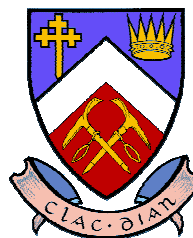


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The Newsletter of the Cairngorm Club

## A Half-Week in Ullapool

Eleven participants – ten hardy Mid-Week Walkers, and a guest – gathered in Ullapool on 12 September for a 3-night “away match” organised by Kees Witte. MWIS forecasts for both main days were pretty dire (“showers”, “almost constant rain for a couple of hours”, “wet snow highest tops”) but the Wednesday turned out much better than predicted. Most had a splendid day on Stac Polly, with good views below and Suilven, Cul Beag, etc. coming and going in mist shrouds. Afterwards, they scattered to geologise, beach-walk and/or coffee-drink, e.g. at Achiltibuie.



(Beneath Stac Polly)

Thursday morning was “mixed” (even a blink of sunshine!), but the afternoon was not – pretty solid rain or drizzle throughout. Everyone headed straight  
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up out of town beside the Ullapool River past an impressive quarry to Loch Achall, where the main group, Presidentially led, then headed NW along a path well marked on the map but not on the ground. Indeed, boots, poles and even participants were liable to vanish into the surface, largely composed of water. Two went further up the glen as far as the East Rhidorroch Lodge footbridge, and then crossed Srath Nimhe over to Leckmelm.

In the evenings, they tested several local restaurants – most courses well worth the sometimes considerable wait for service! To be repeated in autumn 2018?



(Stac Polly Ledge)

## SGM 28 June 2017

Approval of the proposed changes to the Constitution went more or less swimmingly, though with an amendment to be considered. The re-revised Constitution can be found on the Club website under “Club Membership”. The Meeting was followed by a demonstration of the search facility to be part of the Cairngorm Club Journal digitisation project. This raised a number of points about copyright, accessibility, personal data, etc. The Working Group will consider these points in its work.

## Final Call for articles for Journal Issue 112

Work is now underway for the next Journal publication. If you have any ideas for a submission please contact the Editor, Jean Robinson, soon at [journal@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:journal@cairngormclub.org.uk)

## Aberdeen Mountain Rescue Team Ceilidh

AMRT are having a Ceilidh on Saturday 18 November in the Aberdeen Altens Hotel, from 7.30pm to 1am. The band is Ceilidh Stomp. All are welcome. The ticket price of £15 includes stovies, and there will be an opportunity to spend even more money on the raffle. Reduced rates for Bed and Breakfast are available. Tickets available from Anne Pinches.

## Book Review:

*Between the Sunset and the Sea: a View of 16 British Mountains*, by Simon Ingram. WilliamCollinsBooks, £9.99 paperback. 440pp including bibliography and index. ISBN 978-0-00-754790-6.

According to the blurb, this compendium “takes you high into the rafters of Britain’s most forbidding and astonishing wild places through all seasons of the year”, via a series of chapters labelled “Space”, “Light”, “Summit”, etc. which deal with the author’s ascents of many well-known mountains, from Snowdon and Cross Fell to Schiehallion and Ladhar Bheinn. As well as the hillwalking details, reflections on mountain character - somewhat along Nan Shepherd lines - are intermixed with summaries of mountain stories, from bothies to geology, from the OS to MRTs, and from the 1953 Everest team at the Pen-y-Gwryd Hotel to Alfred Wainwright’s writings on the Lake District. But fear not, the Cairngorms are given their due – in a chapter entitled “Terror”, the last before the final “Summit” chapter on Ben Nevis – via an account of a late-afternoon ascent of Macdhuì from the Northern Corries car park, followed by an anxious search in the dark for the Shelter Stone, with the Grey Man in the background. Even if most Club members will themselves recall many such places and tales, this is a pleasant way to be reminded (even if spoiled by a rather small font, and with only a few black-and-white “arty” photographs), perhaps after a Christmas meal.

## December Indoor Meet

On 12 - 25 May of this year I took part in The Great Outdoor Challenge, walking solo from the West to the East Coast. This was a walk of 200 miles, over 7 Munros and 3 Corbetts, from Inverie in Knoydart on the West Coast, to Newburgh, the village I grew up in, on the East Coast. My walk raised a wonderful £3,400 for the charity Action for Hearing Loss, on behalf of my Mum, Diana, who suffers from tinnitus and hearing loss. I'll be giving a talk about it at the 6th December Indoor Meet so come along if you are interested in hearing a wee bit more about the Challenge.

