

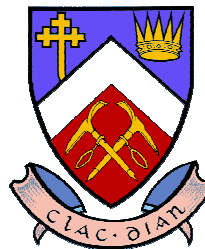
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www.cairngormclub.org.uk & www.cairngormclub.freeforums.org/

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The Cairngorm Club

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The Newsletter of the Cairngorm Club

Strawberry Cottage Weekend Meet

The September holiday weekend saw 11 members of the Club gather on Friday afternoon/evening for the weekend at Strawberry Cottage, the An Teallach Mountaineering Club hut at Athnamulloch in Glen Affric. (<http://www.atmc.org.uk/strawberry.cfm>)

In a very well appointed and equipped hut a comfortable weekend was enjoyed by all.

Due to stalking activities around the glen most of the group undertook the same hills over the 2 days.

On Saturday on a warm but windy day all but one spent the day enjoying a visit to one of the most remote Munros, Beinn Fhionnlaidh, after crossing over Mam Sodhail with its massive hollow circular cairn, within which a couple of members enjoyed lunch out of the strong wind. Also on the way, Carn Eithe was 'bagged' by everyone along with various 'tops' and over long ridges on ascent and descent.

The other member of the party enjoyed visiting Coire Leachavie and Coire Coulavie where he observed the stags vying for position for the upcoming rut.

Sunday saw a change in the weather for the worse with heavy showers and high winds restricting the group to undertaking less ambitious routes than planned the night before.

Seven, in various groupings, made the summit of An Socach with the youngest member of the weekend party also ascending into the

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cloud to bag Sgurr nan Ceathreamhnan, a fine effort. (continued from page 1)

Others enjoyed (as much as they could given the weather) walks to the Alltbeithe Youth Hostel, into Coire na Cloiche and to Camban Bothy under Beinn Fhada to 'inspect' the success of the recent upgrade works. Three of the party left for home on Sunday afternoon with the rest enjoying a late night with a few drinks and plenty of banter. Monday dawned another dreich day and after all the 'tidying' chores were completed all were happy to head out during the morning on foot, on bikes and by two by car which was allowed to proceed up the track to the hut.

This was the third and final 'long weekend' meet this year. The other two were to Knoydart and Skye, and all have been voted a great success by those who have attended.

NEMT Hill Tracks

This was launched in 2006-07 as a pilot project with CNPA and SNH support, but due to a low response was extended into 2007-08.

By 31 October, 53 tracks had been recorded, with over 700 pieces of data (coordinates and photographs); these can be seen on a map of the North-East Cairngorms at <http://www.nemt.org.uk/hilltracks/index.html>. It is proposed to undertake further work, possibly using somewhat different techniques.

Cairngorms Outdoor Access Trust (COAT)

The latest (September 2009) Manager's Report covers development and planning of some 18 Community (i.e. lowland) paths, of what about 7 are in Deeside or Donside. Following their 'audit', and funding applications, it is hoped to start a £2 million project for upland paths in the Highlands area of the Park in summer 2010, with the East (possibly including the Deeside Way) a year later.

Upland path maintenance has recently taken place at several locations, with a contract out to repair the lower Glas Allt path at Balmoral.

The COAT website at www.cairngormsoutdooraccess.org.uk has been revamped.

Stalking Signage

A sub-group of the National Access Forum has developed guidance on appropriate signs etc. for hillwalkers. This is available at:

<http://www.outdooraccess-scotland.com/default.asp?PageRef=2.6.1>.

E-Mailing List

There is a Club mailing list hosted by Yahoo!. This can be used to arrange formal and informal meets or to sell gear etc.

This group is open to non Club members who will receive the messages posted.

To subscribe, send an email to: cairngorm_club_members-subscribe@yahoo.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 for more information.

Constitutional Review

Over the summer, a Working Group comprising Judy Middleton, Derek Pinches, Richard Shirreffs, Peter Fayers and Ken Thomson carried out a review of the current Club Constitution, with a number of ideas coming forward.

