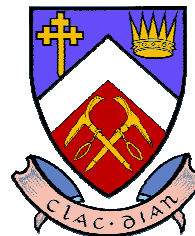


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Editor Colin Brown

## Clac Dian

The Newsletter of the Cairngorm Club

### Sheila Murray

It is a little over two years since Sheila Murray died. She joined the Cairngorm Club in 1953 and was the Club's first Lady President from 1970 to 1973 and the author of the Club history which helped to mark the centenary of the Club in 1987.

Only five people were at Sheila's funeral due to the restrictions at the time. An informal get-together is now being arranged for those who wish to gather to remember Sheila. It is open to all, not just Club members.

It will be held at 2 pm on Saturday 18 June in one of Sheila's favourite haunts, the Loch Kinord Hotel, Dinnet.

There will be a welcome drink on arrival, followed by a short talk remembering Sheila. Coffee/tea and scones will follow.

Please let Anne Pinches know by Wednesday 15 June if you would like to attend.

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“[A] walk is midway between doing something and doing nothing, a marginal activity that combines contemplation and stimulation ...”.  
Anyone know the source?

## Climbing Update

The 2022 outdoor climbing sessions began with the change to BST. Some poor weather early on made for a slow start to the season. The return of dry weather (though chucking it down at time of writing) saw the climbers appear out of the cracks for various coastal crag meets.

Tuesday evening sessions (afternoon for those with more time on their hands) have seen reasonable attendance, typically 6 members per outing from a pool of a dozen regulars.

The first of the weekend day meets saw some rare faces at Kirriehill. 'Wet air' (known to most as rain) was beaten off by the sun. Some ledges were grubby but should improve with summer traffic. Nettles sprouting quickly.

Ad-hoc indoor sessions at TX continue. Pre-booking is still required but the capacity has been increased. A number of new routes of all grades has been added over the last couple of months.

Future meets are presented in the Club Meets Calendar, all welcome to join in.

Stuart Message (Climbing Secretary)

## Club Barbecue

This summer, the Club BBQ will be held at the RNUC, 9 Albyn Place, Aberdeen AB10 1YE on the evening of Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Members and guests are invited to arrive from 6.00pm for a 6.30 start. Weather permitting, and covid regulations not returning, we will be able to mingle and queue for food cooked for us by the chef on the patio, but if it is too cold or too wet for even the hardy members of the Cairngorm Club to enjoy being *al fresco*, we will be able to resort to the aptly named "Garden Room".

There will be a range of meat and vegetarian options coming hot off the BBQ, baked potatoes and a range of interesting salads, followed by an ice cream sundae. The cost is £25 per person, to be paid into the Club's bank account (your "name + BBQ" please, on the transfer instructions), or by cheque payable to the Cairngorm Club, sent to me. Please confirm to me by email no later than 10<sup>th</sup> June, your intention to attend and how many guests you will be bringing.

Drinks are to be ordered and paid for on the night.

Fingers crossed for a warm dry evening!

To book, or for more information, email [social@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:social@cairngormclub.org.uk)

Eilidh Scobbie (Social Secretary)

- A footpath has been created between the Old Bridge of Dee at Invercauld and the old Council depot below the Lion's Face, with improvements to the short section to the Bridge from the Keiloch road junction. This off-roading completes the Braemar – Invercauld – Linn of Quoich – Mar Lodge – Victoria Bridge "circuit" (except for crossing the A93 at the Keiloch junction).

## 100 Years Ago

The *Cairngorm Club Journal* for July 1922 (Vol. X, no. 59) contains articles on:

- "Lochnagar in Mid-December" (when apples in Ballater cost a shilling a pound, and bananas threepence each), the well below the Ladder was disfigured by sandwich and chocolate papers left behind by summer climbers, and a golden eagle disturbed numerous coveys of ptarmigan
- "Midwinter in the Lairig Ghru: a Strenuous Crossing", on 1 January 1922, in knee-deep – sometimes waist-deep – snow, taking over 11 hours from Aviemore to Luibeg Cottage at Derry Lodge, the last two miles taking two hours in the dark.
- An obituary of Viscount Bryce, the Club's first Honorary President (he was an Original Member, and had been MP for South Aberdeen); he had ascended Mount Ararat (alone), and has a peak in the Canadian Rockies named after him
- A note on the recently elected Pope, Pius XI (previously Cardinal Achille Ratti), who was a noted mountaineer, having made the first ascent of Monte Rosa from the Italian side, followed two days later by an ascent of the Matterhorn.

## Mountain Rescue in Scotland 2021

Statistics recently published by Scottish Mountain Rescue for 25 of the 28 civilian Mountain Rescue Teams (MRTs, including Braemar but excluding Cairngorms MRT) and the 3 Police Scotland MRTs, record 2021 as the busiest on record. There were:

- 660 independent "incidents", of which 52% related to mountaineering (much of the 2021 increase occurred in lowland areas such as Fife)
- 715 people assisted, with 19 fatalities, 7 during mountaineering incidents
- Of the 345 mountaineering incidents,
  - \* 72% involved summer hillwalking, 24% winter hillwalking, 3% scrambling and 1% rock (or snow/ice) climbing
  - \* 34% involving a slip or trip, 29% being "lost" or navigation error, 13% mental health, 9% a fall, and 8% a medical problem
- the Braemar MRT spent 1,836 hours on 38 incidents, Aberdeen MRT 837 hours on 19 incidents, and Police Scotland Grampian 1208 hours on 51 incidents

## Mar Lodge Estate Operational Management Plan 2022 – 2027

NTS issued a 48-page “Consultation Version” of this Plan at end-April, with comments to be submitted by mid-May. The Plan notes that the Trust faced significant challenges in the last five years, due to Brexit (which increased costs and disrupted workflows), floods (in 2014 and 2015), storms (in 2021 and early 2022), and of course Covid-19. The Plan itself comprises 181 “Actions” covering “Nature; People; Built Infrastructure and Heritage; and the Climate Crisis”, including the following:

- restoring Caledonian pinewoods and expanding them to the altitudinal limit, and increasing woodland connectivity; this will maintain “zero tolerance” of deer in the Regeneration Zone
- Restoring peatland and establishing low-density, native riparian woodland in Glen Geldie
- Minimising “new tracks and footpaths in the landscape”
- Support for public transport and a footpath between Braemar and the Linn of Dee

Nothing specific for Derry Lodge, but a Linn of Dee “visitor hub project” to be “shovel-ready by 2025”, and some work at Allanaquoich.

## Cairngorms Park Planning

In March, a planning application for eight new holiday lodges associated with the Glen Clova Hotel was refused, due to its potentially negative impacts on the local landscape.

- The Highland Council, supported by the Cairngorms National Park Authority, plans to introduce a Short Term Let Control Area covering Badenoch and Strathspey, to improve the availability of housing for people living and working in the Park. The Area would mean that the use of a dwellinghouse for secondary letting will require planning approval, with the public being able to make representations on change of use. The regulation will not apply to long-term rentals, B&Bs, rented-out rooms or annexes if the owner or occupier resides in the dwellinghouse, or to holiday pods, chalets, etc.
- The road between Muir Cottage and the Linn of Quoich was closed on weekdays between 21 and 31 March to allow repair of the man-eating potholes that have appeared in the last year or two.
- On 16 March, an explosion led to a fire gutting the 1870 Braemar Lodge Hotel in the village. All residents and staff were evacuated safely. Accommodation continues to be offered in the log cabins in the hotel's grounds.

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## Discounts at Outdoor Retail Outlets

The following is a list of shops that currently offer discounts to Cairngorm Club members. These discounts are normally given when you present your membership card. They apply to goods being sold at full price and not goods already discounted in a sale, unless the percentage offered brings the price down below the sale price.

