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Altanour Fencing

With funding of about £10,000 from Willie Robb's bequest to the Club, 950m of 2m-high deer fencing has now been completed at Altanour at the head of Glen Ey, at about GR 082 824, in two areas (see diagram, which superimposes approximate fence lines on old dyke lines). The work was done by Andrew Lovie of Logie Coldstone, who also erected many small enclosures along Glen Ey over the summer, for the EU-funded "Pearls in Peril" project. One of the Club fences at Altanour is around the 40-odd remaining larches between the landrover approach track and the river gorge to the south-east, plus some additional bare ground, with a small burn, to the southwest. The other is around a similarly-sized but roughly rectangular area of mostly bare ground (though once wooded, inside a dyke) to the northwest of the track. This area includes the lodge ruins - which was not planned, but ... !

There is a stile but not a gate into both areas. The Committee has approved some signage to record funding from the bequest, and to discourage folk from entering.

Further steps that might be taken include:

- Erect a simple shelter; though the fencing has cost somewhat more than originally estimated, and the ruins no longer provide an obvious (if unsafe?) location
- Fence against rabbits and (more likely) hares, as has been done at Piper's Wood (continued on page 2)

though not permanently effective (continued from page 1)

- Plant seedlings, possibly within individual tree guards, and/or ground preparation (scarifying) to encourage tree growth
- Shift the stiles to less obvious locations than on the trackside, so as not to encourage entry
- Install some bird boxes on the existing larches
- Carry out a baseline biological survey, as has been done for the Piper's Wood extension (see recent *CCJ*).

A discussion, with many photographs, of the Altanour project (both the areas, and shelter), is on the Forum, under News and Banter > Willie Robb Bequest Consultation > Altanour Shelter/Woodland, at: <http://www.cairngormclub.freeforums.org/post5694.html?hilit=Altanour#p5694>.



Club Whisky

There are still 3 bottles remaining of the Club single malt whisky made for the 125 celebrations.

First come, first served. Price £30 per bottle. Contact Garry Wardrope.

NTS Cards

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 Club Secretary.

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 £30 (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

COAT/CAPS

The Cairngorm Outdoor Access Trust has drawn up its Operational Plan for 2015-2020. With less money around, there will be less effort going into new Community Paths around and between villages, and more emphasis on the use of existing paths. Mountain Paths, Training and Volunteering have been packaged up into The Mountains and the People, a £5m+ HLF-funded project for both the Scottish National Parks, with COAT having to open and staff an office in the Loch Lomond area. Nearer home, repairs have been done at Dubh Loch, Glittering Skellies and the Lochnagar 'plateau', and are scheduled for Jock's Road. The Speyside Way will be further extended from Kinraig to Kingussie. Last year's Bertha floods will require substantial rebuilding of many paths and bridges, well beyond the COAT resources available for maintenance. Carrbridge and Crathie will be the first to get repaired, and the others as soon as funds become available. The Adopt-a-Path Scheme (CAPS) is taking on "new" paths, replacing those on the NTS Mar Lodge Estate.

Wanted - CCJs 1930s - 1940s

The National Library of Scotland appears to be missing the following issues of the Club Journal: Vol. 12 no. 6 (1931) to Vol. 16 no. 86 (1949)

If anyone can supply these issues, please let the Secretary (see back page) know. For lack of space, the NLS is not interested in duplicates, so that issues before and/or after the ones above would have to be disposed of otherwise, e.g. to a Club member.

Macdhui Indicator

A longstanding Member has suggested that, in view of its deteriorating condition, this indicator – now 90 years old – be repaired or renewed: though it has stood up well to the Cairngorms climate, careless ice-axes have taken their toll. The Committee is expected to consider the matter (and perhaps the Lochnagar indicator, too) initially at its October meeting, but the views of Members, whether at the November AGM or otherwise, will be most welcome.

MBA

As many of you will know, Cairngorm Club member Peter Aikman spends a fair amount of time volunteering as Maintenance Organiser (MO) and for work-parties for the MBA. Peter is currently MO for the Schoolhouse bothy. During 2015 work has been carried out on almost half of the bothies maintained by the MBA. These activities can be over a weekend, be week-long or sometimes just an MO going to his allocated bothy to give it a general tidy and to remove any build-up of rubbish.