At its August meeting, the Committee considered these, and concluded that, although there was no strongly supported and/or urgent need for reform, some issues should be discussed at the November AGM. As advised in an all-member e-mail message on 15 August, these issues included:

Membership structure (e.g. Ordinary/Associate) and application procedures

Compulsory rotation (after 3 years?) of all office-bearers

"Binding" motions and/or proxy voting at AGMs.

At its October meeting, the Committee may identify some of these issues for AOCB discussion at the November AGM (and if so will probably prepare a paper or presentation setting out some options). Of course, anyone can raise such matters at the AGM itself, but advance notice would be appreciated so that the AGM business can be organised efficiently.

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

MCofS**Mountaineering Council of Scotland**

The MCofS have launched a monthly e-mailed "News4Clubs" bulletin series. This has not been going long enough to standardise what the Secretary (as the initial recipient) should do with these. So far, he has simply forwarded them "as is" to all Yahoo!-registered Club members, and summarised some items for the Committee and Newsletter. Any feedback on content or procedure will be welcome.

A Clubs Advisory Group has been set up to improve MCofS links with clubs, and had an initial meeting (with however only four club reps) at Glenmore. Its work is still under consideration (see www.mcofs.org.uk/cag.asp), but will be led by Ron Payne of the Perth MC and MCofS Board Director for Club Affairs and Development.

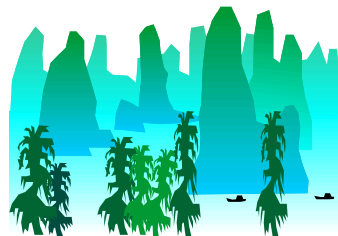
The MCofS EGM/AGM at Glenmore Lodge on 5 September was attended by several Club members wearing one hat or another. The EGM agreed to simplify the MCofS structure (to a Board, rather than Board + Executive) and to change its Financial Year, while the AGM – with much voting – “approved” a variety of reports, accounts, subs, etc. and elected three new(ish) Board Directors.

AOCB was dominated by a Grampian Club motion to change AGM voting from the present block-vote system (under which this Club, with over 240 members, gets 40 votes) to a “Two Members One Vote” (2MOV) system which would approximate financial contributions from Clubs and Individual MCofS Members (and give us some 220 votes!). That motion was voted down by 244 to 155, but the issue will be re-examined by a MCofS Working Group. Even more enjoyable events of the day included extending Honorary Membership of the MCofS to Richard Shirreffs for his sterling but largely hidden tidying up various formal MCofS texts, a film show from Dave Macleod, and a hog roast in the evening.

Dauner

The next Lunch and Dauner will be on Tuesday, 3rd November 2009, meeting at Milton of Crathes at 10:30am, with lunch at 12:30pm at Milton of Crathes.

Please advise Ruth Payne by 1st November, 2009 if you would like to join the lunch gathering.

**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. Current suggestions are: First Aid, Navigation, Single Pitch Award or even something more ambitious like Mountain Leader or MIC.

**Winter Skills - 2010****Snowholing in the Cairngorms - 26th & 27th February, 2010**

The winter skills weekend will take the form of a snow holing expedition. There will be 12 places available plus 2 instructors. The prerequisite is that participants have been on an ordinary winter skills training session in the past, although we may be able to accommodate a few novices. The intention is to build 3 snow holes and camp out on the Saturday night in them. Participants will be paired up so that cooking and digging equipment is shared.

We will gather on the Friday evening at the Fraoch Lodge at Boat of Garten <http://www.scotmountain.co.uk/hostel>

The hostel has been booked for our exclusive use and will be available if you wimp out on the Saturday night or if there is not enough snow.

The cost will be £70 per person and will include the course fee and the accommodation. There is an option for a 2 course meal to be cooked for us on the Friday evening at an additional cost of £12 per head; booked participants will be asked about this nearer the time.

Please contact Adrian Scott to register your interest.

Email vp@cairngormclub.org.uk

Easter Meet - Friday 2nd - Monday 5th April 2010

The 2010 Easter meet is to Glen Affric Youth Hostel. Surrounded by Munros the hostel is an outstanding base for hillwalking. It takes 3 hours to walk to the hostel. Those wishing to attend meet, please get their names on the provisional booking list as soon as possible. More details on Forum. Contact Jim Bryce by email

meetorganiser13@cairngormclub.org.uk.