Izy Kirkaldy

## Questing Nymphs on the Run!

A scientific article (available at [dx.doi.org/10.3201/eid2303.161397](https://doi.org/10.3201/eid2303.161397)) has reported the results of asking competitors on the Lowe Alpine Mountain Marathon held in Glen Carron in 2014 to report any ticks picked up during the two-day event. At least 8% of competitors were bitten by ticks (which “quest”, or lie in wait, on grass or heather) that could potentially transmit Lyme Disease, and about 10% of these ticks were carrying *Borrelia burgdorferi*, the bacterium that causes the disease. However, competitors reported no subsequent cases of the disease, probably because of high awareness and efficient post-race removal. Thanks to Rod Campbell (a LAMM veteran) for drawing this to our attention!

PS: On 14 June 2017, the Scottish Parliament debated a motion on Lyme Disease (which is named after a town in Connecticut, not after an unfortunate Mr or Ms Lyme although ticks and the disease have been on both sides of the Atlantic for millennia!) introduced by Alexander Burnett (Con, Aberdeenshire West), i.e. “That the Parliament recognises that Lyme disease is affecting many people across Scotland, including in Aberdeenshire; considers that there is a lack of awareness and education to prevent further infections in 2017; notes calls for the issues surrounding diagnosis and treatment to be explored further; further notes calls for public education on the dangers of tick bites and for doctors to become better informed so that patients are not left undiagnosed, and notes the support for Lyme Disease UK’s campaign to help increase awareness of this disease”. The Minister, Maureen Watt (SNP, Aberdeen South and North Kincardine), reported the work of a multi-agency Lyme Disease Sub-Group set up some 18 months earlier; e.g. on workforce and public education. However, medical advances seem slow in coming along.

## Membership News

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

Martin Slocock	Ordinary	Member since 1955
Ken Mills	Ordinary	Member since 1995 (Committee 03 - 05)

The following new members have been admitted since the last newsletter

Mrs Helen Russell	Aberdeen	Ordinary
Mr Richard Heslop	Portlethen	Associate

## 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.

## Mid-Week Walks

Have you considered joining the mid-week walkers? At the planning meeting in August the twelve walks for 2018 were decided. The walks will be on the last Thursday of every month. Typically they will take 4-5 hours on foot, usually on easy ground but sometimes with height to gain. Some participants will visit a local cafe afterwards, but usually we are all back in Aberdeen before 5pm.

Booking to take part is not essential, but the car-shares and the walks always start on time, so it may be as well to let the walk organiser know that you plan to come.

The plans will be outlined in the Newsletter and listed in the Calendar. The detail of each walk can be obtained by e mail contact [ctte10@cairnngormclub.org.uk](mailto:ctte10@cairnngormclub.org.uk)

Each month there are 2 options: Either meet at 9am at one of the four locations below to optimise car-sharing, or at the walk start-point, where parking space is more limited.

<u>Code</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Grid Ref</u>
C	Craibstone Park & Ride	879108
K	Kingswells Park & Ride (lower level)	868063
R	Riverside Drive (near Brig o’ Dee)	928036
P	Persley Gardens, Woodside	910093

At Kingswells and Craibstone there are toilets and a waiting room.

<https://www.firstgroup.com/aberdeen>

<https://www.stagecoachbus.com/about/north-scotland>

<https://www.aberdeenairport.com/transport-and-directions/buses-and-coaches>

## Charity Status

Following the SGM in late June which approved the changes to the Constitution, an updated application was made to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) for full charity status. This was officially approved on 11 July 2017. We are now a Scottish Charity, no. SC046567. As a full charity this gives us back the advantages we had as a CASC (which we were until April 2016). In addition it should also allow the Club to reclaim tax on subscriptions which was not possible as a CASC.

In order to do this, a new Gift Aid declaration will be required from all those members willing and able to provide one. The new Gift Aid declaration is enclosed. Please complete, sign and return to the Treasurer.

## Piper's Wood

In early August, Hazel Witte carried out a brief (due to midges!) botanical re-survey of the new section of the Wood, fenced off in 2013. Since the base-year survey there, eleven new species have been found, over 80 birch seedlings are sprouting, and a rowan is already a metre high. A short updating report is planned for the next Club Journal. At the same time, Kees Witte and Ken Thomson replaced three steps on the fence stile on the north side of the original Piper's Wood; three decades, and the rubbings of sheep and deer, had levied their toll. It may be time to consider opening up the lower section of the Wood to deer, and/or to carry a zoological survey of both sections.

