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#### October 2014



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## **Bridge & Path Damage in the Cairngorms**

As many of you will have seen in the press and on the Forum, the storms on 11th & 12th August caused a great deal of damage in the Cairngorms, with two bridges damaged beyond repair and serious damage done to several footpaths. The worst of the damage was caused in the Derry Lodge and Quoich areas. Currently, there is a fairly lengthy diversion up the Derry for throughwalkers.

Although there will be some form of insurance payments due to the NTS, the Cairngorm Club had indicated to them, prior to the destruction of the Derry Bridge, that there could be a contribution by the Club, from the Willie Robb Bequest, for another bridge downstream of the one washed away. This would have made possible a rerouting of the track to the Lairig Ghru to help with the problems caused by people crossing the bog area beyond the then-situated bridge.

This idea led to much debate within the Club, at Committee and on the Forum, as to the desirability of having two bridges so close together.

With Mother Nature now taking a hand this could be the opportunity for the NTS, whether aided by Club funds or not, to carry out a bridge installation and rerouting without the need to have two substantial structures sited within 200 yards of each other. In the long run (i.e. from 2015 onwards; nothing practical is likely to happen until then) therefore, the destruction of the recent bridge may have been for the best! A discussion item for the AGM?



<sup>\*</sup>Appointed to vacant position until the 2014 AGM.

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## **Speyside Way Extension**

Planning permission has recently been secured for several key sections of the Speyside Way, which will be extended from Aviemore to Newtonmore. The whole route is expected to take around three to five years to complete, and to cost around £2 million.

### **Threatened Wildlife**

The following MSPs have chosen to act as "champions" of threatened mountain species: Aileen McLeod (red squirrel), Annabelle Ewing (mountain sibbaldia, of the rose family), Joan McAlpine (adder, Scots pine), Rob Gibson (red bog-moss), Rhoda Grant (golden eagle, wild cat) and Murdo Fraser (juniper). So far, no MSP seems to have selected the dotterel, mountain hare, snow bunting or ptarmigan, nor any other obscure (to this author) mountain flowers, insects, etc.!

## Annual Dinner - Fri 21 Nov, 2014

The venue for this year's dinner has changed from the "now-closed" Old Mill Inn. We will be in the Beechwood Suite at the **Treetops Hotel** on Springfield Road, Aberdeen, but will retain the successful format of recent years. The main course will be served at 7.30 pm, but the first course, in the form of canapes, will be served from 7 pm.

As announced in the June newsletter, his year's speaker is Keith Partridge. Keith is an 'adventure cameraman' who was involved in the filming of 'Touching the Void' as well as many programmes for television. It will be an amazing presentation!

The Treetops requires an earlier deadline for numbers than we are used to, so if you wish to book please do so as soon as possible to ensure your place. You will also notice an increase in cost.

Please reply by sending the enclosed booking form to Anne Pinches, by Friday 7 November along with remittance of £24.00 for each person attending.

Further details are with the AGM notice included with this newsletter. The dinner retains some elements of formality but is a relaxed evening - dress up or dress down as you wish, the important thing is that you are there!! A special rate of £35.00 per person based on two people sharing a Twin or Double Hilton Guestroom can be offered for the Dinner. Members and their guests should call the hotel directly on 01224 498390 to make their reservations. Please note that check in time for all bedrooms is 3pm on day of arrival.

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## **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 £28 (a discount of £10) 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

#### **Wild Land**

As widely reported in the press, a new official map of "wild land", based on perceived naturalness, ruggedness, remoteness and lack of visible artefacts, covers 42 areas or 19 per cent of Scotland's land area (see <a href="http://www.snh.gov.uk/protecting-scotlands-nature/looking-after-landscapes/landscape-policy-and-guidance/wild-land/mapping/">http://www.snh.gov.uk/protecting-scotlands-nature/looking-after-landscapes/landscape-policy-and-guidance/wild-land/mapping/</a>). The national importance of wild land has been recognised in the new National Planning Framework and Policy, though without full statutory protection. Compared with the original draft, several significant areas have been removed (and some added), including part of the Monadhliath following approval of the giant Stronelairg wind farm. On the maps, the Cairngorms area appears "wild" in terms of remoteness and (core) "non"-visibility (but not in terms of naturalness or ruggedness, perhaps surprisingly) and covers some 157Kha (about 10% of the total), with the Lochnagar-Mount Keen area another 54Kha.