Cortina Meet - July 2009

In the end, only 7 members turned out for this (with a combined age approaching 500!), but all enjoyed the event, with its spectacular scenery, interesting walks and convenient coffee/beer establishments. An account or two with pictures are on the Club Forum, and it is hoped to show the highlights at a future Social Meet.

Link to Meet reports on the Forum -

<http://cairngormclub.freeforums.org/foreign-meets-f30.html>

Core Paths

As mentioned in previous Newsletters, the Club has objected, on several grounds, to the inclusion of 5 upland routes (including the two Lairigs) as Core Paths in the Cairngorms National Park Core Path Plan.

In late June, we received an invitation from the Local Inquiry Reporter to respond “briefly” by 28 July to a 9-page paper from the CNP Authority. On request, this deadline was extended to 11 August, and met with various new (ish) points raised.

We await the Reporter’s next step, which may be further correspondence or perhaps an on-site visit (“Over Jock’s Road with Clipboard”?!), before he sends his conclusions (on this and other objections, e.g. on the River Spey, and a couple of “local” paths) to the Minister.

Cairngorms National Park

Estimated numbers of visitors to the Park in recent years are:

Year	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
No. of Visitors (millions)	1.420	1.408	1.420	1.459	1.502	1.481

Answer to Scottish Parliamentary Question S3W-26383, 24 August 2009

The Journal

How time flies since the last issue of the Journal. The next one is due out before the end of 2009, so it is time for everyone to start sharpening their pencils (or flexing their keyboard fingers) so that there will be something to put in it! All kinds of articles are encouraged, anything that you think would interest your fellow Club members.

If you have any queries, please contact Lydia Thomson at

journal@cairngormclub.org.uk

Club Forum

Have you joined the Club Forum yet? If not, why not?

Over 80 Cairngorm Club members have, and many are using it on a regular basis to post information on Club activities and share experiences of walks undertaken with route details and photographs taken. There are over 230 topics and 1250 individual posts, indexed into easy-to-navigate headings so there is plenty to keep you interested.

Regularly updated topics also include Name That Bothy, the Musical Bealach and Scottish Wildlife, Plants and Flowers.

Due to the quality of photographs being posted, a Photo of the Month competition from those posted each month has been running for 6 months.

The winning picture each month is being added to the ‘rolling’ montage of photographs on the home page of the Club’s website. Every 12 months all of the photographs will have been replaced by the preceding 12 months’ winners, thus ensuring the site home page doesn’t become ‘stale’.

If you haven’t already done so, please register for the Forum at <http://cairngormclub.freeforums.org>, and start sharing your walks with others. You never know: one of your photographs could soon have pride of place on the Club’s website.

Proposed Windfarm south of Scarhill, Pressendye, Cushnie

On 18 August, the Marr Area Committee refused full planning permission for this application (of 7 wind turbines and “ancillary development”), which is on the route of a recent Mid-Week Walk. Although the Club did not object to this proposal due to lack of consultation time last February, several members objected to (or perhaps supported?) it as individuals.

Bouldering in Scotland

This 188-page guidebook (Stone Country Guide, 2008, editor John Watson, ISBN 978-0-9548779-2-7) has been recently acquired for the Club Library, and covers all the main areas of the country, starting, as is proper, with Aberdeen(shire). Perhaps an uneasy compromise between the lounge or car and the outdoors (too large for most pockets, limited route descriptions), it would nevertheless be helpful when venturing into new areas (6 lines on how to drive to Torridon!). A glossary might have been useful, and a somewhat larger font, but the variety and excitement of this new(?) sport are effectively conveyed by the many introductions and photographs. Anyone interested in writing a fuller review for the next Club Newsletter or Journal should contact the Secretary or Librarian (see back page).

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

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.