## Another Completion

Club member and Day Meets Secretary Garry Wardrope completed his round of the Munros on the 5th August on Stuchd an Lochain in Glen Lyon with a large group of Club members, friends and fiancée, Jenny, in attendance. Congratulations to Garry who joins a select number of Club members also on the list of compleaters.

And now a word or two from Garry -

"I would like to thank all those Club members that joined me, actually on the hill, and in spirit. It was a very special day for me and I will treasure the memory and will have the quaich I received to remind me."

## Core Paths on OS Maps

To date, "core paths" – which have been designated by local authorities in recent years, both around communities and along long-distance routes such as the Lairig Ghru – have not been marked on 1:25000 and 1:50000 maps\* by the Ordnance Survey, who cite technical problems and the lack of a "strong business case". Ramblers Scotland have launched a campaign to persuade OS to change their mind, and at a Club Committee meeting in June, it was agreed that the Club should support this campaign, and encourage its members to do likewise, via [www.ramblers.org.uk/get-involved/campaign-with-us/core-paths.aspx](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/get-involved/campaign-with-us/core-paths.aspx).

\* OS are renumbering (some of?) their 1:25000 maps, so that for example Explorer 387 has become Explorer OL52, though with the same title, Glen Shee & Braemar. Heaven knows why!

## Adopt a Path

This scheme is being revived, and volunteers will be sought for various Deeside paths (and possibly pathwork) in spring 2018.

See [www.themountainsandthepeople.org.uk/volunteering](http://www.themountainsandthepeople.org.uk/volunteering)

## Muir Cottage

This year's work weekend, at the end of May, was a great success. Sixteen members showed off their skills and all jobs were completed. The weather was excellent and there and not midge in sight (see full report on the Club Forum). For your diary, the 2018 work weekend will take place from the 31st of May until the 3rd of June.

This year has seen a steady stream of visitors but please book sooner than later if you are planning to stay in our cottage.

All booking information is on the web <http://www.cairngormclub.org.uk/muircottage/muircottage.htm> or contact David Kirk at [muirbooking@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:muirbooking@cairngormclub.org.uk).

## 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.

## Trees at Mar Lodge

In order to receive further Forestry Commission grants, the NTS Mar Lodge Estate has had to submit a "Scoping Report" as to "key issues" raised by its future forestry management plans for the Estate. These issues include the balance between conservation and shooting interests, fencing, the best ways of achieving regeneration, and the desirable extent of the "regeneration zone", e.g. to the north of the Geldie. A draft Report in June envisaged no further fencing except a few small-scale riparian exclosures on the Dee and its tributaries, and better communications with the local community. In a brief response, the Club largely endorsed it, but pointed out the desirability of maintaining long-range views of the hills from the main approach routes. Recent timber extraction from the "artificial" plantations near the Linn of Dee car park has left ugly marks and gouges in the ground; it is hoped that NTS will see that these are removed.

## 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 £35 (a discount of £5) on proof of Club membership (e.g. card);  
priority appointments for Club members; next-day appointments  
if booked before 12 noon.

**Aberdeen Physiotherapy - 01224 626266**

## 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.

## Save Bennachie Alliance

In February 2017, the Club joined this grouping, which was formed in 2015 to defend Bennachie and its surrounding area from the upgrading of the A96 between Aberdeen and Inverness to dual carriageway standard by 2030, with some options dangerously near the hill. There are no immediate or regular financial implications for the Club. More information about the Alliance, including its newsletters, at [www.savebennachie.com](http://www.savebennachie.com).

## 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>

## The Hurtigruten

Club Honorary President Ruth Payne has travelled widely and has in recent years has enjoyed both Antarctic and Arctic cruising.

Ruth has booked for The Hurtigruten in early 2018 and wants to float the idea in case any other Club members wished to join her. She has booked to travel Aberdeen to Bergen on Wed 7th February to join her cruise. The trip costs approx. £2,000 - £2,500 and more information can be found at [www.hurtigruten.co.uk](http://www.hurtigruten.co.uk). If interested please contact Ruth.

## Lunch & Danders

The next Lunch and Dander will be on Tuesday 5th December, meeting at Dunecht House Gates at 10:30am, with lunch at Jaff's, Dunecht at 12:30pm. Please advise Ruth Payne by Sunday 3rd December if you would like to join the lunch gathering.

There is another Lunch and Dander planned for Friday 2nd February, meeting at Crathes Castle Car Park at 10:30am, with lunch at Milton of Crathes at 12:30pm. Please advise Ruth by Wednesday 31st January if you would like to join the lunch gathering.

