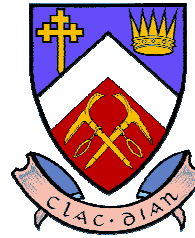


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The Newsletter of the Cairngorm Club

Cairngorm Club Journal Online!

Over the past year the Journal Editor, Jean Robinson, has led a small sub-group who have worked with a local company, Perspectives, to get the entire Journal collection digitised.

This means that anyone can now read and search all past Journal issues from the Club website. The current Journals are available now, and future Journals will be available 6 months after publication.

The Committee see this as an important step in making sure the Journals are preserved for posterity, and available for the public and academics alike, to simply enjoy or to use for research etc.

The Archive can be accessed from a link on the Home page of the Club website or by following this link - <http://www.cairngormclub.org.uk/journals/>

Verwall Alps - Hut-to-Hut Tour Summer 2018

On Monday 30 August, two guests from Sunderland joined 3 members on the bus from St Anton to St Christoph. Ahead lay the promise of 6 days walking with 5 overnights at different mountain huts. After a short hike we found ourselves at the Kaltenberghutte which met our needs adequately. Day 2 took us into the Alps proper. It was hot, there were smiles on faces, and after two climbs through some sublime alpine scenery and a steep descent we arrived at a busy Konstanzer Hutte where, as late arrivals, we were allocated the “Winter Room” for sleeping. Food was à la carte and a communal bill for food and drink caused the M.O. some consternation!

By day 3 the two “hut-to-hut rookies” in the party seemed to be settling in well to life “on the road” or on the hill, and after a good breakfast we set off for the Darmstadter Hutte. A steep climb took us to the Kuchenjoch where we rested and commented on how lucky we were to find ourselves in such an incredible place. David and Jamie climbed Scheibler before finding their way to the hut. Brendan, Dave B and myself followed the path (on wires

and over moraine but virtually no snow!) stopping briefly to gaze at steinbocks elegantly ascending almost vertical snow slopes.

Noticeably there were more wild flowers hereabouts, and some aircraft wreckage was also of interest.



We found the hut recently painted and again were allocated bunks in the Winter Room as nearly 120 guests were expected. Andy Weiskopf, who runs the hut so well, was as friendly and uplifting as ever and kept us fed on “house sausage”, soup, strudel and beer until the main evening meal arrived. A brief thunderstorm was exciting and added to the warm banter, buzz and conviviality in the hut.

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Club Forum

If you are not already a member, why not register for the Club Forum? You can register at - <https://www.tapatalk.com/groups/cairngormclub/index.php>.

Membership News

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

Gordon Mathieson of Newfoundland, Canada, an Ordinary Member since 1945

Charles Gimingham of Cults, an Ordinary Member since 1969

Catherine (Irene) Martin of Braemar, an Associate Member since 1974.

The following new members have been admitted since the last newsletter

Kevin Adam	Cults	Associate
Michael Duguid	Aberdeen	Associate
Gillian Fowler	Stonehaven	Associate
Susan Jensen	Aberdeen	Ordinary
Karly Mulda	Aberdeen	Associate
Wouter Piessens	Aberdeen	Associate

MBA Update

It is now expected that the work at the Red House will be delayed until at least 2019, and possibly 2020. Historic Scotland are investigating how to preserve the remains of an earlier lower roof, and also possible exterior archaeology.

A toilet upgrade at Corroul was undertaken earlier this year but disappointingly it has received deliberate – or at least reckless – damage. Just six days after the doors were opened a group of people camped outside the bothy on a busy weekend, decided to hold a late-night party in the toilet, and left a broken seat and piles of rubbish. You can read more at <https://cairngormwanderer.wordpress.com/2018/09/23/1673/>

Munro Exhibition, Spring 2019

The Munro Society has invited the Club to contribute to an exhibition, to be held in the AK Bell Library in Perth in March-May 2019, marking the centenary of the death of Sir Hugh Munro. We have a splendid 1930s (?) tweed suit, and a pair of tricouni-ed boots (normally hanging in Muir), as well as the “usual” photographs and documents as used e.g. during the Club’s Centenary in 1987. If anyone has other suitable items – not necessarily connected with Munro, and perhaps some illustrating some recent Club activities – please let the Secretary (see back page) know. An old balaclava, gloves, socks, shirt, etc. would go well with the suit – which needs to adorn a mannequin or similar. All items will be insured, and returned to owners afterwards.