MCofS - Club Membership

The Club consultation on Club membership of the MCofS resulted in the following numbers of votes by 5 August (when a summary of responses was reported to the Committee): Membership 20; Withdrawal 15; Indifferent 1; Total = 36. A poll of members on the Club Forum resulted in, (to remain in) "Yes" = 9, "No" = 2. Many members submitted a variety of views by letter or e-mail (and some on the Forum), and these were all made available to Committee members. Advised also that an alternative insurance possibility had been withdrawn, and that the MCofS were unlikely to raise its subscription rates further this year, the Committee decided that the issue had been sufficiently well ventilated for the moment, but that its final position would be decided at its October meeting after the MCofS EGM/AGM on 5 September. At the EGM/AGM, there were no surprises (see article p.14), and so it seems likely that the Committee will recommend to the Club AGM in November that we remain MCofS members for the foreseeable future.

Youth Climbing Championships

The daughters of two Club members, Garry Wardrope and Donna Ryan, were placed as follows at recent events.

Scottish Championships
8 - 10yrs Girls - 4th place
Amy Ryan

14 -16yrs Girls - 8th place
Sarah Wardrope

National Championships (British)
8 -10yrs Girls - 8th place
Amy Ryan

Club Library

The Cairngorm Club library is housed in the Aberdeen University Special Collections Library and consists of over 1000 books and journals, most of which are listed on our Club web site 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

Read any good books lately?

The Club Library is open to accessions – preferably of lasting mountaineering interest. Contact librarian as above.

Dundee Mountain Film Festival

This is being held on 26-29 November, with "six separate performances of the best films, presentations and speakers from the world of mountaineering and exploration".

Speakers include Catherine Destivelle (Bonatti Pillar, Eiger North Face, Old Man of Hoy), Craig Matheson (South and North Poles) and James Pearson ("E" Exponent).

Further details from www.dundeemountainfilm.org.uk or 01382 730699.

Meets Secretaries: Help!

The Club has been without a Day Meets Secretary for a year, and the Weekend Meets Secretary position seems likely to become vacant at the AGM. These posts are essential if the Club is to continue these regular activities. Meet Secretaries need NOT come out on every one, or even most, of "their" meets: that is the job of the Meet Organisers (MOs). A Meets Secretary is expected to plan the annual programme, identify likely MOs, and offer guidance on pricing, vehicle hire, etc. – all with the help of Committee members as required. Can you help? If interested, please contact the President or Secretary (see back page for details).

Obituary - Bill Alexander

Older members will be saddened to hear of Bill's death on 10 September, after a fall in his garden. Bill joined the Club in 1968 and was on the Committee between 1971 and 1974, but was always of a retiring nature. Nevertheless, he led the popular "Mid-Week Walks" series for many years, usually with a wealth of knowledge about the locations visited. It is hoped to print a longer piece in the Club Journal this winter.



Mid-Week Walks

Arthur Dickie has now taken over from Jack Connell the coordination of the Club's popular Thursday ("Mid-Week") Walks series for next year. The usual planning meeting has been held and a programme drawn up. Walk details are on the centrefold pages.

For each walk participants should 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

Indoor Meets Programme 2009/10

- 7 Oct '09 Sandy McIntosh - I Have Been There, Old Cairngorm Club Slides
 2 Dec '09 Murray Duncan - The Deeside Railway
 6 Jan '10 Donald Barrie - The Long and Winding Road; a cycle trip in Africa
 3 Feb '10 Gill Shirreffs - Buitres, Boats and Boobies - The Shirreffses in South America
 3 Mar '10 Nic Bullivant - Looking after the Cairngorms
 For more details see calendar or contact Anne Pinches by email - social@cairngormclub.org.uk

CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for the year 2009/10 become due on 1st October 2009.

The MCoFS have changed their membership year to 1st April to 31st March. This means the introduction of a transitional affiliation fee (including the CLI premium) for this change over period of £7.50. This is further explained in the separate Subscription Notice sent out with this newsletter.

Cairngorm Club Subscription rates for 2009/10 are therefore as follows:

	Club	MCoFS	TOTAL
Full Rate	£13.00	£7.50	£20.50
Reduced Rate	£6.50	£7.50	£14.00

Direct Debits will be collected on 1st December 2009.