## Small Hydro Scheme Reporting

The Munro Society has started to monitor hydro tracks and is passing on concerns to Mountaineering Scotland for action. To this end the Society has produced a form and is asking hill-goers to fill it in when they come across hydro tracks and to return it to them, along with photos. The form can be accessed on the Society's site at <http://www.themunrosociety.com/latest-news/small-hydro-schemes-survey>.

While the form may appear rather daunting, the Society is stressing that all sections need not be completed. The interest is in information regarding COMPLETED schemes and not those where work is still ongoing. However, given the mess left, it is sometimes not obvious if the work is finished; if in doubt, please send in the information.

## Day Meets

Further to the Day Meets detailed on pages 7, 8 and 9, listed below are other meets organised for Spring/Summer 2018

22 Apr (Sun)	Deeside (Minibus)	Derek Beverley
19 May (Sat)	Glen Isla (Minibus)	Garry Wardrope
23 Jun (Sun)	Knoydart Overnighter (Minibus)	Ivan Hiscox
28 Jul (Sat)	Ben Lawers (Car)	Garry Wardrope
2 Sept (Sun)	Cairngorm Traverse (Coach)	David Brown
30 Sept (Sun)	Gairnside (Minibus)	Garry Wardrope

## Weekend Meets

Further to the Weekend Meets detailed on pages 8, 9 and 10, listed below are the other meets currently organised for Spring/Summer 2018.

30 Mar (2 nights)	Great Glen Hostel, Loch Lochy	Jim Bryce
4 May (3 nights)	Sail Mhor Croft, Dundonnell	Marj Ewan
8 Jun (2 nights)	Ling Hut, Torridon	Mark Peel
13 Jul (2 nights)	Strawberry Cottage, Glen Affric	Marj Ewan
17 Aug (2 nights)	Blackrock Cottage, Glencoe	Joyce Ritchie
21 Sept (3 nights)	BMC Hut Glenbrittle, Skye	Sue Chalmers

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.



## Furths

Have you climbed the Furths, i.e. 3000 foot mountains of England, Wales and Ireland? If so, you may be interested in Simon Glover's website <http://furthsummits.blogspot.co.uk/> which has information about these mountains and also contains a (incomplete as yet) list of those who have climbed them. If you have completed the Furths and would like your name added to this list, contact Simon at email - [moelfamau555@gmail.com](mailto:moelfamau555@gmail.com).

## Library

The Club has a large but little-used collection of books, journals and papers stored in the Special Collections of the University Library at Kings College. Recent acquisitions have included the 2015 issues of the *Scottish Mountaineering Club Journal* and the *Alpine Journal*, and the book *The Cairngorms: a Secret History*, by Patrick Baker. Access to the collection is not as easy as might be wished, but items can be searched for, password-free, at <https://aulib.abdn.ac.uk/F>, and the Secretary (see back page) will be pleased to borrow them on behalf of members.

It turns out that the Club has approximately three series of *Scottish Mountaineering Club Journals* in its Library collection, though none are complete. It is proposed to reduce these to one complete set, and to dispose of the rest of the issues. This is probably best done via the SMC Librarian (with whom we have a reciprocal arrangement to exchange current issues), but if any member is particularly interested, he or she should get in touch with the Librarian (see back page).

## CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for the year 2017/18 became due on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017.

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 2017/18 are as follows:

	Club	MCoFS	Total
Full Rate	£13.00	£16.25	£29.25
Reduced Rate	£6.50	£16.25	£22.75

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.

## Training

### First Aid

Names are still being collected for an Emergency First Aid (to HSE standards) course. If your certificate has expired or you would like to learn a vital skill, just add your name to the list. There will be no commitment at this stage but it has been decided to hold this at Muir in the Autumn. More details on the Website, the Forum, and by email from Garry (contact details below) for those who have already expressed an interest.

### Navigation

Peer-led navigation practice, Saturday 20 November. An opportunity to brush off the cobwebs or to learn some new skills before winter arrives. Focusing on the skills needed for navigation in poor visibility we will start in early afternoon and continue into the dark of early evening. A morning session is also possible to cover theory if anyone wants to brush up on those aspects. Please contact Garry if interested (no commitment needed at this stage.)

### Winter Skills

Training will be organised to coincide with the February weekend meet (17/18 Feb) to Riasg, Roybridge. This is an ideal opportunity for members to get some quality instruction, with the level and content tailored for those present, be it an introduction to crampons and ice axe or advanced winter navigation. Cost is expected to be £40 for 2 days of instruction, a real bargain considering equivalent courses at Glenmore Lodge can be over £200. Contact Garry if you are interested.