## For Disposal (perhaps with suitable donation to Club funds)

Two (or one) pairs of cross-country skis, plus one pair poles (125cm): Atomic Microstep 15, 190cm, with Nordic Norm 75mm bindings Rossignol Boreal AR, 200cm, with Salomon binding

Two sets of the *Cairngorm Club Journal*, 1971 to date (about 10 issues) A copy of the Club Centennial book *The Cairngorm Club 1887-1987*, by Sheila Murray.

#### **Graham Ewen Book**

Jane and Innes Ewen (Graham's widow and younger brother, respectively) have compiled a number of Graham's articles from the *Cairngorm Club Journal* into a well-produced book, with several additional photographs. The book is available for purchase via the publisher's website, *http://blur.by/1s2ludx*, where one can choose the type of binding (and hence price).

## **Library Pluses and Minuses**

#### Pluses

The following books have been added to the Club's collection in Aberdeen University Library (those asterisked have come from the library of Donald Hawksworth).

- Allen, John, *Cairngorm John: a Life in Mountain Rescue*, Sandstone Press, 2009
- Berry, Stephen K., *The Thunder Dragon Kingdom: a Mountaineering Expedition to Bhutan*, Crowood: Seattle, 1988 (signed by author).
- \*Breashears, David, *High Exposure: an Enduring Passion for Everest and Unforgiving Places*, Simon & Schuster: New York, 1999.
- \*Cameron, Ian, Mountains of the Gods: the Himalaya and the Mountains of Central Asia, Facts on File: New York and Oxford, 1984.
- \*Dawson, Alan, *The Relative Hills of Britain*, Cicerone: Milnthorpe, 1992. Ewen, Graham, *Upper Deeside*, 2013.
- \*Franco, Jean and Terray, Lionel (trans. Hugh Merrick), At Grips with Jannu.
- \*Freshfield, Douglas W., *Round Kangchenjunga: a Narrative of Mountain Travel and Exploration*, Ratna Pustak Bhandar: Kathmandu, 1979.
- \*Gray, Dennis, Mountain Lover, Crowood: Seattle, 1990.
- \*Haston, Dougal, Calculated Risk. Diadem: London, 1980.
- \*Kearney, Alan, Mountaineering in Patagonia, Cloudcap: Seattle, 1993
- \*Perrin, Jim, *The Villain: the Life of Don Whillans*. Hutchinson: London, 2005.
- \*Tilman, H. W. *Two Mountains and a River*, University Pres: Cambridge, 1949

Tucker, John W. *Kanchenjunga*, London: Elek Books, 1955. *Minuses* 

A number of books from the Club Library have been out for a long time - since the 1990s in several cases! Club records are patchy, and the University borrowing slips only record the Club Librarian at the time, who can hardly be blamed. If you think you have a Club book lurking on your shelves (they will have a Club stamp and number inside the front cover), please return it/them to Ken or Lydia Thomson (or if returned direct to the Library, please notify them).

## **Craigdon Mountain Sports Loyalty Scheme**

Discounts are available to Cairngorm Club members at Craigdon Mountain Sports. Members presenting their current Cairngorm Club membership card at Craigdon Mountain Sports will receive a 10% discount. Further, members who join the Craigdon Loyalty Scheme will get an increased discount of 15%. (The Loyalty scheme is free to join on the website <a href="http://www.craigdonmountainsports.com">http://www.craigdonmountainsports.com</a> quoting 'Cairngorm Club' as your affiliated organisation). Please note discount does not apply on certain items (electrical, books, food, maps and sale goods).

## **Day Meets**

Further to the Day Meets detailed on pages 7, 8 & 9, listed below are the other meets organised for 2015.