The reduced rate above applies for members who on 1 October 2009 were 65 or over, or under 21, or under 25 and still in full-time education, or are normally resident and working more than 80 km from Aberdeen.

Muir

Our work weekend (4-5 July) proved to be both productive and satisfying for the participants. The big indoor jobs were washing down and repainting the walls and ceilings of the common room and kitchen. Outside, those who volunteered for creosote duty enjoyed glorious weather conditions, dealing with the whole outside timbers, not just the most needy as planned. A long list of lesser jobs, from which those ready to move on picked the next job that suited them - and all without the need for any whip-cracking. The team comprised Peter Aikman, Jim Bryce, Bill Gibson, Gill and Richard Shirreffs, Jeff and Sarah Paterson, Anne Pinches, Ken and Lydia Thomson, Colin Brown, Ian Bryce, Eilidh Scobbie, Walter Burnett and David Shand. To all of them the Club owes considerable thanks.

The new key arrangements - a keysafe on the front wall, with a code changed every so often and made known to visiting parties - are working well. It remains the case that usage is concentrated at weekends and that there may well be space midweek which members can book even at short notice.

Membership News

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

Mr William (Bill) Alexander, Aberdeen. Ordinary since 1968

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

Mr Jonathan Holston, Aberdeen. Associate

Mr Viktor Musial, Aberdeen. Associate

Mrs Sarah Paterson, Edinburgh. Ordinary

Mr Jeff Paterson, Edinburgh. Ordinary

Mr David K McDonald, Culloden, Inverness. Ordinary

Weather



Met Office	09068 505323 (Tayside)
Mountain	09068 505324 (Grampian/East Highlands)
Call	09068 505325 (West Highlands)
	09068 505326 (Caithness/Sutherland)
Radio	19:04 Mon - Fri
Scotland	07:04 & 22:04 Sat. and 07:04 & 20:04 Sun
BBC 1	'Heather the Weather' at 18:58 (approx)
SAIS	www.sais.gov.uk (avalanche forecast)
MWIS	www.mwis.org.uk/areas.php
Midges	www.midgeforecast.co.uk
AARoadwatch	0900 444 900



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

Ghillies Ball, Inverey - Muir Cottage, 16-17 Oct (Fri & Sat nights)

Get out in the Cairngorm Mountains on foot or by bike and then on Saturday night trip the light fantastic at the Ghillies Ball (casual event with a ceilidh band in the Mar Lodge Stag Ballroom, cost of Ceilidh £12 including a sandwich supper.

Licensed) To book, contact Gordon Stalker by email

meetorganiser18@cairngormclub.org.uk

Great Glen Hostel, South Laggan 20-21 Nov 2009 (Fri & Sat nights)

There are opportunities of Munros, white water paddling, Corbetts and possibly early skiing at Aonach Mor nearby. A great atmosphere (www.greatglenhostel.com).

Cost is £27 or £32 for a bed in a twin room for the two nights, cheque made payable to Cairngorm Club. To book, contact Alec Macmillan by email

ctte2@cairngormclub.org.uk

Blackrock Cottage, Glencoe. 11-12 Dec 2009 (Fri & Sat nights)

This Ladies Scottish Climbing Club hut appears in lots of calendar photos nestling under the Buachaille and is handy for skiing at Glencoe, being within a few minutes' walking distance of the lifts. Cost is £12 for the two nights, cheque payable to Cairngorm Club. Max of 10 spaces available with 4 already booked. Meal for Saturday will probably be provided, approx £5 payable to Bill at the cottage. Please advise any special dietary requirements. Sleeping bags required, hot water bottles optional! To book, contact Bill Morgan by email

meetorganiser14@cairngormclub.org.uk

Muir Cottage, Inverey. 22-23 Jan 2010 (Fri & Sat nights)

Celebrate Burns night early with some traditional Scottish food and music. Over the weekend you could also tackle some Munros, Corbetts or skiing as well as your haggis. Cost to be confirmed (check Website/Forum) To book, contact Colin Brown by email newsletter@cairngormclub.org.uk

Tyndrum Lodge Hotel, Tyndrum. 19-20 Feb 2010 (Fri & Sat nights)

The Hotel is a great base for the hills from Crianlarich to Glencoe and beyond. It has plenty of rooms, that can be booked online, which include Double/Twin/Single rooms - giving Cairngorm Club members a variety of choice.

