Pinches) of Sheila Murray wearing her Munro Compleatist badge on her 99th birthday. We also received a copy of the *Alpine Journal 2020*, which will go into the Club Library.

Guiding on Everest

Alec Macmillan picked up this article via the Alpine Club of Canada: <https://www.adventure-journal.com/2020/10/lawsuit-by-tech-ceo-over-failed-everest-bid-could-be-big-problem-for-guides/> - the URL speaks for itself!

Spare Cairngorm Club Journals

The following issues of past CCJs are available to good homes: 3 (1894), 4, 5, 7-15, 17 (1901), 24, 25, 28, 29, 31 (1908), 37, 39, 41, 45, 47, 51, 54, 56 (1921), 60-62, 65-68, 70-74 (1933), 76-78, 81-85 (1946-47), 87-110, 112 (2018). Some earlier issues are in poor condition, but all are readable. If interested, please contact the Secretary (see back page).

Munroist List Clerk

To register a completion of a round of the Munros, of the Tops, Furths, Corbetts, Grahams or Donalds, members should contact Alison Coull who is the "Clerk of the List" for the SMC.

Please contact her at -
munroclerk@smc.org.uk

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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.

Club Communications - Google Group

The Club, from Dec 2020, now uses Google Groups instead of the former Yahoo! Group to distribute official communications from the Club and for general communications by members. All members of the list can post to all other members. Typical member use of the list is to organize ad-hoc meets and social meetings, selling/buying gear etc.

You can subscribe/unsubscribe to/from the lists simply by emailing the list owner at comms@cairnngormclub.org.uk, from the email account you wish to use, to subscribe, or the one that is registered, to unsubscribe.

Once subscribed members can post messages by emailing cairnngorm-club@googlegroups.com.

Also contact comms@cairnngormclub.org.uk if you have any questions about the list.

Note the list owner cannot change the email address under which you have subscribed, only delete it and add the new one.

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/cairnngormclub/index.php>.



Lunch & Danders

Unfortunately at the time of printing there are no new Lunch and Danders planned.

Once regulations allow and if before the next Newsletter in June, Ruth will contact regular participants directly.

Club AGM and Dinner 2020

Facilitated by Eilidh Scobbie on Zoom, the 2020 AGM was a fairly bloodless affair, as can be seen from the draft minutes posted on the Forum, and from the various changes and non-changes of names on the back page of this Newsletter. Marj Ewan and Derek Pinches emitted their swansongs as office-bearers. The Club's finances as well as its activities for 2019-20 were of course affected by Covid-19, but also by the production of the recent *Journal* and by the main payment for the Clachnaben path repairs.

The Virtual Dinner allowed Eilidh even more scope for her imagination and Zoomcraft, as she deftly switched us from the entry screen to the highly photogenic talk by Peter Cairns and then to small-group "tables" for chat, and finally the speeches, with Garry as the incoming President in full highland fig as well as voice.

Covid-19 and the Club

The Club now has a formal Covid-19 Officer (the Secretary, with a competence certificate to prove it!), and the Committee has approved some procedures, forms, etc. which are now available as links from the homepage of the Club's website. At time of writing, club-organised outdoor meets are not possible. As and when restrictions are relaxed, these will be resumed – probably with rules as to maximum numbers, observing social distancing, and keeping participant records.

Future Meets

Further to the Day and Weekend Meets detailed on pages 8, 9 & 10, listed below are the meets organised for the rest of 2021:

Weekend Meets -

9 - 10 July (2 nights) CIC Hut, Ben Nevis

13 - 14 August (2 nights) Riasg, Climbers Club Hut, Roy Bridge

24 - 26 September (3 nights) Inverie Bunkhouse, Knoydart

15 - 16 October (2 nights) Glen Brittle Memorial Hut, Skye

12 - 13 November (2 nights) TBC

3 - 4 December (2 nights) Raeburn Hut, Laggan

Day Meets (dates only meantime) -

Saturday 24 July (Car)

Saturday 21 August (Car)

Sunday 5 September (Coach)

Saturday 9 October (Minibus)

Sunday 7 November (Minibus)

Sunday 19 December (Minibus)

Day Meets

Although we managed to fit in a few day meets late last year, we are again in a place where we are unable to hold such meets, with our traditional Lochnagar meet the first casualty of the latest lockdown.