Date	Location	Organiser
28th Feb	Cairngorms - Snowholing	Ken Thomson
12th Apr	Ben Avon/Beinn a'Bhuird	Judy Middleton
24th May	Kingussie Area	Alex Barbour
20th Jun	Fannichs Overnighter	David Brown
1st Aug	Glen Tilt Overnighter	Derek Beverley
6th Sep	Cairngorm Traverse	Garry Wardrope
4th Oct	Loch Lee to Loch Muick	Roger Houghton
8th Nov	Buck of Cabrach Area	Ken Thomson
13th Dec	Christmas Special - TBC	Derek Beverley

## **Weekend Meets**

Further to the Weekend Meets detailed on pages 8, 9 & 10, listed below are the other meets currently organised for 2015.

Date	Location	Organiser	
13th Mar	Invergarry Bunkhouse	Sue Chalmers	(Fri & Sat)
3rd Apr	Inverie Bunkhouse, Knoydart	Sue Chalmers	(Fri - Sun)
1st May	Lochranza SYHA, Arran	Jim Bryce	(Fri & Sat)
5th Jun	Cairndow, near Arrochar	Jim Bryce	(Fri & Sat)
3rd Jul	BMC Hut, Glenbrittle	Jim Bryce	(Fri & Sat)
21st Aug	Ling Hut, Torridon	Garry Wardrope	(Fri & Sat)
25th Sep	Rum Castle (new bunkhouse)	Jim Bryce	(Fri & Sat)
16th Oct	Aite Cruinnichidh, Spean Brid	lge Sue Chalmers	(Fri & Sat)

Details of any of these meets can be sought from the organiser at any time. So don't wait until they appear in a Newsletter or on a Yahoo email as they may already be booked up by that time.

# **Badges**

As part of the 125 celebrations, the Club has had some badges made.

The badges are 7 cm x 10 cm with the Club crest on a black background. Above the crest are the dates '1887 - 2012' while below are the words 'The Cairngorm Club' (see right).

These cost £2.50 each and are still available from Anne Pinches, email *social@cairngormclub.org.uk*. They will also be available to buy at Indoor Meets.



## **Deer Management**

Deer Management Groups (DMGs) have been set up in most parts of highland Scotland (and some now in lowland areas, to deal with increasing numbers of roe deer). There has been a recent consultation over a proposed DMG Benchmark, which (amongst other things) covers:

- membership: all property owners in the area to participate in the DMG
- an "up to date, effective and forward looking" Deer Management Plan (DMP), which should identify "public interest aspects" and "potential conflicts"
- data-gathering: annual deer counts, habitat monitoring, cull targets
- training (e.g. certificates of stalking competence) and communications.

## **Lunch & Danders**

The next Lunch and Dander will be on Tuesday 2nd December, meeting at Drum Castle at 10:30am for the walk, with lunch at Drumoak Garden Centre at 12:30pm.



Please advise Ruth Payne by 30th November, if you would like to join the lunch gathering.

There will be another Lunch and Dander on Tuesday 24th February, meeting at the Waterside Car Park at 10:30am, with lunch at the Udny Arms, Newburgh at 12:30pm. Again, as above, please advise Ruth by 22nd February if you would like to join the lunch gathering.

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## Situation Still Vacant!! - Social Secretary

The post of Social Activities Secretary is still vacant and is currently being filled on an 'Acting' basis by Anne Pinches.

The 'job' involves organising the Indoor Meets, the Summer Barbecue and the Dinner. Email Anne at *social@cairngormclub.org.uk* if you want more details of what the job involves.

#### **NEMT Treasurer**

The North East Mountain Trust (of which the Club is a leading member) will be seeking a new Treasurer at or after its AGM in early December. The work is not particularly onerous. Anyone interested should contact the Club Secretary (see back page) or *gordon.strachan@btinternet.com*.