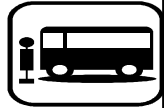
Singles start at £28 B&B - not ensuite though! - up to Doubles at £55. This includes Cable TV and tea/coffee making facilities (<http://www.glhotels.co.uk/tyndrumhotel.html>). To book, contact Alex Barbour by email

meetorganiser17@cairngormclub.org.uk

Alex MacIntyre Hut, North Ballachulish, 12 -13 March 2010 (Fri/Sat night)

O S Map No 41, Grid Ref 044 612. Fine and handy for the Munros in Glencoe, Kinlochleven and near Ben Nevis, the Ice Factor and skiing at Nevis Range and Glencoe. To book, contact Judy Middleton by e-mail

meetorganiser19@cairngormclub.org.uk



Day meets are organised almost every month, July may be missed out, and usually on a Sunday. Transport is by coach, increasingly expensive and inflexible as to timing, minibus, more flexible but Club driver(s) needed or private car, owners being willing. Coach/minibus pick-ups usually start at Golden Square in Aberdeen at 7am (sharp!) and then at various points out west (e.g. on Anderson Drive) depending on the route, i.e. on the Deeside, Donside, Stonehaven or Inverurie roads.

Each meet has an Organiser, who collects names and cheques (made out to "The Cairngorm Club") or cash, and arranges a "President's Party" (PP) with an experienced Club leader who will welcome newcomers such as Interim (prospective) members. The PP normally involves walking for about 7 hours (including stops!). Some meets (and their prices) include a pre-arranged evening meal at a local hotel, usually with menus to choose from. At owners' risk, spare clothes etc. can be left with the vehicle(s) used.

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

October 25, Sunday - Callater to Muick Traverse

A fine opportunity to walk between these two glens over the tops or passes (e.g. Carn an Sagairt Mor, White Mounth, Lochnagar), or via the Dubh Loch and Loch Muick. There will be a stop on the return journey for food at the Inver Hotel or Ballater.

To book, contact Alex Barbour by email meetorganiser17@cairngormclub.org.uk.

NB: Clocks change back 1 hour at 2:00am.

November 29, Sunday - Ben Rinnes

A minibus meet to this well-known Moray Corbett, with high and low-level traverses possible. To book, contact Judy Middleton by e-mail

meetorganiser19@cairngormclub.org.uk

December 6, Sunday - Cairngorm Club Christmas Mystery Tour

Bus leaves Golden Square at 8.30am returns 8.30pm with a price of £15.

Bring OS maps Nos 36 & 37, lunch, appropriate hill clothing, and a penny (or two) for a pint. On the bus you will be given instructions: drop off points, pick up points, and the hotel where we will get a warming evening meal.

There will be two Presidential Parties - one for folks wanting a shorter walk, and one for folks wanting a longer walk - so if you don't want to plan your own walk on the day, there will be welcoming groups, who guarantee to get you to the pub in time! Bring your friends, your family, whomever - it should be a fun day out! To book, contact Eilidh Scobbie by email president@cairngormclub.org.uk.

January 10, Sunday - Lochnagar

The traditional, but sometimes surprising, post-Hogmanay coach meet to our favourite hill, from (roads permitting) the Spital of Glenmuick. Organiser TBC but meantime contact Ken Thomson by email secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk

February 7, Sunday - Possibly Glen Clova (TBC)

Organiser TBC but meantime contact Ken Thomson by email

secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk

(For latest information see the Club Website and Forum)