This year week-long work parties have been held at the new Camasunary bothy and at Glen Coul. The popular Gelder Shiel had a new stove fitted and insulation and recladding of the interior completed. At Faindouran the work was aided by the permission of the land-owner to drive materials the 14 miles from the public road, and over several weekends the fallen masonry gable was replaced. Callater Stable was also upgraded.

At Peter's own bothy, which is on the Cape Wrath Trail, he spent time treating the timber for woodworm and more importantly carried out the Autumn Inspection that is done at all bothies before the following year's plans are made.

While bothy workers do have fun, they are often exposed to bad weather. This year at Glencoul their tents were flattened at the start, and then they were "marooned" at the end.

A 50-Year Celebration book has been published and brings the MBA's work to the public's notice. This has culminated in the MBA being awarded a "Queen's Award for Voluntary Service". They are quietly quite proud of this award.

You can see a selection of photos of the various bothies on the "Name that Bothy" section of the Club Forum. Please do get in touch if you think you can help the MBA and are not sure where to start. Contact details can be found on the MBA website at <http://www.mountainbothies.org.uk/helpingus.asp>.

Snow Patches, August 2015

Provisional results from the annual late-August survey, organised by Iain Cameron and Adam Watson, of the number of snow patches in Scotland include the following (re-grouped): Southern (Ben Lui etc.) 17, Black Mount/Glen Coe 35; Ben Nevis to Grey Corries 163 (the Ben alone 58), Central (Ben Alder, Creag Meaghaidh, etc.) 89, Cairngorms 158 (Cairn Toul/Braeriach 55; Macdhuil/Cairngorm 32, Lochnagar 11), Shiel/Cluanie 47, Glen Affric to Fannichs 140, Northern 29. These are high numbers; a full analysis is expected in the scientific press in due course.

Dinner

This year's Dinner will be held on Friday, 20 November.

The venue is the same as last year. We shall be in the Beechwood Suite at The Treetops Hotel in Springfield Road and 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 canapés will be served from 7pm.

This year's speaker is Kellan MacInnes. Kellan is the author of a book called "Caleb's List". This particular list was compiled by Caleb George Cash FRSGS and features the mountains visible from Arthur's Seat in Edinburgh including Ben Lomond, Lochnagar and Schichallion. There is a strong Cairngorm Club connection in that the list was first published in the Cairngorm Club Journal of 1899.

If you wish to book please do so as soon as possible to ensure your place. The price remains the same as last year at £24. Please reply by sending the enclosed booking form to Anne Pinches, Broombank, Kinellar, Aberdeen, AB21 0TL by Friday 6 November along with remittance of £24.00 for each person attending. If you wish to pay electronically then please do so according to the instructions given elsewhere in the newsletter and let Anne know by email when you have paid.

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!!

Indoor Meets

By the time this reaches you, Benn Hitchen will have presented his talk on a visit to the High Atlas Mountains as the first Indoor Meet. The remainder of the programme is as follows

2015

2 December	Sandy McIntosh	125 years of Club members slides
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2016

6 January	Members' Night	Members bring along a small selection of their photos
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3 February	Alistair Beeley	Climbing Mount Elbrus
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2 March	Paula Williams	Mapping Scotland's Landscapes
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The Indoor Meets are now held at a new venue for us, The Sportsman's Club 11 Queen's Road, Aberdeen AB15 4YL. The Club is opposite the Youth Hostel and has a large monkey puzzle tree in the front garden! Car parking is available at the rear of the building in the evening. The cost is £3.00 which includes tea/coffee and biscuits. All meetings start at 7.30 pm.

Badges

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

They 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.



A Word of Thanks

As the out-going Social Activities Secretary I'd like to thank the many Club members who have made my life so much easier. Members have given presentations at Indoor Meets and been Dinner speakers, made suggestions for speakers, helped with the technical aspects of presentations, run Indoor Meets in my absence and finally turned up to listen and enjoy what has been on offer over the last few years. Thank you to all of you.

Anne Pinches

Night Hike

Following the success of the Club's first Night Hike, in March 2015, Benn Hitchen is organising a second, this time up Clachnaben. The 25th November will coincide with a full moon, so fingers crossed for a clear night. The meet location will be the quarry car park (1km north of Bridge of Dye, NO 648868). The start time will be 7pm. The timing is to encourage a picnic dinner on the summit, so perhaps a flask of hot soup? Please contact ctte3@cairngormclub.org.uk if you'd like to attend.