To book or register your interest in any of the above activities, please contact: Garry Wardrope on email [day@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:day@cairngormclub.org.uk).

The Club supports other training such as Mountain Leader and Rock Climbing by providing grants to members. Applications should be made to the Treasurer.

## Mammal Atlas of North-East Scotland and the Cairngorms

This book was recently published by the North East of Scotland Biological Records Centre (NESBReC). It is a fully-illustrated atlas that maps the 43 species of mammals - 7 bats, 10 carnivores, 4 deer, 5 insectivores, 3 lagomorphs (hares and rabbits), 8 rodents, and 3 seals - that have been recorded in the area, and includes much information and "stories" on each species. The book can be ordered directly from "NESBReC, Aberdeenshire Council" at Woodhill House, Westburn Road, Aberdeen AB16 5GB by cheque (only), at £15 plus £2.61 postage and packing, or obtained from some local bookshops. NESBReC also always welcomes casual "sightings" sent in by email: see [www.nesbrec.org.uk](http://www.nesbrec.org.uk).

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



### 10 - 11 November, Bearnock Country Centre, near Cannich (Fri & Sat nights)

For the November meet, the Club will be visiting Bearnock Country Centre which is a purpose-built hostel with en suite rooms. Situated near Cannich, this is an ideal base from which to explore Glen Affric, the Mullardochs and Glen Strathfarrar. (Winter arrangements will mean that we can request the code for the gate rather than join the queue in the morning). The Loch Lochy and Loch Quoich Munros are also within reach. To book, contact Sue Chalmers on email [vp@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:vp@cairngormclub.org.uk).

### 1 - 2 December, 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 Sue Chalmers on email [vp@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:vp@cairngormclub.org.uk).

### 26 - 27 January 2017, Muir Cottage, Burns Supper Weekend (Fri & Sat nights)

Celebrate Scotland's Bard Robert Burns with some traditional Scottish food, drink and possibly some traditional 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 Judy Middleton on email at [meetorganiser19@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:meetorganiser19@cairngormclub.org.uk)

### 16 - 17 February, The Climbers Hut, Riasg, Roy Bridge (Fri & Sat nights)

Riasg ('The Boggy Place') is situated in the village of Roybridge, on the A86 about 20km from Fort William. It is in an excellent location for Ben Nevis and the major climbing centres of the west coast of Scotland. Glen Coe is 35 minutes drive and even Skye and the Cairngorms are accessible from here. To book, contact Jim Bryce on email [weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk)

### 9 - 10 March, Glassie Bunkhouse near Aberfeldy (Fri & Sat nights)

This weekend meet is to an area not often visited by the Club. Nearby there are Munros including those around Ben Lawers and in Glen Lyon. There are also several Corbetts and Grahams locally, along with many low-level walking and cycling options. To book, contact Jim Bryce on email [weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:weekend@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 contact details)

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

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

**Climbing (Summer)** (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 at 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/Spring 2017.

### October 28, Glen Isla

This Saturday minibus meet aims to cover a lot of terrain starting from Auchavan in Glen Isla. The PP will ascend Monamenach and then head NW keeping to the high ground to Cairn Alt. From here a traverse of Creag Leacach will lead to the summit of Glas Maol. There are many options from here but the PP will push on to Cairn a'Claise then head back to the road. There are also many low-level walks options in the area. Rehydration stop planned on the way home. To book, contact Ivan Hiscox on email [ctte3@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:ctte3@cairngormclub.org.uk).

### December 12, Brown Cow Hill

This minibus meet heads up Donside to Corgarff Castle at Cock Bridge. The PP will do a circular traverse of Brown Cow Hill, the quirkily named Corbett to the SW of the Castle. There are various other options nearby for those looking for something different, another Corbett, Carn Ealasaid or a low-level walk through to Inchrory Lodge at the foot of Ben Avon and back among them. To book, contact Alex Barbour on email at [meetorganiser17@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:meetorganiser17@cairngormclub.org.uk)

### January 7, Lochnagar

Our annual outing of the new year to Glen Muick where the president's party will ascend Lochnagar. There are many alternatives including the other Glen Muick Munros, Corbetts, walking back to Ballater or simply a walk around the loch itself. Afterwards we will return to the Burnett Arms for High Tea. The coach will depart St. Margaret's at 7am. Cost of the bus £15, High Tea £14.25. To book, contact Garry Wardrope on email [day@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:day@cairngormclub.org.uk).