October	
25 Sun	Day Meet Callater - Muick Traverse (7am; 43/44; or Harveys; 156882 to 308850; 8hrs; Coach; £15; Alex Barbour; ; meetorganiser17@cairngormclub.org.uk) NB: Clocks change back 1 hour at 2:00am.
29 Thur	M/W/Walk Huntly - Clashmach (9.15am; 29; K; Jack Connell)
November	
3 Tue	Dauner Milton of Crathes at 10:30am. (Ruth Payne) Lunch at Milton of Crathes at 12:30pm.
11 Wed	AGM 19:30, Seafield Club, Aberdeen. (Ken Thomson; ; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
13 Fri	Dinner Old Mill Inn, Maryculter (Anne Pinches; ; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
20 Fri	W/E Meet South Laggan, Spean Bridge - Great Glen Hostel (Alec Macmillan; ; ctte2@cairngormclub.org.uk)
26 Thur	M/W/Walk Balmoral Cairns (9:15am; 44; K; James Friend)
29 Sun	Day Meet Ben Rinnes (8:00am; 28; 284359 - 200296; 7hrs; Minibus; £12; Judy Middleton; ; meetorganiser19@cairngormclub.org.uk)
December	
2 Wed	Indoor Murray Duncan - The Deeside Railway. £3; 7:30pm: Seafield Club, Aberdeen (Anne Pinches; ; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
6 Sun	Day Meet Cairngorm Club Christmas Mystery Tour (8:30am; 36&37; £15; Eilidh Scobbie; ; president@cairngormclub.org.uk)
11 Fri	W/E Meet Blackrock Cottage, Glencoe (Bill Morgan; ; meetorganiser14@cairngormclub.org.uk)
31 Thur	M/W/Walk Scolty - Blackhall Forest (9.15am; 45; K; Mike Forsyth & Arthur Dickie)
January	
6 Wed	Indoor Donald Barrie - The Long and Winding Road; a cycle trip in Africa. £3; 7:30pm: Seafield Club, Aberdeen (Anne Pinches; ; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
10 Sun	Day Meet Lochnagar (7.00am; 44; 310851; 7.5 hrs; £20.00 inc. meal at Dinner; Coach; Organiser TBC, meantime contact Ken Thomson at secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk).
22 Fri	W/E Meet Burns Supper, Muir Cottage (Colin Brown & Doris Copley; ; newsletter@cairngormclub.org.uk)
28 Thur	M/W/Walk Fetternear, Kemnay (9.15am; 38; K; Jack Connell)
February	
3 Wed	Indoor Gill Shirreffs - Buitres, Boats and Boobies - The Shirreffses in South America. £3; 7:30pm: Seafield Club, Aberdeen (Anne Pinches; ; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
7 Sun	Day Meet Possibly Glen Clova: details to be arranged. Please see Website and Forum for information.
19 Fri	W/E Meet Tyndrum Lodge Hotel. (Alex Barbour; ; meetorganiser17@cairngormclub.org.uk)
25 Thur	M/W/Walk Braeroddach Loch (9.15am; 37; K; Brian Davey)
26 Fri	W/E Training Snowholing in the Cairngorms - based in Boat of Garten (Adrian Scott; ; vp@cairngormclub.org.uk)
March	
3 Wed	Indoor Nic Bullivant - Looking after the Cairngorms. £3; 7:30pm: Seafield Club, Aberdeen (Anne Pinches; ; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
7 Sun	Day Meet Details to be arranged. Please see Website and Forum for information.
12 Fri	W/E Meet North Ballachulish - Alex MacIntyre Hut (Judy Middleton; ; meetorganiser19@cairngormclub.org.uk)
25 Thur	M/W/Walk Airlie Ridge (9.15am; 44; R; Ian Bryce; ; weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk)
April	
2 Fri	W/E Meet Glen Afric Youth Hostel. (Jim Bryce; ; meetorganiser13@cairngormclub.org.uk)
16 Fri	W/E Meet Muir Cottage Work Weekend (Richard Shirreffs; ; huts@cairngormclub.org.uk)
29 Thur	M/W/Walk Peter Hill (9.15am; 44; K; Lydia Thomson; ; journal@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)

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

Weekend Meets (organiser; telephone number; email contact)

Indoor Meets

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

Coming from Anderson Drive, the entrance to the Club is on the right-hand (north) side of Seafield Road.

There is plenty of parking in the adjacent Medical Centre's car park. The meets start at 7.30 pm and cost £3.00 inclusive of tea/coffee and very nice biscuits! There is also a bar available.