With the rapidly changing situation it is impossible to publish a programme at the moment, but dates have been reserved for them (see page 5) and are in the Calendar. When able to restart, meet locations will be organised. Please ensure you are subscribed to the Club email list (see page 12), and the Club Forum (also page 12) to receive details of these.

Bothies Out of Use!

Peter Aikman would like to remind everyone NOT to use MBA bothies during the current restrictions. Even short-term use by singles and pairs is probably against the current rules, being “indoors”, and certainly sharing with others overnight is definitely illegal, as well as simply being Covid-unsafe!

Sadly, there are the selfish few who are still using them. Some are locked, i.e., Gelder and Glas Allt Shiel, due to use and misuse. Several others are also locked, both MBA and non MBA, but this has been done by the Estates and not the MBA. The MBA policy is to keep them unlocked for emergency use (which has happened), and there have been cases of locked bothies being broken into therefore causing damage and the need to repair the same. There are no accurate numbers for bothy use but the MBA know that they are still being used.

CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for the year 2020/21 became due on 1st October 2020.

For those paying by Direct Debit this was collected automatically on 1st October. Others should send their subscriptions to Donald Thomas the Club Treasurer.

Cairngorm Club Subscription rates for 2020/21 are as follows:

	Club	MS	Total
Full Rate	£13.00	£17.55	£30.55
Reduced Rate	£6.50	£17.55	£24.05

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.

34 Wintry Munros

On the 2nd November I started a Munro mini challenge. The aim was to do 34 Munros by the 31st January in memory of a good friend Owain Bristow who was sadly swept off a sea cliff in August 2020. Although Owain was not a member of the club he contributed a lot to walking and climbing within Aberdeen. He had a great passion and joy for sharing his love of the outdoors with others, leading walks most weekends up his latest Corbett with Aberdeen Young Walkers. He had also set up his own group introducing beginners to both indoor and outdoor climbing which reached over 700 members.

Having completed his Munros in 2017 this seemed a fitting way to both celebrate Owain's 34 years well lived and raise some money for the RNLI and Scottish Mountain Rescue. Donations to the RNLI will go towards Owain's name being placed on the hull of one of their new, state-of-the-art, Shannon class lifeboats.

I reached a total of 21 Munros before Christmas. The remaining 13 I hope to do within a month, once lockdown lifts. I am keeping it to new (to me) Munros so I can't cheat and just go up the nearest one every weekend! If anyone is interested in sponsoring me, donations can be made by going to the links below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/34munrosforowain>

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnli-owain>

The 21 so far have been:

Grey Corries (Sgurr Choinnich Mor, Stob Choire Claurigh, Stob Coire an Laoigh)

North End of Loch Trieg (Stob Coire Sgriodain, Chno Dearg)

South of Loch Laggan (Beinn a' Chlachair, Geal Charn, Creag Pitridh)

Ring of Steall (An Gearanach, Stob Coire a' Chairn, Am Bodach, Sgurr a' Mhaim)

Glen Lyon (Carn Gorm, Meall Garbh, Carn Mairg, Meall nan Aighean)

Drumochter (Carn na Caim, A' Bhuidheanach Bheag)

Glenshee (Carn Aosda, Carn a' Gheoidh, The Cairnwell)

Some have been a bit more wintry than others. Deep powder snow made for a long 10-hour wade on the Drumochter hills, and there was rather a lot of very painful hail in the eyes at Glenshee! The Ring of Steall was a rare gem however as a sudden spike in temperature, in the first week of November, gave a bluebird day with partial cloud inversions and no wind. It felt almost warm enough to sunbathe; I should have put a bikini in with the crampons!