## **COAT** and Paths Elsewhere

The Cairngorm Outdoor Access Trust has started a periodical Newsletter (available at <a href="http://www.cairngormsoutdooraccess.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/Newsletter-1-v21.pdf">http://www.cairngormsoutdooraccess.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/Newsletter-1-v21.pdf</a>) as a way of getting out information to Affiliate Members (of which the Club is one) and others. The first edition contains news of recent path repair work, e.g. on Sron na Lairig on Braeriach above the Sinclair Hut site, and "light-touch" work to reduce erosion around the North Corries Rim of Cairngorm, and on Bynack Mor and Lairig an Laoigh. Community Path work has been done in many places including near Cambus o'May, Ballater, Braemar, Tarland and Lumphanan. The Trust has also worked on Speyside and the West Highland Way, and operates Adopt-a-Path and Walking-to-Health schemes.

The Heritage Lottery Fund is to provide initial support of £3.28 million towards the restoration and "upgrading" (to bikes, presumably) of over 120 km of 41 eroded paths in the Cairngorms and Loch Lomond an Trossachs National Parks. COAT is preparing its "Stage 2" proposals for actual use of its funds.

Elsewhere, 17 km of the Great Glen Way above Loch Ness near Invermoriston is being "raised" above the treeline, using "shovel-ready" money to create an alternative route less subject to forestry operations and with better views of Munros (and of windfarms?). Also envisaged is a South Loch Ness Trail, so that you can walk or ride all round Loch Ness, and maximise your chances of seeing Nessie.

# Munroist

# List Clerk

To register a compleation 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**

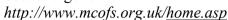
Cotswold - Blacks
Craigdon Sports
Nevisport
Hilltrek - Aboyne
Climbing - Ballater
All the above shops offer
discounts to Club members
on production of a current

TISO discount nights 6.30 to 8.30 pm, quarterly.

membership card

#### **MCofS**

For all of the up-to-date information from the Mountaineering Council of Scotland go to -



## Skye B&B - Discount for Club Members

Club members Greg & Sue Walters are offering a 10% discount at their B&B on the Isle of Skye.

The price is normally £30 pppn for B&B discounted to £25 pppn with further discounts for 3+ nights. Drop them a line at Achtalean B&B, 5 Stenscholl, Staffin, Isle of Skye. IV51 9JS or call them on either 01470562723 or 07748533377

You can also check them out at their website - http://www.achtalean.co.uk/

#### Radio Scotland Outdoor Weather Forecasts

These are broadcast at 19.04 on Monday-Friday, 07.04 and 22.04 on Saturday, and 07.04 and 20.04 on Sunday. These and other forecasts can be accessed direct via Club website from the 'Links' page - http://www.cairngormclub.org.uk/links/links.htm

#### **Snow Patches**

Iain Cameron, Adam Watson and David Duncan have published in the journal *Weather* (see doi:10.1002/wea.2286) their 18th report on snow patches in Scotland. As in several previous recent years, six patches - two in the Garbh Choire Mòr - survived until winter 2013/2014, after the gales and snow of March 2013 but a warm July. Little correlation has been observed (an annual survey takes place on or near 21 August) between the number of patches remaining in late summer and those surviving until winter.

#### **Dundee Mountain Film Festival**

This is being held on Friday-Saturday 28-29 November (clashes with a Weekend Meet at Laggan!): details at www.dundeemountainfilm.org.uk.

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## **Muir Cottage**

It's been a good summer at Muir, lots of sunshine but also lots of midges with our midgeater barely coping at times. We had a steady flow of visitors but we could do with more bookings during the week. In May the committee approved a proposal to install a bike hut behind Muir. This proposal came about as some members come to Muir with sometimes large numbers of very expensive mountain bikes. This hut will also provide a secure storage area for tools/paint etc.

Four members prepared the site and at the same time investigated the wet patch in the grass near the large woodshed. Diviners were used and we found that a connection in the main water supply had gone. Eventually we managed to isolate the system and the repair was made.