### February 10, Ben Vorlich and Stuc a'Chroin

This minibus meet is a trip to Loch Earn in Perthshire where the President's Party will firstly ascend Ben Vorlich from where the short descent and ascent of Stuc a'Chroin can be made. Other options include only doing Ben Vorlich or perhaps a walk up Glen Ogle via the old railway line and back. To book, contact Garry Wardrope on email [day@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:day@cairngormclub.org.uk).

### March 17/18, Snowholing - Winter Overnighter

Becoming a regular winter meet we plan to overnight somewhere high in the Cairngorm Mountains, possibly in the Northern Corries, exactly where will depend on the snow. This is a car meet with departure time and location agreed by those attending. To book or register an interest, contact Izy Kirkcaldy on email [meetorganiser1@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:meetorganiser1@cairngormclub.org.uk).

October 2017			
26	Thur	MWW	Coastal walk near Cullen (9am; 28 & 29; P; Evelyn Massie)
28	Sat	Day	Glen Isla (7am; 43 ;191697; 7hrs; £12.50; minibus; Ivan Hiscox; ctte3@cairngormclub.org.uk)
31	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
November			
7	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
10	Fri	Weekend	Bearnock Country Centre, near Cannich (Sue Chalmers; vp@cairngormclub.org.uk)
14	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
15	Wed	AGM	Club AGM at the Aberdeen Grammar School FP Club Centre, 86 Queens Road, Aberdeen (Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
21	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
24	Fri	Dinner	Hilton Double Tree Hotel (Benn Hitchen; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
28	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
30	Thur	MWW	Tap o'Noth (9am; 37; K; Judy Middleton; meetorganiser19@cairngormclub.org.uk)
December			
1	Fri	Weekend	Inverardran Cottage, Crianlarich (Sue Chalmers; vp@cairngormclub.org.uk)
5	Tue	Lunch & Dander	Meet at Dunecht House Gates at 10:30am with lunch at Jaff's, Dunecht at 12:30. (Ruth Payne)
5	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
6	Wed	Indoor	Indoor Meet - Izy Kircaldy, The TGO Challenge 2017 (Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
10	Sun	Day Meet	Brown Cow Hill (7am; 36 & 37; 254090; 6hrs; £12.50; minibus; Alex Barbour; meetorganiser17@cairngormclub.org.uk)
12	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
19	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
28	Thur	MWW	Invercauld to Balmoral (9am; 43 & 44; K; Kees Witte; huts@cairngormclub.org.uk)
January 2018			
7	Sun	Day Meet	Lochnagar (7am; 44; 311852; 7hrs; £15; Coach, Garry Wardrope; day@cairngormclub.org.uk)
9	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
10	Wed	Indoor	Members Night (Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
16	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
23	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
25	Thur	MWW	Kinellar & Tyrebagger (9am; 38; C; Marion White; ctte10@cairngormclub.org.uk)
26	Fri	Weekend	Muir Cottage, Burns Supper Weekend (Judy & Robbie Middleton; meetorganiser19@cairngormclub.org.uk)
30	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
February			
2	Fri	Lunch & Dander	Meet at Crathes Castle Car Park at 10:30am with lunch at Milton of Crathes at 12:30. (Ruth Payne)
6	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
7	Wed	Indoor	Indoor Meet - Gillian Fowler from the BackStrong Trust (Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
10	Sat	Day Meet	Ben Vorlich & Stuc a'Chroin (7am; 51 & 57; ; 7hrs; £12.50; minibus; Garry Wardrope; day@cairngormclub.org.uk)
13	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
16	Fri	Weekend	Climbers Hut. Riasg, Roy Bridge (Jim Bryce; weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk)
20	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
22	Thur	MWW	Seaton Cliffs & Auchmithie, Arbroath (9am; 54; R; Fiona Lyall)
27	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
March			
6	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
7	Wed	Indoor	Indoor Meet - Speaker TBC (Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
9	Fri	Weekend	Glassie Bunkhouse near Aberfeldy (Sue Chalmers; vp@cairngormclub.org.uk)
13	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
17	Sat	Day	Snowholing Overnighter - Coire Domhain (Izy Kirkaldy; meetorganiser1@cairngormclub.org.uk)
20	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
27	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
29	Thur	MMW	Braes and Woods of Gight (9am; 30; C; Brian Davey; )
30	Fri	Weekend	Great Glen Hostel, Loch Lochy ((Jim Bryce; weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk)