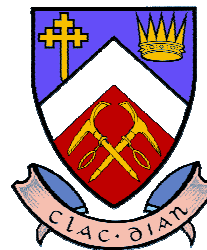


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The Newsletter of the Cairngorm Club



### Talking and Traversing

On 6 September, the Club President and Secretary betook themselves to the Mountaineering Council of Scotland's Annual General Meeting and Gathering at Glenmore Lodge, enjoying (mostly) the trip through the Lairig an Laoigh, including a short section of recent path improvements up out of Glen Derry although the rest of that section over to the Fords of Avon remains as stony as ever.

The main bone of AGM contention was the proposal to raise the per capita subscription for members of clubs from £10.60 to £13.00, on the grounds of "unfairness" in comparison with individual MCoFS members, who pay £27.30. The Club Committee in August had expressed unhappiness with this (the new figure equates to the Club's own subscription), but had given its representatives freedom to vote as they saw fit on the day. At the AGM, other reasons for the rise were mentioned by the MCoFS Treasurer, i.e. the need to keep an Access and Conservation officer in post, and a 50p rise in the insurance premium. In the event, the Club's vote (of 40, a good deal less than "fairness" might suggest!) was exercised against the rise, but was outweighed by a substantial majority (of most other clubs, and individuals). The matter will, of course, be considered (yet) again at Committee and perhaps the Club AGM in November.

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**We're on the Web!**

[www.cairngormclub.org.uk](http://www.cairngormclub.org.uk)



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Following the AGM, a rather different 75 minutes or so was spent hearing from Hugh Fullerton-Smith, general manager of the Alladale Wilderness Reserve, on the “fencing for wolves” controversy. An interesting chap, with experience in New Zealand (deer), Africa (lion?), Canada (bison), Mongolia (sheep) and Essex (wild boar), Hugh explained the estate’s goals and activities to date (see [www.alladale.com](http://www.alladale.com)) in rather different terms from the recent BBC series, and responded gracefully to some punchy concerns over fencing. Others in the audience were more sympathetic to an estate (and its money, from the Lister family) clearly intending to be “different” from more traditional outfits.

On the Sunday, a rendezvous was arranged with the Club bus for the traverse back to the Linn o’Dee, this time over Macdhui under the supervision of Claire Marris, who guided her party unerringly through some dense mist and drizzle until views were obtained halfway down the Sron Riach. Others took a variety of routes, including the Lairig Ghru and the Shelter Stone/Etchachan, and everyone was back on time!

### Club Training

Want to improve your mountain skills ?

Or maybe want to take the first steps on an outdoor career ?

Or want to pass your skills on to others but lack the qualification ?

The Club offers assistance by way of partial funding for suitable Club members wishing to further their own knowledge and skills and hopefully maintaining the hill craft and safety of the whole Club. We are also keen that individual members contact the training co-ordinator with requests for training, current suggestions are: First aid, Navigation, Single pitch award or even something more ambitious like Mountain leader or MIC. Suggestions are invited; contact the Training co-ordinator - Adrian Scott.

### First Aid Course, Oct/Nov 2008

A First Aid Course is being held over 5 Monday evenings, from 27th October until 24th November 2008.

Venue will be the Aberdeen Mountain Rescue Team HQ, Peregrine Road, Westhill Business Park, Westhill, Aberdeen. AB32 6JL.

Cost will be £35 for members and £70 for non-members.

Contact Adrian Scott to book on this excellent course. (See back page for Adrian’s contact details under ‘Vice-President’)



### E-Mailing List

There is a Club mailing list hosted by Yahoo. This can be used by members to arrange informal meets or to sell gear as well as for official Club announcements. There is the facility to receive only official Club email. To subscribe, send an email to: [cairngorm\\_club\\_members-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:cairngorm_club_members-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)



### John Muir Trust Aberdeenshire

The Club is a member of the John Muir Trust. Work parties are organised locally for conservation work in Glen Tanar and growing native trees at Drum Castle. See the Trust’s website at [www.jmt.org](http://www.jmt.org) for more information.

### Discounts in (some) Overseas Mountaineering Huts

Through its MCofS membership, Club members can obtain a “reciprocal rights card”, valid for one calendar year, and costing £32.50: see [www.thebmc.co.uk/world/alps/ recip.htm](http://www.thebmc.co.uk/world/alps/ recip.htm).

### Geldie Bridge?

It has been reported that NTS Mar Lodge Estate has “decided” to install a bridge at the Geldie on the Dee-Tilt traverse route. However, attempts to confirm this have proved unsuccessful so far, and in any case planning permission would be needed. Opinions seem to be divided on the issue: make a traditional right of way easier/safer, or maintain the “wildness” of the area?

### Membership News

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

Mr Frank Lamb, Aberdeen, Associate Member.

Mr Malcolm Lamont, Aberdeen, Ordinary Member.

### 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 £26; priority appointments for Club members; next day appointments if booked before 12 noon.

Aberdeen Physiotherapy

01224 626266

**Auditor??** Martin Duguid has served in this capacity for several years, but wishes to stand down after the 2007/08 accounts have been cleared. Thus a replacement is required for approval at the November AGM, and members are invited to suggest a name to the Treasurer (see back page for contact details).

**Accommodation in the North West Highlands**

A six-berth caravan (perfect for two or a small family) is available to Cairngorm Club members to rent by the week. Based at Clachtoll Beach Caravan and Camping Site some 5 miles North of Lochinver this really is a super base for exploring the area.

The site is clean, very well maintained - mains electricity and gas for cooking. The caravan has a fridge, toilet and shower, television (if you've nothing better to do) and a freezer and washing machine out the back. Local bus and post-bus services pass by and are useful for getting out and back to the Hills. A subsidised taxi service also operates till 5.30 in the evenings. Nearest pub is at Drumbeg or south at Lochinver.

In the first instance contact Derek at [ctte14@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:ctte14@cairngormclub.org.uk) for more details.

**Mountain Film Festivals**

Edinburgh 17-19 October - <http://www.edinburghmountainff.com/>  
 Kendal 20-23 November - <http://www.mountainfilm.co.uk/>  
 Dundee 26-30 November - <http://www.dundemountainfilm.org.uk/>

**Weather**



Met Office	09068 505323 (Tayside)
Mountain	09068 505324 (Grampian/East Highlands)
Call	09068 505325 (West Highlands)
	09068 505326 (Caithness/Sutherland)
AA	09003 444 900
Roadwatch	
Radio	19:05 Mon. - Fri.
Scotland	06:58 & 18:58 Sat. and 06:58 & 19:58 Sun.
BBC 1	'Heather the Weather' at 18:58 (approx)
SAIS	<a href="http://www.sais.gov.uk">www.sais.gov.uk</a> (avalanche forecast)
MWIS	<a href="http://www.mwis.org.uk/areas.php">www.mwis.org.uk/areas.php</a>
Midges	<a href="http://www.midgeforecast.co.uk">www.midgeforecast.co.uk</a>

**Annual Dinner**

The Dinner will again be held at the Old Mill Inn, Maryculter on Friday 14 November 2008 at 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm.

In a change from the usual format, instead of having an illustrated talk preceding the dinner, we are having an after dinner speaker. Paul Brian, SMC President and a climber of note, has agreed to do a short after dinner talk. Paul has climbed with Dougal Haston and has appeared in a BBC TV film about his life.

The dinner will follow the same format as last year with starter and dessert served at the table and the main course being a carvery. There will be no seating plan. Dress is as smart or as casual as you please, the important thing is your presence.

The cost of the dinner is £19.00; please complete the enclosed booking form and make payment to The Cairngorm Club sending the slip and your cheque to Anne Pinches.

Please book by Friday 7 November.

There will be no transport arranged this year.



**Muir Update**

The new bunks mentioned in the last Newsletter are now in place and the reflooring of the dormitories has been completed. The bunks seem to have been appreciated by all who have slept in them. The new beds in the bedroom reserved for members have also attracted favourable comment and they are to stay.

The next improvements at Muir are likely to be in relation to the water supply – replacing the section of copper pipe under the road and perhaps installing UV treatment for the drinking water.

The Midgeater was in use from the start of June until late September. It seems to have helped make the midge season more bearable.

The work weekend for 2009 is meantime scheduled for the weekend 17-18 April, which is the Aberdeen spring holiday weekend. We may have to review the date so as to avoid losing valued DIYers to our own weekend meet or other holiday commitments. But if those who are interested in lending a hand (or would be interested apart from the date) can let Richard Shirreffs know, we can decide what will be best.

## Aconcagua, Anyone?

A website - [www.andesandmore.com](http://www.andesandmore.com) – has been set up by Gillian Parker and Nacho Lucero (the latter a professional mountain guide in Argentina), who are looking for clients wishing to climb Aconcagua, the highest mountain outside Asia. The Secretary has an article for anyone interested.

## Cairngorms Hostels Website

With £4,500 funding from the Cairngorms National Park Authority (CNPA) through its Community Investment Programme, a new Cairngorms Hostels website [www.cairngormshostels.co.uk](http://www.cairngormshostels.co.uk) has been launched, with 19 independent hostels (excluding Muir!) in the area giving travellers a wide choice of affordable places to stay.

## Piper's Wood

In August, James Friend and Ken Thomson went up with Mar Estate's Capt. Nicholson, who expressed satisfaction with what had been achieved so far, and offered to help with reducing rabbit numbers. In 2009, it is hoped to undertake a limited amount of work on the existing fence, and possibly to extend the Wood to the south (or perhaps north). Capt. Nicholson seemed amenable to further ideas in the glen: watch this space!

**COAT;** The Cairngorms Outdoor Access Trust (successor to UDAT) held its first AGM in Boat of Garten on 10 September. Ken Thomson stood down as an Affiliate Member Representative (AMR), although the Club remains affiliated. Main items of 2007/08 report include:

- The raising of the levels of car and bus charges at the Spital of Glen Muick: these provide vital and flexible operational funding for Trust activities
- New or proposed paths or path-related work at Kingussie, Strathdon, Tarland and at various points along the Dee.
- Further progress on the Upland Path Project, with a view to a major funding bid to be made by COAT next year
- Preparation of a COAT business plan for 2009-2011.

COAT is seeking two new independent directors (Robbie Middleton was one of these until a year or two ago), and invites expressions of interest with CVs. Robin Blyth (Chair, Ballater & Crathie Community Council) was re-elected as an AMR for the East Cairngorms, and Paddy Wright (of the Kingussie Paths Group) was elected for the West. A copy of the final UDAT report (for 2007/08, 4 pages) is available from Ken Thomson (for contact details see back page).

## Easter Meet 2009: Inverie, Knoydart

The Club has booked 20 places in the John Muir / Knoydart Foundation Bunkhouse at Inverie in Knoydart for the Easter weekend - Friday 10, Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 April - <http://www.knoydart-foundation.com/> Conveniently situated for 3 Munros and 3 Corbetts with a further 2 Corbetts reserved for very strong walkers, Inverie is home to the famous Old Forge, mainland Britain's remotest pub, which serves excellent meals.

Boats from Mallaig to Inverie on Fridays and Mondays. Those wishing to walk in from Kinloch Hourn or Loch Arkaig should allow at least 8 hours.

Those wishing higher class accommodation could book themselves into the Pier House in Inverie <http://www.thepierhouseknoydart.co.uk/> or a B+B.

If interested in attending this meet you should make a provisional booking with Jim Bryce as already almost half the places are taken. You will then be sent a reminder at end of January 2009 and to confirm your booking in bunkhouse will have to pay Jim Bryce £42.00 (for 3 nights) by 28 February 2009 - cheques made payable to Cairngorm Club. Contact Jim Bryce - [meetorganiser13@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:meetorganiser13@cairngormclub.org.uk)

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**Meet Venues - Suggestions Wanted** - Anyone wanting to suggest venues for day meets should advise Alec Macmillan, our day meets secretary; anyone wanting to suggest venues for weekend meets should advise Ian Bryce, our weekend meets secretary; and those wanting to suggest speakers for indoor meets should advise Anne Pinches, indoor meets secretary, Ken Thomson, the secretary - or talk to any Committee member. The contact details for these office bearers are given on the back page.



**Day Meets** (departure time; map sheet(s); grid reference(s) of drop-off and pick-up points; walking time; cost; organiser)

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

**Weekend Meets** (organiser; telephone Number; email contact)

### Climbing Meets

Prospective members, and those members that require Club equipment, should contact the organiser before the meet.

**Climbing** (meeting time; high water; meeting place; organiser; contact details)

## Munroist List Clerk

To register a completion of a full round of Munros or Corbetts, members should write to David J. Broadhead who is the "Clerk of the List" for the SMC. Please enclose a SAE for your certificate.

David J Broadhead  
Cul Mor  
Drynie Park North  
Muir of Ord  
Ross-shire  
IV6 7RP

## And another ...

Congratulations to Alec Macmillan on completing the Munros on Beinn Eighe in August. He and all other compleatists are encouraged to send their details to Andy Lawson [webmaster@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@cairngormclub.org.uk) for the Club Achievements page ([www.cairngormclub.org.uk/miscellaneous/achievements/achievements.htm](http://www.cairngormclub.org.uk/miscellaneous/achievements/achievements.htm)) – name, final Munro, SMC reg. no. (if applicable), year of completion, Tops (if applicable) and Furths (ditto).



## MCofS

Mountaineering Council of Scotland

News from the M C of S can be found in the newsletter lead article which can be found on pages 1 & 2. Further information on the MCofS and much else about mountaineering can be found at its website at -

<http://www.mcofs.org.uk/home.asp>

## Mid-Week Walks

Jack Connell convened, in mid-September, the usual annual planning meeting for this popular component of the Club's activities, and the group hammered out a schedule for the last Thursday of each month in 2009.

After a couple of incidents earlier this year, the consensus of the meeting was that dogs should be allowed on these walks, provided that their owners are willing to keep them on a lead.

## DISCOUNTS

*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 Library

The Cairngorm Club library is housed in the Aberdeen University Special Collections Library and consists of over 1000 books & journals most of which are listed on our Club web site [www.cairngormclub.org.uk/library](http://www.cairngormclub.org.uk/library). The library can be accessed by Club members on presentation of a valid membership card. A selection can be viewed at the Indoor meets and any requests can be sent to the Club librarian at [librarian@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:librarian@cairngormclub.org.uk)



## Job Opportunities!

As always the Club is most grateful to all those – on and off the Committee – who ensure that its activities and functions actually take place. At time of writing, someone is sought for the following "vacancy":

## Librarian

The Club needs a Librarian to take over from Claire Marris.  
Duties: exchange books between Kings College and occasional Indoor Meets.  
Rewards: select new books for purchase, and read them first!  
Please contact Claire or Ken Thomson (see back page) for details.

**A Continental Meet in 2009?** Following some successful trips, a further Continental Meet in 2009 has been suggested. Amongst locations mentioned so far are: Saas Fee, Zermatt or the Dolomites (as in previous years), or the Bernese Oberland, or even Montenegro. Timing would probably be in July, over one or two weeks, possibly with some hut-to-hut walking. Those interested are invited to contact Ken Thomson with ideas, preferences, numbers, etc. (see back page for contact details)

## Completion

Congratulations to Peter Bellarby on finishing his second round of all the Munros, although an unfortunate encounter with a bog on the way down is recorded!

**NTS:** As a member of the National Trust for Scotland, the Club has 5 cards allowing free access to NTS properties for Club members and guests. Cards can be borrowed from the Secretary, Ken Thomson (details on back page).

## Dauner

The next 'lunch and dauner' will be on Tuesday 20th January, 2009, meeting in the car park at Crathes Castle (free to NTS members!) and with lunch at the Castle at 12:30pm. Please advise Ruth Payne by Sunday, 18th January if you would like to join the lunch gathering.



## Project Ptarmigan

Some members will remember this 2006 exercise by the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO). A fuller report is on the Club website, but, in brief, the highest "encounter rates" (about 0.5 birds per km transect) were recorded in the Cairngorms, and the lowest in Argyll and the Trossachs. The data will help to establish trend patterns: the 2000 figure for Scotland is about 10,000 pairs. The main measurement problems are (i) distinguishing between ptarmigan and grouse droppings, (ii) both ptarmigan and walkers avoiding snow, and (iii) volunteers not reporting lack of sightings! A successor to the PP is Bird Atlas 2007-2011 project (see [www.birdatlas.net](http://www.birdatlas.net)), and all hillwalkers are invited to contribute with sightings, possibly after some "training".

### CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for the year 2008/2009 became due on 1st October 2008.

For those paying by Direct Debit this will be collected automatically on 1st December 2008. Others should send their subscriptions to the Treasurer: Derek Pinches, Broombank, Kinellar, Aberdeen AB21 0TL.

	2008/2009		
	Club	MCoFS + Insurance	Total
<b>full</b>	£13.00	£9.37+ £3.63	£26.00
<b>reduced</b>	£6.50	£9.37+ £3.63	£19.50

Reduced rate is available for members who:  
live and work over 80km from Aberdeen; or  
are aged over 65 or under 21; or are in full-time education.

For latest details on Meets etc, see the Club website at:

<http://www.cairngormclub.org.uk>

## New Club Forum

A new web-based "Club Forum" has been established, exclusively for Club members, to further enhance communication within the Club. This forum can be used to post messages which can subsequently be viewed by all other registered Club members. As well as allowing for simple messages, the forum can also be used to post/view trip reports (both formal and informal), arrange meets (both formal and informal) and to discuss ideas, issues, etc. Photos can also be displayed in messages and trip reports.

The forum can be accessed either via the "Club Forum" button on the Club website or directly at (<http://cairngormclub.freeforums.org>).

To ensure the Club Forum can only be accessed by Club members, members need to register a username and password. Further guidance on this is available on the front page of the forum. Incorporating photographs into reports also requires registration with a commercial photo-hosting site such as Flickr or Photobucket.

At the time of writing (end-September) the Forum already has 44 registered Club members and over 100 messages. It is easy to post a new message by clicking "NewTopic" within the relevant section (e.g. Day Meets, News and Banter, etc.); you are then presented with a box and a mini-array of buttons for bold, font, etc.

The system does currently contain a variety of adverts (as do many other internet sites). The Committee is to discuss upgrading the forum to remove these.

Please give it a try, read the posts already there and I'm sure you will be inspired to have a go yourself.

Andy Lawson

## CNPA Extension (and NP Review)

Ministers propose to extend the boundary of the Cairngorms National Park south to Blair Atholl. A consultation period (on the exact boundary and Board membership) ends on 24 October. The Club will (presumably) support this proposal, as it did a previous Bill. Coincidentally(?), a "strategic review" of the two National Parks in Scotland is underway; a second stage starts "in late autumn 2008". Websites abound for those interested in learning more.

### Mid-week (Thursday) walks (walk details on pages 8 & 9)

Please arrive promptly at the meeting points. On some occasions the arrangements may change, so please contact one of the organisers if in doubt or if further information is required. If you intend to drive straight to the starting point of the walk, please let one of the organisers know. If you carry a mobile phone on a walk, please let others know the number before starting out.

Code	Location	Grid ref.
K	Kingswells 'park and ride'	868063
P	Persley	910093
R	Riverside Drive	928036

**Weekend Meets:** (dates are nights, Fri/Sat unless stated)**Tulloch Station Lodge - 17th/18th October**

Cook your own or buy meals at this licensed bunkhouse £14ppn. Close to 20+ Munros, several Corbetts with traverses by train from Corrou. Bed linen provided. To book contact Jim Bryce email [meetorganiser13@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:meetorganiser13@cairngormclub.org.uk)

**Raeburn Hut, Laggan - 21st/22nd November**

Centrally placed for the Cairngorms to the east, the Monadhliaths and the winter routes of Creag Meagaidh to the west. To book contact Bill Morgan email [meetorganiser14@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:meetorganiser14@cairngormclub.org.uk)

**Crianlarich YH. - 5th/6th December**

A fine mountainous area with 20 Munros in the local area, Corbetts and the West Highland Way To book contact Ian Bryce email [weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk)

**Muir Cottage, Inverey. 23-24 January.**

Stay at the Cairngorm Club Cottage near Braemar for a Burns Supper and over 30 Munros and Corbetts and lots of cycling. To book contact Eilidh Scobbie email [president@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:president@cairngormclub.org.uk)

**Loch Ossian YH. 21-22 February.**

Private opening for remote hostel with special appeal, high on Rannoch Moor. Lots of wildlife, Munros/Corbetts. To book contact Ken Thomson email [secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)

**Corran Bunkhouse, Corran Ferry. 20-21 March.**

4\* Corran Bunkhouse with Nevis Range, Mamores, Glen Coe, Ardgour, good chance of some Winter Climbing (if not, the Ice Factor isn't too far away). The cost of the meet is £14 ppn. To book contact Andy Lawson email [webmaster@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@cairngormclub.org.uk)

**Inverie - Knoydart Foundation Bunkhouse 10-12 April (Fri - Sun, a true Easter Meet)**

Convenient for 3 Munros and 3 Corbetts with a further 2 Corbetts reserved for very strong walkers. Inverie is home to the famous Old Forge, mainland Britain's remotest pub, serving excellent meals. Boats between Mallaig and Inverie on Fridays and Mondays, or save the fare and walk from Kinloch Hourne and Loch Arkraig (allow at least 8 hours.) £42.00 - cheques made payable to Cairngorm Club. To book contact Jim Bryce email [meetorganiser13@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:meetorganiser13@cairngormclub.org.uk)

**Glenbrittle Memorial Hut, Skye 1-3 May (Fri - Sun)**

To book contact Marjory Ewan email [ctte16@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:ctte16@cairngormclub.org.uk)

**Indoor Meets**

All Indoor Meets take place at The Seafield Club, 12 Seafield Road, Aberdeen.

Coming from Anderson Drive the entrance is on the right hand side. Enter at the right hand side of a large new house opposite the green space in Seafield Road. There is plenty of parking in the adjacent Medical Centre's car park. The meets start at 7.30 pm and cost of £3.00 inclusive of tea/coffee and very nice biscuits! There is also a bar available.

- 12 November 2008. - AGM

- 3 December 2008. Alistair Beeley, Across Scotland from Ben Macdui to Ben Nevis

- 7 January 2009. Robbie Middleton, A Trip Across the High Plains and Andes of Peru (The Inca Trail)

- 4 February 2009. Eric Jensen, Deeside Seasons.

- 4 March 2009. Dave Shand, et al. Mt Kilimanjaro

**Details of Day Meets, issued October, 2008**

Bookings for **Day Meets** (previously known as Bus Meets and Car Meets) should be made with the organiser for that meet (see names etc. below).

Some prices include a meal. If you don't want the meal, please contact the organiser for the price of the bus only. You are also welcome to join the party for the meal only - let the organiser know in advance. Those requiring a vegetarian meal should let the organiser know when booking.

The descriptions below are not exhaustive, and members may take any route they desire, with other drop-off / pick-up points possible. However, members are reminded that they are responsible for their own and their guests' safety, for ensuring that they and their guests are properly equipped for whatever they undertake, and for checking that what they plan can be accomplished in the time available having regard to the conditions.

**November 16th - Tarfside to Aboyne via The Fungle**

This is a chance to explore one of the Mounth roads, with the option to take in the Corbett Mount Battock. Refreshments and bar meals at the Boat Inn Aboyne. To book contact Colin Brown ([newsletter@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@cairngormclub.org.uk))

**December 14th - Culardoch**

Finish the year in style with a short day on Culardoch and perhaps Carn Liath for the more energetic, followed by refreshments and a meal at the Inver Hotel. There is a later starting time of 8:00 am. A meal is included in the price. To book contact Alec Macmillan [day@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:day@cairngormclub.org.uk)

**January 11th - Lochnagar**

This is always a popular meet for the start of the Club year. If events follow their normal course the bus will be parked as usual in the Loch Muick parking lot. But if there are problems in getting up the road, Plan B is to come in from the Crathie side. Meal afterwards (included in the price) at the Loch Kinord Hotel. To book, contact Ruth Payne.

**February 8th - Glen Isla (Minibus Meet)**

The February Day Meet is usually a minibus meet which gives some flexibility depending on the weather conditions. The destination is Glen Isla the most westerly of the Angus Glens. This gives a different perspective to the mountains of Glen Shee as well as different access routes. There are other attractive ascents for a short winter's day including the Corbett Monamenach. Organiser TBC - see website for details.

**March 8th - Beinn a'Bhuird**

This is a vast sprawling mountain with magnificent crags and corries. The Linn of Quoich will be the starting point, though some may wish to come in by Gleann an t-Slugain taking an ascent from the east.

Organiser TBC - see website for details.

Up to date details of all meets can be found at [www.cairngormclub.org.uk](http://www.cairngormclub.org.uk)

The **Glenfeshie Hostel** (where a Club week-end meet was held in February 2008) has increased its capacity to 16 beds: the small two-bed room has been expanded to 4 full-size single beds. This gives the hostel 10 lower-level bunk beds and six upper bunk beds.

**October**

- 17 Fri **W/E Meet** Station Lodge Hostel, Tulloch (Jim Bryce; meetorganiser13@cairngormclub.org.uk;)
- 30 Thu **MW Walk** Benholm to Johnshaven to Gourdon (9:15am; 45; R; Evelyn Massie & Hella Alexander)

**November**

- 12 Wed **AGM** AGM. 7:30pm - Seafield Club, Aberdeen.
- 14 Fri **Dinner** Club Dinner - Mill Inn, Maryculter (Anne Pinches; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 16 Sun **Day Meet** Aboyne to Tarfside via the Fungle (7am; 44; 493797-524977; 7hrs; £13; Colin Brown; newsletter@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 21 Fri **W/E Meet** SMC Raeburn Hut, Laggan. (Bill Morgan; meetorganiser14@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 27 Thu **MW Walk** Corrennie Moor (9:15am; 37; K; Fiona Cameron & Lydia Thomson;)

**December**

- 3 Wed **Indoor** Alistair Beeley - Across Scotland from Ben Macdui to Ben Nevis. £3; 7:30pm; Seafield Club, Aberdeen (Anne Pinches; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 5 Fri **W/E Meet** Crianlarich YH (Ian Bryce; weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 14 Sun **Day Meet** Culardoch (8am; 43 & 36; 188913; 7hrs; £20 inc meal at Inver; Alec Macmillan; day@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 18 Thu **MW Walk** Cloch na Ben - Charr (9:15am; 45; K; Ruth Payne;)

**January**

- 7 Wed **Indoor** Robbie Middleton - A Trip Across the High Plains and Andes of Peru (The Inca Trail). £3; 7:30pm; Seafield Club, Aberdeen (Anne Pinches; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 11 Sun **Day Meet** Lochnagar (7.00 am; 44; 310851; 7.5 hrs; Dinner: £20.00 inc. meal; Ruth Payne)

- 23 Fri **W/E Meet** Muir Cottage - Burns Supper (TBC)

- 29 Thu **MW Walk** Bucksburn Valley (9:15am; 38; K; Jack Connell)

**February**

- 4 Wed **Indoor** Eric Jensen - Deeside Seasons. £3; 7:30pm; Seafield Club, Aberdeen (Anne Pinches; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 8 Sun **Day Meet** Mimibus Meet - Glen Isla (7:00am; 43.44; 192697; ; £12.50; Organiser TBC - see website)
- 13 Fri **Training** Muir Cottage - Winter Training Weekend (Adrian Scott; vp@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 20 Fri **W/E Meet** Loch Ossian Youth Hostel. (Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 26 Thu **MW Walk** Hill of Fare. (9:15am; 38; K; Ian Bryce;)

**March**

- 4 Wed **Indoor** Dave Shand, et al - Mt Kilimanjaro. £3; 7:30pm; Seafield Club, Aberdeen (Anne Pinches; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 8 Sun **Day Meet** Beinn a 'Bhuird (7:00am; 36.43; 115913; 8hrs; Cost & organiser TBC - see website)
- 20 Fri **W/E Meet** Corran Bunkhouse (Andy Lawson; webmaster@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 26 Thu **MW Walk** St Combs to Ratray Head. (9:15am; 30; P; Lydia Thomson)

**Climbing Round-up**

The climbing season made an inauspicious start in early April, with Dave Ogden handing over the Climbing Secretary baton to Mike Brian on a cold and blustery Tuesday evening at Souter Head; they were joined by Adrian Scott, the occasion being marked by an ascent of Jade Buttress.

Shortly after this, a visit to Deceptive Wall saw Marjory Ewan and Edward Alaszewski making the most of wild conditions, but by late May, with settled weather in charge a successful evening was spent at The Graip, near Collieston. Club regulars were joined by a number of new faces, both male and female, to make this one of the best attended evenings in the calendar, with about a dozen climbers present. June saw the evening light stretching even further, with perfect conditions on a Tuesday evening for a visit to Earnsheugh, a crag of unrivalled stature on the North East coast which offers fine multi-pitch adventures. Ascents of Pterodactyl and Bats' Belfry were made by Dave Ogden, Tim Walker, James Richardson and Mike Brian. The eagerly anticipated midsummer outing to the striking granite tor of Clach Na Beinn saw wet, wild and bracing conditions, but ultimately a well-attended and rewarding meet. Ascents were made of No.1 Chimney and, of course, Cairngorm Club Crack; all observed by a persistent dog, who didn't stop barking at any point! Other outings over the course of the summer have included Tuesday evenings at Meikle Partans, The Long Slough, Herring Cove, Fulmar Wall, The Pass of Ballater, Greymare and Tiptoe Slabs, Harpers Wall and Boltsheugh, a significant number of the wealth of crags within easy reach of Aberdeen. Many thanks to those who have helped run these successful meets, and apologies to those who have not been mentioned above.

Climbing at Transition Extreme has become a regular activity for many of the climbers in the Club, both in the event of less than perfect weather and as the evenings draw in towards the winter. At this time of year, the climbing section can look forward to a fulfilling time - of both indoor climbing to fill dark evenings, and winter climbing in the early months of next year. New climbers are always welcome to join in with Club activities, and should contact Mike Brian (contact details on back of newsletter) if interested.

The only other thing which remains to be noted is a big thanks to Dave Ogden for all hard work, and unflinching enthusiasm for all things climbing and Cairngorm Club. Thanks Dave, and Happy Climbing!