(To be continued in June newsletter.)

Izy Kirkaldy

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



Also note that the meets detailed below will only take place if the Covid regulations in place at the time allow.

Please continue to book for meets to avoid disappointment.

February 5 & 6, Fraoch, Boat of Garten (2 nights)

This is a new location for the Club and one which should be feasible under Covid restrictions. Accommodation is in single-occupancy rooms and the price (£60) includes light breakfast and Sat evening meal. Boat of Garten is within easy reach of Glenmore and the Northern Corries. To book, please contact Sue Chalmers on email at weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk.

March 12 & 13, Corran Bunkhouse (2 nights)

Corran has long been a favourite destination for the Club. The hills of Lochaber, Glencoe, Glen Etive and Ardnamurchan are all within easy reach, and the bunkhouse has gone to great lengths to ensure that guests can stay in a Covid-19 secure environment (full details on the forum). Single-occupancy, ensuite rooms are available to Club members at a cost of £50 for the weekend. To book, please contact Sue Chalmers on email at weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk.

April 9 & 10, Smiddy (JMCS), Dundonnell (2 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 Sue Chalmers on email at weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk.

April 30 & May 1, Sanachan Bunkhouse, Kishorn (2 nights)

A new location for a Club Weekend meet, Sanachan Bunkhouse in Kishorn is the perfect base for walking, climbing, kayaking and cycling. Just a few minutes will get you into all the fantastic mountains, crags, lochs and beaches Wester Ross has to offer. To book, contact Sue Chalmers on email at weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk.

June 11 & 12, CIC Hut, Ben Nevis (2 nights)

A chance to wake up under the north face of Ben Nevis and be on a climb, scramble or walk in the heart of the Britain's highest mountain early enough to complete big routes or walks. To book, contact Sue Chalmers 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; organiser contact details)

Weekend Meets (organiser; telephone number; email contact)

Climbing (Summer) (low or high water, organiser; contact details)

Muir Cottage

The cottage is currently closed. When we are allowed to open again it will be, initially, for members only as we did from July till early December 20. We are hoping that the situation will improve soon.

If regulations allow, this year's Work Weekend will be on 27 - 30 May. If going ahead, information will be issued by the Club Google Group (see page 12).

Kees Witte, Hut Custodian

Past Times

A look at some old Club newsletters revealed some from the early 1940s, when several were reduced to both sides of a sub-A4 sheet, folded three times and tucked into itself to form a 7*13cm postal item requiring a 1d (0.4p) stamp, over-marked with "Grow More Food: Dig For Victory". Club excursions were arranged "as circumstances permit", with transport by "emergency service" bus or train, or (to Clochnaben from the Bridge of Dee) by cycle "owing to the present difficulty of securing seats in the South Deeside Bus".

Pins & Brooches

Recent excavations (above ground) have unearthed several dozen Club Centennial pins and brooches. We also have half a dozen of the older circular bronze Club badges, along with the hefty cylindrical die (height 6cm, diameter 5cm) used to produce these (see photos).

Anyone who would like one (or more) of any of these fashionable accoutrements can apply to the Secretary (see back page).



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3	Wed	Indoor	By Zoom - Steve Kentish: "Trans Pyrenees in winter" (Eilidh Scobbie; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
14	Sun	Climbing	Provisional - Coire an t-Sneachda/Lochnagar/ Creagan Cha-no. (Stuart Message; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
17	Wed	Indoor	By Zoom - "Reminiscing about the Cairngorm Club with Gill Shirreffs and others" (Eilidh Scobbie; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
21	Sun	Day	Location TBC (Garry Wardrope; ccpresident@cairngormclub.org.uk)
25	Thur	MWW	A coastal walk taking in Old Portlethen Harbour and Newtonhill (Judy Middleton)