Craigdon Mountain Sports - Aberdeen and Inverurie: 15% off. Although the other Craigdon outlets in Scotland (Inverness, Perth and Edinburgh) are no longer part of the same company, they will also give members 15% off.

Cotswold, branches throughout Scotland, including Aberdeen: 15% off. Discount is given with proof of Club membership and supplying an email address. Once on the 'system', members can also get discount on online purchases.

Blacks - branches throughout Scotland, including Aberdeen: 15% off.

Millets - branches throughout Scotland including Aberdeen: 15% off for Club members, and 20% off for anyone with Mountain Leader status.

Trespass - branches throughout Scotland including Aberdeen and Inverurie: 15% off.

Nevisport - branches throughout Scotland including Inverurie: 15% off.

Mountain Warehouse, Inverurie: 15% off. Discount in other branches would be store-specific, although likely to be the same. Just ask.

Tiso - don't currently have a discount policy. Previously, Club members would get an Outdoor Experience card which gave a 10% discount. These cards aren't issued any more, but anyone who has one will still get the discount at the moment. For members without this card, a discount would be at staff/manager discretion, but could probably be negotiable, so well worth asking about.

Hilltrek, previously in Aboyne and now situated at the Deeside Activity Park, on the road from Lumphanan to Aboyne, are offering Club members 10% off when they show a membership card.

**Craig Thomson**

## New Muir Booking Secretary!

Forbes McPherson, a Club member since 2010, has taken over from Jamie Vince in this post. Although Forbes lives in Glasgow, this should not impede his performance in this job, which is nowadays almost entirely carried out by email etc. The Club is very grateful to Forbes, and to Jamie Vince, who took over in 2020, and implemented the “Muir Availability” sheet on the Club website.

## Payments to the Club

The Club's bank details are: Name "Cairngorm Club" Sort Code 83-15-31; A/C 19165508.

Please use the purpose of the payment as the reference e.g., "Traverse" or "Membership". Your name is provided by the bank.

The reference field may be limited to 18 characters, including blanks.

## Cairngorm Club Subscriptions (1 Oct 2022 – 30 Sept 2023)

At the Club AGM in November 2021, the subscription rate for the above year was maintained at £13.00 (reduced rate £6.50) plus the Mountaineering Scotland affiliation fee. The MS affiliation fee (including the Civil Liability Insurance premium) for the year 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 remains unchanged at £17.55

Cairngorm Club subscription rates for 2021/22 are therefore:

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

Direct Debits will be collected on 3rd October 2022. Members not paying by direct debit should arrange payment during October. A membership card for the year 2023 will be enclosed with the October 2022 Newsletter.

The reduced rate applies to Club members who have informed the Treasurer that on 1st October 2022 they will be 65 or over, 21 or under, or in full-time education, or are normally resident and working more than 80 km from Aberdeen.

Members wishing to pay at the reduced rate should tell the Treasurer of the reason.

Members who do not participate in any Club-organised outside activity and do not use Muir Cottage may, if they desire, withdraw from paying the MS Affiliation Fee. Please discuss this with the Treasurer.

Members of multiple clubs (or Individual Members of MS) wishing to pay the MS affiliation fee other than through the Cairngorm Club should tell the Treasurer which club it will be paid through or their MS membership number, as appropriate.

All members are encouraged to pay their subscription by Direct Debit and, where appropriate, to make a Gift Aid Declaration. Forms for each are available from the Treasurer.

Donald Thomas  
(treasurer@cairngormclub.org.uk)

## Outdoor Access Trust for Scotland

The OATS Spring Review has recently been issued: highlights include:

- The £1m Skye Iconic Sites Project to cover access to the Fairy Pools, Old Man of Storr and Quiraing
- Revitalised Volunteer and Adopt A Path schemes in the Cairngorms, organised by Shona Irvine. Volunteer days in summer 2022 are scheduled for Lairig an Laoigh (Glenmore end), Dreish/Mayar, Loch Brandy, Coire Domhain to Beinn Mheadhoin, Northern Corries/ Lurchers Meadow, Coire Raibert and others.
- New schemes to raise funds through car parking, path projects, etc.
- Major renovations to the badly eroded path on An Teallach
- Extension of the car park for Ben a' Ghlo (where the recently renovated path is standing up to use fairly well)

Review is now on the OATS website, at <https://www.outdooraccesstrustforscotland.org.uk/cms/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/OATS-SPRING-REVIEW-2022.pdf>.

## Training

### Navigation

It is hoped to organise some training sessions if there is enough interest. These will take the form of some theory covered indoors and some practice outside all tailored to those attending. If the Kirkhill orienteering course has been re-opened (fallen trees cleared) then we will also have a night nav session there later in the year. To register an interest contact: Garry Wardrope at [day@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:day@cairngormclub.org.uk).

## Rick Allen

An Alpine Club tribute to Rick Allen is viewable at [m.youtube.com/watch?v=ODzB0bZkjY4](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ODzB0bZkjY4). It contains contributions – mostly with slides – from Nick Smith, Simon Richardson, Nick Kekus, Sandy Allan and Jerry Gore. The Mazeno Ridge clubcast is available at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=cPa8HP0j8m8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cPa8HP0j8m8)

## 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 compleated 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](mailto:newsletter@cairngormclub.org.uk).

## 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

Alison Coull  
258/1 Ferry Road  
Edinburgh  
EH5 3AN

## Lunch & Danders

The next Lunch and Dander will be on Friday 15 July, meeting at the Scolty Car Park at 10:30am, with lunch at Milton of Crathes at 12:30pm. Please advise Ruth Payne, by Wednesday 13 July if you would like to join the lunch gathering.

Due to dwindling numbers, Ruth has reluctantly decided to call a halt to the Lunch and Danders but she is willing to reconsider should there be anyone new interested in joining them. Please email newsletter@cairnngormclub.org.uk if this is you.

If this is to be the end then I personally would like to thank Ruth for timeously supplying the relevant information for the Newsletters over the 10 year period these walks have taken place.

Colin Brown (Editor)

## 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.

Aberdeen Physiotherapy - 01224 626266

## Club Communications - Google Group

The Club uses Google Groups 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 cairngorm-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.

## Day Meets

Further to the meets mentioned elsewhere in the Newsletter, here are the rest of the Day meets for 2022.

Oct 8 (Sat)	Schiehallion	Minibus	Ivan Hiscox
Nov 6 (Sun)	Ben Rinnes Traverse	Minibus	Colin Brown
Dec 11 (Sun)	Bennachie Traverse	Minibus	Craig Thomson

## Weekend Meets

As above, here are the rest of the Weekend meets for 2022.

Oct 14 (2 nights)	Riasg Hut, Roy Bridge	Izy Kirkaldy
Nov 11 (2 nights)	Inverardran, Crianlarich	Gill Stephens
Dec 2 (2 nights)	Corran Bunkhouse	Esperanza Martin

## Midweek Walks

As above here are rest of the Midweek Walks for 2022

Oct 27	The Seven Bridges of Ballater	Kees Witte
Nov 24	The Sands of Forvie	Marj Ewan
Dec 15	Drumoak Circular	Lydia Thomson

## Muir Cottage

Muir has had a constant flow of visitors since the restrictions due to Covid were generally relaxed earlier this year. Due to work mainly done by outgoing bookings secretary Jamie Vince, the level of occupancy can be seen on the Club website at [http://www.cairngormclub.org.uk/muircottage/muircottage.htm#Hut\\_Availability](http://www.cairngormclub.org.uk/muircottage/muircottage.htm#Hut_Availability)

By the time this Newsletter comes through your letterbox (or Inbox) the annual work weekend will have taken place. Thanks to all from myself all who turned up and contributed to this necessary annual spruce-up.

Kees Witte, Muir Custodian

## Membership News

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

Neville Critchley      Roy Bridge      Ordinary

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

Caroline Watt      Aberdeen      Associate  
Neil Chalmers      Peterculter      Associate

## Club Dinner 2022

Keep the date for your diary - Friday 25 November, 2022.

More information and a booking form will be sent with the October Newsletter.



## CLOAF and Capercaillie

With the publication of NatureScot's report on the capercaillie in February 2022, the Cairngorms National Park has sprung into action to work out what should be done in the Park (and more particularly Speyside) as it is now the only place in Scotland where this iconic bird can be found in any numbers. Since 1970, the number of capercaillie has been reducing rapidly, and if nothing is done, the bird is likely to have become extinct in Scotland again within three decades, though numbers are still high in the rest of Europe. The report recommends four possible actions:

Predator control.

Diversionary feeding of predators.

Creation of refuges through permanent or seasonal closure of paths and tracks.

Fence marking/removal.

It was the third of these recommendations which brought the debate to the Cairngorm Outdoor Access Forum (CLOAF) of which I am presently a member, and we looked at various aspects affecting the so-called "right to roam" including the permanent or temporary (ie during the breeding season) closure of paths.

A lot of the Park's thinking is presently based on work that has been done with a group of mountain bikers, on the Mountain Biking Recreation Management Plan for Strathspey and Badenoch, but that has not yet been rolled out to the general mountain biking community. It would be based on map work plotting the trails used by humans and overlaying a map of the areas which capercaillie frequent. This could ensure that any investment on paths and publicity is made to divert human access to areas where the capercaillie does not frequent.

In May, the Park Board are to meet with a view to issuing new advice in relation to what should be done in the Park in the light of the NatureScot report.

Eilidh Scobbie

## NTS Cards

After a good deal of email toing and froing, the Club's allocation of 15 cards for 2022/23 have finally arrived. These allow free entry to NTS (and NT, in England) properties and car parks. To borrow, please contact Ken Thomson (see back page).

## Club Centennial Book

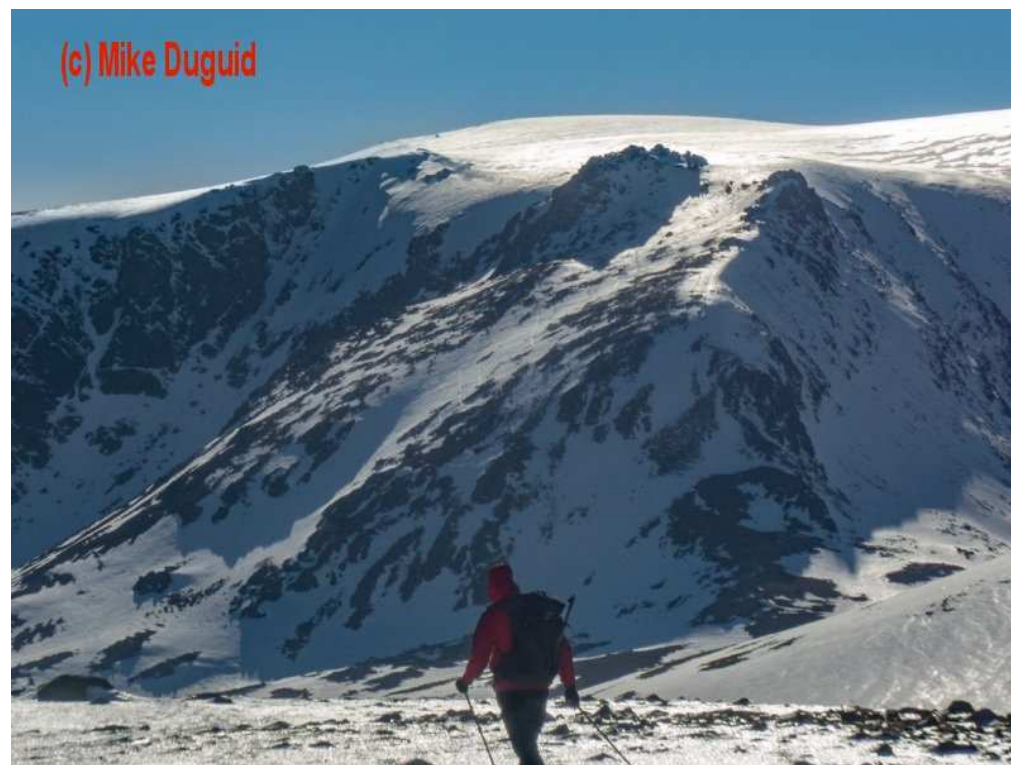
A copy, in good condition, of this book – *The Cairngorm Club 1887-1987*, by Sheila Murray, 1987 – is available to a good and appreciative home, perhaps in return for a small donation to Club funds. If interested, please contact the Club Secretary: see back page.

## Photo of the Month

You may have noticed on the 'Home' page of the Club website, a rotating montage of photographs that appear with a short delay between each. These photos are chosen as a Photo of the Month, and over a year they are the winners for that rolling 12 month period (see below March 22 POTM).

If you are out on a Club event. or out on the hills on your own, why not take some photos and post them onto the Forum? At the end of each month the previous month's winner chooses their favourite, from all photos posted over the preceding calendar month, and that photo is added to the montage on the website (the one from the preceding years equivalent month is 'dropped'), as well as being added to the Photo of the Month thread on the Forum.

So, get out there and snap a few, and you never know you may be lucky and have one of your photos on the Club website!



## Meet Suggestions

The Weekend and Day Meet Secretaries are always on the lookout for suggestions of walks that could be incorporated into the Meets Calendar (for 2023 now). If you have an idea for a meet, just contact them (see back page).

**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.

### **June 3 - 6, CIC Hut (Ben Nevis) (3 nights)**

Wake up under the North Face of Ben Nevis in what is arguably the only alpine-style mountain hut in the UK. The C.I.C. provides unparalleled access to climbing on the North Face of Ben Nevis and for walkers wishing to explore the area. To book, contact Rod Campbell at meetorganiser15@cairnformclub.org.uk.

### **July 8 - 10, Naismith Hut, Elphin (2 nights)**

This hut is ideally located in the far-flung North-west of Scotland just to the north of Ullapool. Mountains within easy reach of the hut include are too many to list but include Ben Mor Coigach, Stac Pollaidh, Cul Beag and Cul Mor, Suilven, and Quinag. To book, or for more information, please contact Helen Russell at weekend@cairnformclub.org.uk.

### **August 12 - 14, Shildaig (Camping) (2 nights)**

After the success of the camping weekends it has been decided to continue with these in 2022. Opened in Summer 2019, Shildaig Camping and Cabins is a newly developed campsite on a stunning elevated site overlooking Shildaig Island, which has been attracting campers for decades. To book, or for more information, please contact Sue Chalmers at meetorganiser5@cairnformclub.org.uk.

### **September 23 - 25, Rum Bunkhouse (2 nights)**

The island of Rum is part of the "Small Isles", and the community-run village of Kinloch is situated next to the Rum National Nature Reserve. Walking opportunities are superb including the Rum Cuillin traverse arguably one of the most exciting hill days out in the Scottish Islands. To book, or for more information, please contact Mark Peel at meetorganiser38@cairnformclub.org.uk.

**Day Meets** (for some 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** (organiser contact details)

**Weekend Meets** (organiser; contact details)

**Climbing (Summer)** (organiser; contact details)

Day Meets take place once a month and can be by coach, mini-bus or car, 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 Summer 2022.

### **June 25, Mamores Overnighter (Saturday/Sunday)**

The minibus will depart Aberdeen, St Megs at 8am, with a break for refreshments en route. The drop-off will be by 2pm in Glen Nevis by the lower falls. Pickup will be in Kinlochleven at 2pm on Sunday. To book, contact Ivan Hiscox on email at vp@cairnformclub.org.uk.

### **July 16, An Sgarsoch and Carn an Fhìdhleir (Saturday/Sunday)**

A great chance to visit an area of wild, vast remoteness between the main Cairngorms and Atholl ranges. Seldom visited, this is a chance to get two harder-to-reach Munros off the list, and to enjoy some port and cheese at altitude. This meet will be a car-sharing overnighter, leaving on Saturday morning and returning Sunday evening. To book, contact Izy Kirkaldy at vp2@cairnformclub.org.uk

### **August 5, Central Cairngorms (Friday start)**

The perfect, low-cost, staycation (possibility of multi-day trip). This meet will start on Friday 5th Aug, with the option of the Thursday night before at Muir. This means the group can "thin out/combine" excess rucksack contents before departure. Continuing into Saturday with option of Sunday and even the Monday (8th Aug). We intend camp high, to minimise midge interference. To book, contact Guy Bromby at meetorganiser18@cairnformclub.org.uk

### **September 11, Cairngorms Traverse (Sunday)**

This year, a South to North Traverse, the coach will depart from St Margaret's School for Linn of Dee at 7am. The usual options of the high tops, or the lower passes, are possible. Please ensure you reach the coach at Cairngorm Mountain by 5.30pm. We expect to be able to stop in Aviemore for refreshments before returning to Aberdeen. Pick-ups/drop-offs are possible on route, but be aware that the outward and return journeys are by different routes. Cost of the trip is £20. To book, contact Garry Wardrope at day@cairnformclub.org.uk.

More details at -

[www.cairnformclub.org.uk/clubactivities/clubactivities.htm](http://www.cairnformclub.org.uk/clubactivities/clubactivities.htm)

**May 2022**

26	Thur	MWW	Carn Fiaclach Beag from Linn of Dee via White Bridge (Jean Robinson; <a href="mailto:journal@cairngormclub.org.uk">journal@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )
26	Thur	Other	Work Weekend at Muir Cottage (Kees Witte; <a href="mailto:huts@cairngormclub.org.uk">huts@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )
31	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing - Deceptive Wall (Stuart Message; <a href="mailto:climb@cairngormclub.org.uk">climb@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )

**June**

3	Fri	Weekend	CIC Hut, Ben Nevis (Mark Peel; <a href="mailto:meetorganiser38@cairngormclub.org.uk">meetorganiser38@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )
7	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing - Sickie Row (Stuart Message; <a href="mailto:climb@cairngormclub.org.uk">climb@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )
14	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing - The Knaps (Stuart Message; <a href="mailto:climb@cairngormclub.org.uk">climb@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )
21	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing - Boltsheugh (Stuart Message; <a href="mailto:climb@cairngormclub.org.uk">climb@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )
25	Sat	Day	Overnighter - Mamores (Ivan Hiscox; <a href="mailto:vp@cairngormclub.org.uk">vp@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )
26	Sun	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing - Coire Etchachan etc (Stuart Message; <a href="mailto:climb@cairngormclub.org.uk">climb@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )
28	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing - TBC (Stuart Message; <a href="mailto:climb@cairngormclub.org.uk">climb@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )
30	Thur	MWW	Sgor Buidhe Circuit (Fiona Lyall)