Muir Cottage

Muir has seen a steady stream of visitors this summer due to the excellent weather, with many people making last minute bookings. There are to be revised notes for visitors and these will be published soon. To make a booking for Muir, email Dave Kirk at muir-booking@cairnngormclub.org.uk.

Yahoo!

In order to disseminate Club news as widely and quickly as possible, all Members are encouraged to sign up to the Club's Yahoo! email list, by sending a request to Colin Brown (see back page). Don't worry: you won't be flooded with unwanted emails – only monthly notices of Day and Weekend Meets (and in winter Social Meets), and one or two death notices per year, but very few others.

Maps for Disposal

The Secretary (see back page) has spares of the following OS 1:50000 Landranger maps, most in fairly good condition though dated from the 2000s or earlier. Free to good homes!

6, 7, 9, 10, 15, 16, 35, 39, 40, 43, 44, 47, 48, 49, 52, 55

Callater Lodge Bothy

The bothy at Callater Lodge now has a toilet – with two “seats”, if you have a very close friend!

More Completions!

Mark Peel completed his (first) round of all the Munros in August, on that final favourite Stuc a'Chroin in poor weather. As Weekend Meet aficionados will know, Mark, with 50 already under his belt, did his first Munro with the Club in Feb 2015, and has achieved this feat via extensive use of the rail sleeper (and other forms of transport) from his home in far-off Peterborough – which makes it all the more impressive! – and considerable use of his legs and bothies throughout Scotland. Well done, Mark!

Shortly after Mark, Tom Baird also completed his (first) round on Maol Chean-dearg accompanied by his wife, in perfect weather. Tom and Mark have shared many trips to the hills together since Tom also joined the Club in 2015. Well done also to Tom.

And another Club stalwart, Stan Urbaniak, completed his Corbetts on Ben Damph south of Torridon, along with his wife and fellow-Member Kate, on 12 July. An inspiration to us all!

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Thursday dawned bright and another interesting day took us to the Niederelbe Hutte where we were given a room with single bunk-beds. Some of us drank too much and woke with headaches, lighter wallets and fuddled memories. I can recommend the schnapps... but go canny, for it's strong stuff!

After a good breakfast, and with water-bottles filled, we found ourselves in the blazing sun once more on the “Kieler Weg” to the Edmund-Graf-Hutte. A steep climb midway caused some to dig deep but once more we found ourselves travelling through fantastical mountain terrain which was uplifting and a joy to behold. At our last hut we slept in a large modern “matratzenlager” (dorm). Food was excellent and in the morning we departed for Pettneu and the train back to Innsbruck.

Derek Beverley

Mid-Week Walks

Who are the Mid-Week Walkers, and how do they plan their programme? mid-week walks are routes involving 4 -5 hours walking and which can be accomplished as day outings leaving Aberdeen at 9am on the last Thursday of every month.

Each year at an open meeting the twelve routes are chosen and the individual Walk organisers identified. The programme is emailed to those Club members who have requested it, and outlined in the Newsletter.

If you would like to join the Mid-Week Walkers, ask to be added to the list to receive details of each walk from Marion White. Just email Marion at meetorganiser1@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>

Cairngorm Club Dinner

The Club Dinner will take place this year on the 23 November at the DoubleTree by Hilton on the Beach Boulevard. It is at 7pm for 7.30pm and there will be a welcome drink followed by a three course meal. There will then be an illustrated talk by Sandy Allan who is an experienced mountain climber known world-wide for his vast experience of mountain guiding at all levels. He is highly respected in the climbing fraternity and works alongside other guides and sherpas in Europe and Nepal. His book "In Some Lost Place" is his account of his ascent of the Nanga Parbat's Mazeno Ridge.

I hope you will come along and join us. The cost is £23.00 and you can book either by filling in the slip which is included with your newsletter or by getting in touch with myself by email at ccpresident@cairngormclub.org.uk.

Marj Ewan

Mountaineering Journals and Guides for Disposal

The Secretary has the following items available for disposal into appreciative hands; otherwise, it's the tip!