March

3	Wed	Indoor	By Zoom—Jonathan Kitching: "Across Scotland – Strange Sort of Celebration" Canoeing and cycling across Scotland.(Eilidh Scobbie; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
6	Sat	Climbing	Provisional - Coire an t-Sneachda/Lochnagar/ Creagan Cha-no. (Stuart Message; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
12	Fri	Weekend	Corran Bunkhouse, Onich (Sue Chalmers: weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk)
17	Wed	Indoor	By Zoom - Mike Duguid presents on the Cairngorm Club's Snowhole trips. (Eilidh Scobbie; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
25	Thur	MWW	Tom's Cairn and Slewdrum Forest (Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
27	Sat	Day	Location TBC (Garry Wardrope; ccpresident@cairngormclub.org.uk)
30	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing Season Begins - Hidden Inlet, Aberdeen South (High Tide 3.30pm; Stuart Message; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
31	Wed	Indoor	By Zoom - Susan Jensen: "The Silk Road revisited – Kashgar" (Eilidh Scobbie; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)

Printed below is the usual, 'full' Calendar, in the hope that the Covid-19 vaccine rollout has by then progressed to a stage where we can begin to restart 'normal' Club activities. Should this not be the case please refer to the Club Website and Google Group messages for up-to-date information.

April

6	Tue	Climbing	Meikle Partans, North Aberdeen (Low Tide 3.30pm; Stuart Message; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
9	Fri	Weekend	JMCS Smiddy Hut, Dundonnell. (Sue Chalmers: weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk)
13	Tue	Climbing	Souter Head, South Aberdeen (High Tide 3pm; Stuart Message; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
14	Wed	Indoor	By Zoom - Colin Brown: "Munro completion in Covid year." (Eilidh Scobbie; 01339 885546; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
18	Sun	Day	Location TBC (Garry Wardrope; ccpresident@cairngormclub.org.uk)
20	Tue	Climbing	Vat Burn (Stuart Message; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
25	Sun	Climbing	Moy Rock, Dingwall (Stuart Message; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
27	Tue	Climbing	Location TBC (High Tide 2.30pm Stuart Message; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
28	Wed	Indoor	By Zoom - Peter Aikman "Building the Soy Lady" (Eilidh Scobbie; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
29	Thur	MWW	Aboyne Circular (Richard Shirreffs)
30	Fri	Weekend	Sanachan Bunkhouse, Kishorn (Sue Chalmers: weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk)

May

4	Tue	Climbing	Long Slough, South Aberdeen (Low Tide 2.30pm; Stuart Message; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
11	Tue	Climbing	Pass of Ballater (Stuart Message; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
16	Sun	Day	Location TBC (Garry Wardrope; ccpresident@cairngormclub.org.uk)
18	Tue	Climbing	Longhaven Quarry, North Aberdeen (High Tide 7pm; Stuart Message; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
25	Tue	Climbing	Clashrodne Pink Slab, South Aberdeen (Low Tide 7.30pm; Stuart Message; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
27	Thur	MWW	Carn Liath and Sgt Davis's Grave (Mike Forsyth)
29	Sat	Climbing	Glen Clova - Red Craigs (Stuart Message; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)

June

1	Tue	Climbing	Location TBC (High Tide 7.30pm; Stuart Message; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
8	Tue	Climbing	Clashrodne North/Sickle Row, South Aberdeen (Low Tide 7pm; Stuart Message; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
11	Fri	Weekend	CIC Hut, Ben Nevis (Sue Chalmers: weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk)
15	Tue	Climbing	Boltsheugh, South Aberdeen (High Tide 6pm; Stuart Message; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
19	Sat	Day	Overnighter - Location TBC (Garry Wardrope; ccpresident@cairngormclub.org.uk)
22	Tue	Climbing	The Graip, North Aneerdeen (Low Tide 6pm; Stuart Message; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
24	Thur	MWW	Geallaig Hill (Fiona Walmsley & Eilidh Scobbie; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)