After the concrete floor was laid, the hut was installed and very recently members applied the first and second coats of paint - see the forum: <a href="http://cairngormclub.freeforums.org/new-hut-2014-t1035.html">http://cairngormclub.freeforums.org/new-hut-2014-t1035.html</a> and <a href="http://cairngormclub.freeforums.org/flooding-12-august-2014-t1051.html">http://cairngormclub.freeforums.org/flooding-12-august-2014-t1051.html</a>

Muir escaped the flooding of the Dee in August, although the water reached the fence on the north side.

Just a reminder that the members room (4 beds) is always available for Club Members. For bookings please contact David Kirk at <a href="muir-booking@cairngormclub.org.uk"><u>muir-booking@cairngormclub.org.uk</u></a>

Also, please note that the next work weekend will be 28 - 30 May, 2015.

Kees Witte, Huts Custodian

#### **Indoor Meets**

By the time this reaches you the first Indoor Meet will have been held. The remainder of the programme is as follows 2014

3 December Richard & Gill Shirreffs Walking in Greece 2015

7 January Members' Night Members bring along a small selection of their photos

4 February Ian Rae The Geology of Mountaineering

4 March Eric Baird GlenTanar - A Modern Estate

The Indoor Meets are held in Aberdeen Grammar School FP Club Centre, 86 Queen's Road, AberdeenAB15 4YQ. The cost is £3.00 which includes tea/coffee and biscuits. All meetings start at 7.30 pm.

#### Mid-Week Walks

Arthur Dickie (meetorganiser35@cairngormclub.org.uk) coordinates this popular series, which takes place on the last Thursday of every month, with a different organiser each time. Walks take about 4-5 hours, with possible recourse to a local tea-room afterwards. The usual Aberdeen car-share meeting points are given below, with the start time usually 9.00 am. Please contact the organiser beforehand to check on arrangements or to make queries, and especially if you intend to meet up at the walk starting point. Similarly, please ensure that your mobile phone number (if any) is known to someone and that your mobile is switched on during the walk!

Code	Location	Grid ref.
K	Kingswells Park and Ride*	868063
P	Persley Gardens (Woodside)	910093
R	Riverside Drive (near Brig o'Dee)	928036

<sup>\*</sup> Bus service 40 (about 08:15 from Union Street and via the ARI) stops at the P&R toilets and waiting room, and service X17 (08:10 and 08:30 from Union Square stops) just west of the Kingswells roundabout. Service 11 no longer operates to Kingswells during the day.

## For (cheap) Sale

Blue Butane Calor Gas 15kg cylinder, little used before we switched to electricity: does not fit Muir Midgeater! Contact Secretary if interested.

## **CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Subscriptions for the year 2014/15 became due on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014. For those paying by Direct Debit this was collected automatically on 1<sup>st</sup> October.

Others should send their subscriptions to Derek Pinches, the Club Treasurer. Cairngorm Club Subscription rates for 2014/15 are as follows:

	Club	MCofS	Total
Full Rate	£13.00	£14.25	£27.25
Reduced Rate	£6.50	£14.25	£20.75

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

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## **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, such as Mountain Leader (ML) or MIC.

## **Navigation Training**

There were only a couple of folks able to make the previously arranged training weekend, so this didn't go ahead. As an alternative a flexible programme is being considered to allow as many folk as possible the chance to get trained. The intention is to offer some theoretical sessions inside on a few weekday evenings, ideal for beginners or those that want a reminder of the basics, followed by some practical work on weekends (both single day and whole weekend - perhaps coinciding with organised Club meets). Those with more experience are welcome to join us on the practical sessions to practise their skills, so something for all abilities. If you are in any way interested, please get in touch with me at ctte17@cairngormclub.org.uk letting me know what level you are at (beginner, basic, intermediate, expert) and what sort of sessions you would be able to make (evenings in Aberdeen, single weekend days, whole weekends). There is also a topic on the Club forum (Navigation Training under Club News & Discussion http://cairngormclub.freeforums.org/viewforum.php?f=8) were we can discuss what we are going to do and make arrangements for training sessions. Garry Wardrope

## Aberdeen & St. John Mountain Rescue Association

The Team are holding their final 50th birthday event on Saturday November 1st, at the Treetops Hotel, Aberdeen. This will be a Ceilidh, with dancing to Ceolmohr. Tickets cost £15 and are available from Cotswold or Craigdon Sports. Do go along and join the fun, there will also be a raffle with some excellent prizes. This is all to support OUR Team, whom we helped start and from whom, we never know, if or when we may need their help. Looking forward to seeing you at this party.

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



#### 24 - 25 October, Inverardran Cottage, Crianlarich (Fri & Sat nights)

A visit to the Ochil Mountaineering Cottage at Crianlarich from where there are many options in a fine mountainous area with 20 Munros and nearly as many Corbetts, or if you fancy a weekend away with some low-level walking there is the West Highland Way which passes close by. To book, contact Jim Bryce by email at weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk.

#### 28 - 29 November, Raeburn Hut, Dalwhinnie/Laggan (Fri & Sat nights)

The Club has exclusive use of this well-situated SMC cottage on the A889. The Monadhliaths, Western Cairngorms and Loch Ericht hills are only a short drive away, with Creag Meagaidh, the Grey Corries and others not much further. Rock-climbing at Creag Dubh just across the Spey. To book, contact Ken Thomson by email at *secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk* 

#### **December**

There are currently no plans for a Weekend meet in December. If this changes details will be sent out by Yahoo and via the Forum.

#### 23 - 24 January 2014. Burns Supper at Muir Cottage (Fri & Sat nights)

The Supper on Saturday evening (the 25th) will be provided by Sue Chalmers, and speeches, songs, maybe even music (if you don't count the songs) will be organised. The Supper will be provided at a cost of £6 per head, and accommodation is £5 pppn for members, £10 for others. To book, or for further information, please contact Sue Chalmers by email at <code>ctte11@ccairngormclub.org.uk</code> with details such as bednights, veg diet, etc.

## 13 - 14 February, 2015. Newtonmore Bunkhouse (Fri & Sat nights)

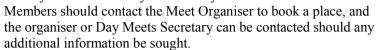
With plenty of fine hill areas close by, this meet not only gives the opportunity to bag a few Munros or Corbetts. Depending on the weather there may also be the chance to brush up on winter walking skills and navigation in snowy conditions. To book, please contact Robert Fox by email at <a href="mailto:meetorganiser37@cairngormclub.org.uk">meetorganiser37@cairngormclub.org.uk</a>.

**Day Meets** (departure time; map sheet(s); grid reference(s) of drop-off and pick-up points; walking time; cost; means of transport; organiser contact details) **Mid-Week Walks** (departure time; map sheet; departure point; organisers contact details)

Weekend Meets (organiser; telephone number; email contact)
Climbing (organiser; contact details)

Day Meets take place once a month and can be by coach, mini-bus or car, or by bus share or service bus. Meets are generally on Sundays but occasionally on Saturdays.

**Day Meets** 





Meets generally leave Aberdeen around 7am (sharp!); departure times and cost are listed in the centrefold of this Newsletter. For service bus meets the first bus out of Aberdeen for Deeside is the one we need. It leaves Union Square around 07:45am. 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 2014.

#### Nov 9, Ladder Hills

Starting from St. Margaret's at 7:30 am (an extra 30 minutes in bed!), the minibus will go to the Lecht ski area, whence it is an short ascent to the main ridge of the Ladder Hills. This gives a fine, mostly level, walk at around 800m (2500 feet) until we descend north into upper Glen Livet, where the minibus will pick up, for return to Aberdeen via Dufftown. Other options include a south-to-north traverse over the ridge, or (perhaps for all if conditions are foul up high) to follow the Speyside Way from Tomintoul to Glenlivet. To book, contact Ken Thomson by email at <code>secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk</code>)

#### Dec 7, Derry Cairngorm

The December day meet will be to Derry Cairngorm. The minibus will leave St Margaret's at 7am in order to make the most of the daylight. From Linn of Dee, it will be a walk to Derry Lodge and then the steady ascent of Derry Cairngorm (1155m). If lucky with the weather, there should be fine views of Deeside. Depending on weather conditions and speed of progress, the group will either descend by the same route or drop down towards Loch Etchachan and return via the newly refurbished Hutcheson Hut and Glen Derry. The plan is to stop in Aboyne for high tea on the way home. To book, please contact Sue Chalmers by email at <a href="mailto:cairngormclub.org.uk">ctte11@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> stating whether or not you wish to have a high tea.

#### **Jan 11, 2015, Lochnagar**

The ascent of Lochnagar will be the aim for the President's Party but many other options are available on the day including a sedate walk around beautiful Loch Muick. The coach will leave St Margaret's School at 7am. It is hoped that everyone will want to enjoy a traditional Scottish High Tea but you can make your own arrangements for food if you like. Cost TBC, further information via Yahoo and the Forum. To book, contact Anne Pinches by email at <code>social@cairngormclub.org.uk</code>.

#### Feb 1, Killin Area

Plans are still being formulated for this so more information will be sent out by Yahoo and the Forum. To express interest, call Garry Wardrope by email at <a href="mailto:cttel7@cairngormclub.org.uk">cttel7@cairngormclub.org.uk</a>.

Oct	October 2014	014	
14	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
21	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
24	Fri	W/E Meet	Inverardran Cottage, Crianlarich (Jim Bryce; weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk)
28	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; 07540 499349; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
30	Thur	M/W Walk	Mormond Hill (9am; 30; P; Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
Nov	November		
4	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@caimgormclub.org.uk)
6	Sun	Day Meet	Ladder Hills (7:30am; 36/37; 247129 to 245205; 7hrs; £12.50; Minibus; Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
11	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@caimgormclub.org.uk)
12	Wed	AGM	AGM at the Aberdeen Grammar School FP Club Centre (Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
18	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@caimgormclub.org.uk)
21	Fri	Dinner	At the Treetops Hotel, Springfield Road, Aberdeen (Anne Pinches; social@cairngormclub.org.ukl)
25	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairmgormclub.org.uk)
27	Thur	M/W Walk	Glen Tanar (9am; 44; K; Evelyn Massie & Hella Alexander )
28	Fri	W/E Meet	Raeburn Hut, Laggan (Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
Dec	December		
2	Tue	Lunch & Dander	Drum Castle at 10:30am with Lunch at the Drumoak Garden Centre at 12:30pm. (Ruth Payne)
7	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
3	Wed	Indoor	Richard & Gill Shirreffs - Walking in Greece (Anne Pinches; social@cairngormclub.org.ukl)
7	Sun	Day Meet	Derry Caimgorm (7am; 36/43; 063898; 7hrs; £12.50; Minibus; Sue Chalmers; ctte11@ccaimgormclub.org.uk)
6	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
16	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
18	Thur	M/W Walk	Fog House (9am; 38; K; Mike Forsyth)
23	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@caimgormclub.org.uk)
30	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
Jan	January 2015	015	
9	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
7	Wed	Indoor	Members Night (Anne Pinches; social@cairngormclub.org.ukl)
11	Sun	Day Meet	Lochnagar (7am; 44; 311852; 7hrs; Cost TBC, see Forum etc; Coach; Anne Pinches; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
13	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
20	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
23	Fri	W/E Meet	Muir Cottage - Burns Supper Weekend (Sue Chalmers; cttel1@ccairngormclub.org.uk)
27	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
56	Thur	M/W Walk	Kingswells/Bucksburn (9am; 38; K; Jack Connell)
Feb	February		
П	Sun	Day Meet	Killin Area. Details TBC via Forum/Yahoo (Garry Wardrope; ctte17@cairngormclub.org.uk)
3	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
4	Wed	Indoor	Eric Baird - Glen Tanar, A Modern Estate (Anne Pinches; social@cairngormclub.org.uk )
10	Tue	Climbing W/E Meet	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
17	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson: climb@cairngormclub organ)
24	Tue	Lunch &	Waterside Car Park at 10:30am with Lunch at the Udny Arms, Newburgh at 12:30pm. (Ruth Payne)
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