The Mountain World (published by the Swiss Foundation for Alpine Research): 1953, 1958/59, 1960/61, 1962/63, 1964/65, 1966/67, 1968/69

The Himalayan Journal, Vol. XXXI, 1971

The Alpine Journal, 1969 (Vol. 74, no. 318) and 1973 (Vol. 78., no. 322)

Mountaineering (the official journal of the British Mountaineering Council), Vol. IV nos. 7-10 (Spring 1965 to Autumn 1966) and Vol. V, nos. 6 and 8 (Winters 1969 and 1970)

Scottish Mountaineering Club Journal, Vol. XXXI no. 170 (1979), Vol. XXXII nos. 171 (1980), 173 (1982) and 175 (1984), and 177-180 (1986-1989)

Mountain Bothies Association Journal, 1989, Dec. 1990 and Dec. 1991

Also the following SMC guides: Northern Highlands (1932), Island of Skye (1948), Western Highlands (1947) and Southern Highlands (1949)

All except a couple of the guides are in reasonably good condition.

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.

OATS

The Outdoor Access Trust for Scotland is now the main body undertaking pathwork in the Scottish hills. In August, the Club Committee agreed to send £1000 to its "Mend Our Mountains" appeal, specifically for the work being done on the Ben a' Ghlo path up from the south. There is also a crowdfunding appeal: see <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/mend-the-cairngorms>. It is also planned that OATS will supervise Club-funded repairs to the Clachnaben path.

The Annual Public Meeting of the Trust will be held at SNH Battleby Conference Centre, Redgorton PH1 3EW (just outside Perth) on Thursday 18th October 2018 from 6.30pm. The programme includes an account of the Trust's work in 2017-18 and its aims for 2018-19, followed by a light buffet and refreshments whilst being able to spend time talking with OATS staff, and hearing from trainees. If intending to go, please confirm with Lisa Barnard, by 15 October, via lisa@outdooraccesstrustforscotland.org.uk. OATS conducts Mountain Maintenance Days ("walks with spades") for volunteers; forthcoming ones include Days at Dubh Loch and Glas Allt on 23 and 24 October respectively: see <http://themountainsandthepeople.org.uk/events/> for a full calendar, details and how to book.

Yet Another Cairngorms National Park Plan

The Park Authority has recently completed a public consultation on a draft Cairngorms Nature Action Plan 2018-2023, to follow the 2013-2018 one. The draft identifies four priority areas – woodland, farming, freshwaters and peatland, with corresponding targets of (5,000 ha new woodland, 20 farm projects, 150 km river restoration, 5,000 ha peatland "restored"), and proposes "greater collaboration" and more "community engagement". The Plan proposes "focussed action" on a number of species, including the mountain hare, capercaillie, curlew, Kentish glory butterfly, wood ants, pinewood mason bee, pearl mussels, aspen, one-flowered wintergreen, marsh saxifrage, and small cow-wheat. There would be a plan for the possible introduction of beaver, monitoring of raptor populations including the eagle, and "more sustainably managed moorland". The role of natural tree regeneration (which has accelerated in recent years, though the 2013-18 planting target was not reached) is unclear, but there would be an "aim to continue the current direction of travel in which deer numbers and consequent impacts are reduced, where deer welfare is improved and sport stalking in a high quality environment continues to make a valuable economic contribution in the National Park."

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
17 Drumdyre Road
Dingwall
IV15 9RW

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

To keep up to date with the work of the Alliance, and to read its newsletters, log on to their website at www.savebennachie.com.

In "10 Seconds to Save Bennachie", the campaign are asking folks to record a short video on their phones or devices, just saying why they love Bennachie, or what Bennachie means to them.

Please send the result to -

"hello@savebennachie.com", from where it can be uploaded to the Campaign's Facebook page and Instagram account.

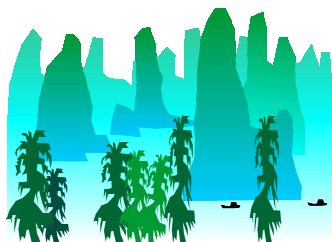
Club Journals

The Secretary receives occasional requests for copies of old *CCJ* issues, particularly nos. 100, 105 and 111, which seem scarce. If anyone has a copy of any of these 3 issues to spare, he would be glad to hear from them. On the other hand, the Club holds spares (not always in mint condition) of some past issues, and will be glad to dispose of these to suitably good homes.