**July**

5	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing - TBC (Stuart Message; <a href="mailto:climb@cairngormclub.org.uk">climb@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )
8	Fri	Weekend	Naismith Hut, Elphin (Helen Russell; <a href="mailto:weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk">weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )
12	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing - The Glash (Stuart Message; <a href="mailto:climb@cairngormclub.org.uk">climb@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )
15	Fri	Lunch & Dander	Meet at Scolty Car Park at 10:30am with lunch in the Milton of Crathes at 12:30pm (Ruth Payne)
16	Sat	Day	An Sgarsoch and Carn an Fhìdhleir - possible overnighter (Izy Kirkaldy; <a href="mailto:vp@cairngormclub.org.uk">vp@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )
19	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing - Black Rock Gulch and Bass Inlet (Stuart Message; <a href="mailto:climb@cairngormclub.org.uk">climb@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )
26	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing - TBC (Stuart Message; <a href="mailto:climb@cairngormclub.org.uk">climb@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )
28	Thur	MWW	The Correen Hills (Joyce Ritchie; <a href="mailto:mww@cairngormclub.org.uk">mww@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )

**August**

2	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing - TBC (Stuart Message; <a href="mailto:climb@cairngormclub.org.uk">climb@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )
5	Fri	Multi-Day	Central Cairngorms (Guy Bromby; <a href="mailto:meetorganiser18@cairngormclub.org.uk">meetorganiser18@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )
7	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing - TBC (Dunkeld, Glen Clova or similar) (Stuart Message; <a href="mailto:climb@cairngormclub.org.uk">climb@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )
9	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing - Cairn Robin Point by Clashrodneay (Stuart Message; <a href="mailto:climb@cairngormclub.org.uk">climb@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )
12	Fri	Weekend	Shieldaig - camping (Sue Chalmers; <a href="mailto:meetorganiser5@cairngormclub.org.uk">meetorganiser5@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )
16	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing - Hidden Inlet (Stuart Message; <a href="mailto:climb@cairngormclub.org.uk">climb@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )
23	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing - North Doonies Yawn (Stuart Message; <a href="mailto:climb@cairngormclub.org.uk">climb@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )
25	Thur	MWW	Glendye Lodge to Clatterin' Brig (by coach) (Eilidh Scobbie; <a href="mailto:social@cairngormclub.org.uk">social@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )
26	Fri	Climbing	Outdoors - Location TBC (Stuart Message; <a href="mailto:climb@cairngormclub.org.uk">climb@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )
30	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing - Kirrie Hill, Kirriemuir (Stuart Message; <a href="mailto:climb@cairngormclub.org.uk">climb@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )

**September**

6	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing - Long Slough (Stuart Message; <a href="mailto:climb@cairngormclub.org.uk">climb@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )
11	Sun	Day	Cairngorm Traverse (7am; 36, 43; 989063 - 063898; 8hrs; £20; coach; Garry Wardrope; <a href="mailto:day@cairngormclub.org.uk">day@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )
13	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing - Fulmar Wall (Stuart Message; <a href="mailto:climb@cairngormclub.org.uk">climb@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )
20	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing - TBC (Stuart Message; <a href="mailto:climb@cairngormclub.org.uk">climb@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )
23	Fri	Weekend	Rum Bunkhouse (Mark Peel; <a href="mailto:meetorganiser38@cairngormclub.org.uk">meetorganiser38@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )
27	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing - TBC (Stuart Message; <a href="mailto:climb@cairngormclub.org.uk">climb@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )
29	Thur	MWW	Bauby Meg and the Haunted Stag (Brian Purves)

**October**

4	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing Season Begins - Transition Extreme (Stuart Message; <a href="mailto:climb@cairngormclub.org.uk">climb@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )
8	Sat	Day	Schiehallion (Ivan Hiscox; <a href="mailto:vp@cairngormclub.org.uk">vp@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )
11	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing - Transition Extreme (Stuart Message; <a href="mailto:climb@cairngormclub.org.uk">climb@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )
14	Fri	Weekend	Riasg, Roy Bridge (Izy Kirkaldy; <a href="mailto:vp@cairngormclub.org.uk">vp@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> )