Lunch & Danders

The next Lunch and Dander will be on Friday 23rd October, meeting at Stonehaven Harbour at 10:30am, with lunch at the Ship Inn, Stonehaven at 12:30pm. Please advise Ruth Payne by Wednesday 21st October, if you would like to join the lunch gathering.



There will be another Lunch and Dander on Tuesday 13th January 2016, meeting at Park Bridge at 10:30am, with lunch at Mains of Drum at 12:30pm. Again, as above, please advise Ruth by Sunday 11th January if you would like to join the lunch gathering.

Dolomites 2015 Meet

At the end of August and the beginning of September six members were fortunate to have good weather for the whole of the six days there. We were based at Vigo di Fassa. There are a goodly number of via ferrata of all grades in the area. We started with the relatively straightforward Ferrata Masare and Santner Pass, the descent from the latter passing the famous Vajolet towers. Some were able to progress to the more challenging VF del Finanziere, leading to the summit of Colac, and Col Rodella. The network of cable cars and chair lifts allowed plenty of high-level walks with excellent views of the stunning scenery (and stops at the many rifugii for refreshments). Many thanks to Rod Campbell who made most of the arrangements.

Peter Bellarby

Payments to the Club

The Club bank details are: Sort Code 831531; Account no. 00129748. So that the payment can be allocated to the right place, please use a reference containing your name and what the payment is for, e.g. 'LSmith Traverse' or 'DPinches M'ship' or 'JBloggs W'end 25/4'. Note that the reference field is limited to 18 characters including blanks.

Membership News

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

Mark Peel	Peterborough	Transfer to Ordinary
Mark Bannan	Peterhead	Ordinary
Joanne Chambers	Kinloss	Associate
Fiona Lyall	Aberdeen	Associate
Carlos Oldani	Aberdeen	Associate
Malena Rivero	Aberdeen	Associate
Edward Runnalls	Aberdeen	Associate

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).

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

Cotswold - Blacks
Craigdon Sports
Nevisport
Hilltrek - Aboyne
Climbing - Ballater

All the above shops offer discounts to Club members on production of a current membership card

TISO discount nights
6.30 to 8.30 pm, quarterly.

Skye B&B - Discount for Club Members

The standard price for the B&B run in Skye by Club members Greg and Sue Walters is now £35 and not £30 pppn as in the February Newsletter. HOWEVER, the discount price for Club members remains at £25 – at least for the time being!

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>

Mountain Biking in Scotland

A 2013 report (available from the Club Secretary: see back page) covers a number of issues:

- the nature of mountain biking, e.g. "generally a sociable activity", "multi-sensory experience", facilities (e.g. trails) vs. adventure (in the "great outdoors")
- "responsible access" by bikers, as seen by land managers and by bikers
- ground erosion by bikes and/or boots as seen by different groups
- "sports development" for a market valued at £50 million per year

For Sale

One pair 12-point Salewa crampons with straps and rubber point guards, almost unused. If interested, please contact the Secretary (see back page).

Muir Cottage

The summer has gone but Muir is still quite busy at weekends. Why not go a few days midweek to enjoy Muir this autumn?

In October the three Scots pines behind the sheds will be taken down as we have been professionally advised that they could be affected by core rot, and we cannot take the risk that a tree could fall on Muir. The tree surgeons will leave us hundreds of 20cm logs. We need volunteers to help stack them - if you can you help, please contact me at - huts@cairngormclub.org.uk.

We have now two mountain bikes in the bike shed for residents to use, and the Club has also bought three bike helmets. Further donation of mountain bikes will be appreciated. Also a new 8-seater picnic table has been installed.

I welcome suggestions how to convince guests and members that instructions at Muir are there for a purpose. Frequently lights are not turned off, windows are left open, and some people even fail to turn off kitchen and bathroom heaters even in the summer.

All booking information is on the web <http://www.cairngormclub.org.uk/muircottage/muircottage.htm> or contact David Kirk at - muir-booking@cairngormclub.org.uk

Kees Witte, Custodian

Day Meets

Further to the Day Meets detailed on pages 7, 8 & 9, listed below are other meets organised up to summer 2016.

17 Apr	Linn o' Dee	Minibus	Derek Beverley
15 May	TBA	Minibus	Benn Hitchen
18 Jun	Ben Alder Overnighter	Minibus	Garry Wardrope
16 Jul	TBA	Car	Garry Wardrope

Weekend Meets

Further to the Weekend Meets detailed on pages 8, 9 & 10, listed below are the other meets currently organised for 2016.

Date	Location	Organiser
1 Apr	Loch Ossian SYHA	Sue Chalmers
29 Apr	Portnalong Bunkhouse, Skye	Jim Bryce
10 Jun	Lazy Crofter, Durness	Sue Chalmers
8 Jul	Sail Mhor Croft, Dundonnel	Jim Bryce

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.

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

* 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.

Website and Forum

If you haven't visited recently, please check out the Club Website and Forum for up-to-date news of Day, Weekend and other meets.

CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for the year 2015/16 become due on 1st October 2015.

For those paying by Direct Debit this was collected automatically on 1st October.

Others should send their subscriptions to Derek Pinches, the Club Treasurer.

Cairngorm Club Subscription rates for 2015/16 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.

First subscriptions are only part of a full year's subscription, based on when admission occurred within the Club year.

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

Training was delivered over the summer months by several means. A short "correspondence" course, aimed primarily at those totally new to the subject, was emailed to interested members. This was followed up with an indoor evening session to consolidate that material. Finally there was a chance to see and practise the skills on the hill at the Club Torridon weekend with a varied mountain journey including two Munros. A huge amount of information was covered over the weekend and the enthusiasm of those attending made the whole thing a great success. The intention is to keep the momentum going with some further practical sessions and if there is demand some indoor theory sessions. Like many skills, navigation something that needs to be practiced if you want to be good at it. With this in mind, everyone, no matter how expert (all the better as you can share your experience), is welcome to come along to these sessions. If you're at all interested please email me at day@cairngormclub.org.uk.

Garry Wardrope

Deaths: Eileen Leese and Pam Howgate

Older members will be saddened to hear of the following deaths:

- in late 2014, Eileen Leese (*née* Spence), who joined the Club as a Life Member in 1949. Although moving to London in the early 1950s, she spent much time walking on Deeside and working at Derry Lodge and Muir Cottage. She returned to Aberdeen in 1982, but moved to Dundee in 2005.
- on 28 July 2015, Pam Howgate, one-time Club member and wife of our Honorary Member (and Past President and Huts Custodian) Pete Howgate, now resident in Sussex.

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



16 - 17 October, Aite Cruinnichidh Bunkhouse, Roy Bridge (Fri & Sat nights)

This meet is to this ever-popular area surrounded by big hills and even Corbetts!! The Grey Corries can be a wonderful day out and you also have Ben Nevis and Aonach Mor near by, and don't forget the multiple Carn Deargs of Glen Roy. To book, contact Sue Chalmers at ctte11@cairnngormclub

14 - 15 November, Inbhirfaolain, Glen Etive (Fri & Sat nights)

With many Munros and Corbetts on the doorstep, including the Glencoe Hills a short drive away, this is a wonderful location at any time of the year but really special if there is snow on the ground. The Club has exclusive use of this Grampian Club hut deep in the glen - <http://www.grampianclub.org/about-the-grampian-club/club-properties/the-club-hut>. To book, contact Marj Ewan at ctte17@cairnngormclub.org.uk.

4 - 5 December, Inverardan Cottage, Crianlarich (Fri & Sat nights)

A visit to the Ochils 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 Marj Ewan at ctte17@cairnngormclub.org.uk

22 - 23 January, Muir Cottage, Burns Supper Weekend (Fri & Sat nights)

Celebrate Robert Burns with some traditional Scottish food, drink and possibly music. Over the weekend you could also tackle some Munros, Corbetts, skiing or ski touring as well as your haggis, neeps and tatties. To book, contact Marj Ewan at ctte17@cairnngormclub.org.uk

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, contact Ken Thomson at secretary@cairnngormclub.org.uk

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

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

Weekend Meets (organiser; telephone number; email contact)

Climbing (time, low or high water, 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. Members should contact the Meet Organiser to book a place, and the organiser or Day Meets Secretary can be contacted should any additional information be sought.

Meets generally leave Aberdeen 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 7:45am. 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 Winter 2015/16.

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

November 8, Buck of Cabrach

This minibus meet takes us to a fine viewpoint in the midst of one of the remotest areas of Aberdeenshire. From the quickly reached summit, we will probably follow the county boundary as far as fancy takes us and peat allows before returning via landrover track, with shorter rounds perfectly possible. A stop in Alford on the way back seems attractive, and will still allow an early return to Aberdeen. To book, contact Ken Thomson at secretary@cairnngormclub.org.uk.

December 13, Bennachie

Catch the Bennachie Express for the last Day Meet of 2015 and enjoy an easy hill day as we tramp o'er the hills from Inch to Inverurie. Train meet departing Aberdeen at 10.00am Sunday morning followed by a gathering at The Gordon Highlander Pub in Inverurie afterwards. Circa 5 hours walking followed by Christmas food and refreshments before catching your train (or bus) back to your starting point. This meet will be "pay as you go" on the day. To book, contact Derek Beverley at meetorganiser16@cairnngormclub.org.uk.

January 10, 2016, 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 at day@cairnngormclub.org.uk

January 31, Mayar & Dreish

The intention would be to tackle these hills from Glen Prosen with many low-level options available. To book, contact Garry Wardrope at day@cairnngormclub.org.uk

February 27, Strathdon

A short trip to Donside where there are various options for day-long walks with several Corbetts and Grahams in the area. The exact destination will be announced later. To book, contact Alex Barbour at meetorganiser17@cairnngormclub.org.uk

October 2015

13	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing - Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
16	Fri	W/E Meet	Aite Cruinnichidh Bunkhouse, Spean Bridge (Sue Chalmers ctte11@cairngormclub.org.uk)
20	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing - Transition (Chris Wilson; limb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
23	Fri	Lunch & Dander	Meet at Stonehaven Harbour at 10:30am with lunch at the Ship Inn, Stonehaven at 12:30. (Ruth Payne)
27	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing - Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
29	Thur	M/W Walk	Foudland Hill (9am; 29/37; K; Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)

November

3	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing - Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
8	Sun	Day Meet	The Buck o' Cabrach (8am; 37; 421251; 6hrs; £12.50; minibus; Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
10	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing - Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
11	Wed	AGM	Annual General Meeting at Sportsman's Club (secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
13	Fri	W/E Meet	Inbhirfaolin, Glen Etive (Marj Ewan; ctte17@cairngormclub.org.uk)
17	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing - Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
20	Fri	Dinner	The Treetop Hotel (Anne Pinches; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
24	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing - Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
26	Thur	M/W Walk	Castle Fraser (9am; 38; K; Lydia Thomson)

December

1	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing - Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
2	Wed	Indoor	Sandy McIntosh, 125 years of Cairngorm Club Slides (social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
4	Fri	W/E Meet	Ochils Hut, Crianlarich (Marj Ewan; ctte17@cairngormclub.org.uk)
8	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing - Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
10	Thur	M/W Walk	Scolty (9am; 38; K; Judy Middleton; meetorganiser19@cairngormclub.org.uk)
13	Sun	Day Meet	Christmas Day Meet Special - Insch to Inverurie over Bennachie (10am; 37 & 38; 629276 - 699700; 6hrs; train fare; N/A; Derek Beverley; day@cairngormclub.org.uk)
15	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing - Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
22	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing - Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
29	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing - Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)

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5	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing - Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
6	Wed	Indoor	Members Night (social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
10	Sun	Dasy Meet	Lochnagar (7am; 44; 311852; 7hrs; Cost TBC, see Forum etc; Coach; Garry Wardrope; day@cairngormclub.org.uk)
12	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing - Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
12	Tue	Lunch & Dander	Meet at Park Bridge at 10:30am with lunch at the Mains of Drum at 12:30. (Ruth Payne)
19	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing - Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
22	Fri	W/E Meet	Muir Cottage, Burns Supper Weekend (Marj Ewan; ctte17@cairngormclub.org.uk)
26	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing - Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
28	Thur	M/W Walk	Migvie (9am; 37; K; Douglas Harper)
31	Sun	Day Meet	Dreish & Mayar from the South (7am; 44; 292680; 7hrs; £12.50; minibus; Garry Wardrope; day@cairngormclub.org.uk)

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2	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing - Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
3	Wed	Indoor	Alistair Beeley, Climbing Mount Elbrus (social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
9	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing - Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
12	Fri	W/E Meet	Newtonmore Bunkhouse (Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
16	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing - Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
23	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing - Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
25	Thur	M/W Walk	Loch Kinord (9am; 37; K; Lydia Thomson)
27	Sat	Day Meet	Strathdon (Alex Barbour; meetorganiser17@cairngormclub.org.uk)