Lunch & Danders

The next Lunch and Dander will be on Tuesday 11th December, meeting at Haddo House at 10:30, with lunch at the Aberdeen Arms, Tarves at 12:30. Please advise Ruth Payne by Sunday 9th December if you would like to join the lunch gathering.

The first Lunch and Dander for 2019 is planned for Tuesday 19th February, meeting at Scolty Car Park at 10:30, with lunch at the Drum Garden Centre (Mains of Drum) at 12:30. Please advise Ruth by Sunday 17th February if you would like to join the lunch gathering.



Dundee Mountain Film Festival, 22-23-24 November

The above clashes with both the Club Dinner and Mountaineering Scotland's Annual Meeting, but features "lone explorer" Benedict Allan, "new generation climber" Uisdean Hawthorn, "ultimate wilderness man" Cameron McNeish, and others. Details at www.dundee-mountain-film.org.uk. Use the Club's Facebook or Yahoo! email to enquire about sharing cars.

Peat vs. Wood?

A recent article* discusses a difficult policy issue. Large areas of peatland in Scotland – such as the Flow Country in the far north, but also parts of the Cairngorms, were planted after the Second World War - and are now maturing although the quantity and quality of yield are sometimes low. If and when felled, should these areas be re-planted (which would be normal forestry practice), or should the ground (and its water) be restored via ditch-blocking etc.? Peatland absorbs carbon, though slowly, and of course has other benefits, such as water retention, rare wildlife and recreation. Planting would reduce the UK's timber deficit, and the trees would trap carbon during the growth period, but involves loss of carbon to the atmosphere via ground and water disturbance, and from some timber uses. There are governmental targets, and grants, for both afforestation and peatland restoration. Peatland Edge Woodland may offer a compromise solution, but its financial and conservation viabilities are uncertain.

*Payne, R. J. *et al.*, The Future of Peatland Forestry in Scotland: balancing economics, carbon and biodiversity, *Scottish Forestry*, 72(1), (2018), 34-38.

Award for Mar Estate

Mar Estate (not to be confused with NTS Mar Lodge Estate) is a finalist for the Scottish Land & Estates 2018 Helping It Happen Award for Community Engagement, based on their support for Braemar village renewals, the Corriemulzie hydro scheme, and engaging a lady gamekeeper/shepherdess.

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

Winter gear notice

With the approach of winter, members are reminded of the importance of being properly equipped for winter conditions. Mountaineering Scotland gives the following advice:

In winter conditions – and those are determined by the presence of snow and ice rather than calendar date – safe ascent and descent are likely to be dependent on the use of technical equipment such as ice axes, crampons, and associated mountaineering skills. Crampons will only provide security if worn with stiff-soled winter boots. The side edges and toes of stiff-soled winter boots are also more effective at creating secure footsteps.

Conditions on the tops can be very different than at glen level and, as always, can change quickly. It is therefore imperative that anyone attending a winter meet should be properly equipped with winter boots, ice axe and crampons. Although purchasing winter gear can be expensive, some local outdoor shops offer equipment hire at reasonable prices.

Useful links:

<https://www.mountaineering.scot/activities/mountaineering/winter-mountaineering>

<https://www.mountaineering.scot/activities/mountaineering/winter-mountaineering/getting-started/boots>

<https://www.tiso.com/hire>

CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for the year 2018/19 become due on 1st October 2018.

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 2018/19 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, are 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

Winter Skills

An Instructor has been arranged to provide winter skills training to coincide with the Newtonmore weekend meet on the 9/10 February. Topics covered will depend on the wishes of the group but will likely cover such things as moving on snow and ice, ice axe arrest, winter navigation and avalanche awareness. Cost will £40 each for 2 days of training (plus your accommodation - book separately). This is an ideal introduction to the winter hills or for those wishing to consolidate skills. Cost, which is subsidised for members, is £40 for the two days. Contact Garry Wardrope (day@cairngormclub.org.uk) to book the training. Please book the weekend separately (see page 10).

Navigation

On the evening of Fri 30 November, there will be a peer-led practice session at the Kirkhill Orienteering course. Taking advantage of the early evening and no moon we will spend a couple of hours honing our micro navigation. Ideal for all standards. Meet at the car park at 18:45. Please let Garry Wardrope (day@cairngormclub.org.uk) know if you intend to come so that you can be alerted to any last-minute changes.

First Aid

The Club has booked Phil Glennie to deliver first aid training. For those of you that don't know Phil, he is a member of the Braemar MRT and has delivered several well received courses for the Club in the past. Training, covering the National Governing Body requirements (SML, WML, SCU, RYA etc.), of 16 hours duration will be delivered over the weekend 30/31 March 2019 at Muir. An optional evening session (2hrs) on Friday 29 Jun is available if the Full First Aid at Work certificate is required. We have rescheduled this course as it has been difficult to find a date when enough members can attend, so please put this in your diary now if you want to get trained. The cost to Club members is £55 which includes 2 nights' accommodation at Muir (bring your own food/drink etc.).

To book or register your interest in any of the above activities please contact : Garry Wardrope at (day@cairngormclub.org.uk). (Full contact details on the back page)

Weekend Meets

Further to the Weekend Meets detailed on pages 8, 9 and 10, listed below are the meets organised for Spring & early Summer 2019:

8-9 Mar (2 nights)	Corran Bunkhouse	Debbie Fielding
5-6 Apr (2 nights)	NTS Kintail Outdoor Centre	Jamie Vince
3-5 May (3 nights)	Coruisk Hut	Mark Peel
7-8 Jun (2 nights)	Glen Affric Hol. Park, Cannich	Sue Chalmers
12-13 Jul (2 nights)	Jura (camping)	Sue Chalmers

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



12 - 13 Oct, Naismith Hut, Elphin (Fri & Sat nights)

The Club have the sole use of the excellent Hut in Elphin in North West Scotland for this Meet. There are a multitude of Munros and Corbetts in the vicinity, and for the climbers there is great climbing at Sheigra, Laxford Bridge, Storr, Sandwood Bay, Reiff and many more. Mountain routes on Stac Pollaidh and Foinaven are also nearby. To book, contact Colin Brown on email newsletter@cairngormclub.org.uk

9 - 10 Nov, Glenfinnan Sleeping Car (Fri & Sat nights)

Glenfinnan sleeping car provides unique, comfortable accommodation in an historic railway carriage adjacent to Glenfinnan Station. An ideal location for the mountains of Lochaber, the Rough Bounds, Moidart and Ardgour. To book, contact Mark Peel by email at meetorganiser38@cairngormclub.org.uk.

7 - 8 Dec, Alex MacIntyre Hut, Onich (Fri & Sat nights)

It has been 8 years since the Club has used the MacIntyre hut, so a welcome return. The hut is fine and handy for the Munros in Glencoe, Kinlochleven and near Ben Nevis. The Ice Factor and skiing at Nevis Range and Glencoe are also nearby. To book, contact Sue Chalmers by email at vp@cairngormclub.org.uk.

25 - 26 Jan, Muir Cottage (Fri & Sat nights)

The Club's annual Burns Supper meet takes place as usual in our own hut, Muir Cottage. This is a great opportunity to do some winter walking without travelling too far. Having built up an appetite, you will enjoy the Burns Supper and traditional festivities all the more. To book, contact Marj Ewan by email at ccpresident@cairngormclub.org.uk.

8 - 9 Feb, Newtonmore Hostel (Fri & Sat nights)

Newtonmore Hostel is well situated for both the Monadhliath and the Cairngorms, and also offers the option of travelling further west. To book, contact Marj Ewan on 01358 761408 or email ccpresident@cairngormclub.org.uk. Winter Skills training will also be offered on this weekend. Please contact Garry Wardrope by email at atday@cairngormclub.org.uk to reserve a place on this.

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; organiser 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. 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 2018/19.

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

October 28 (Sunday), Invercauld

This meet is by minibus and has a 7am departure from Aberdeen. The President's Party will traverse from Invercauld Bridge to Auchallater over Carn an t-Sagairt Mor. Afterwards it is hoped to visit the Braemar Golf Club for food and drinks. Other options are available with prior arrangement with the minibus driver. To book, contact Derek Beverley on email meetorganiser16@cairngormclub.org.uk.

November 25 (Sunday), Glen Muick to Glen Clova

This meet offers the opportunity to walk through via various routes from Glen Muick to Glen Clova. A high route can be taken over Broad Cairn then via Jock's Road to Clova. Other shorter routes available. To book, contact Ivan Hiscox on email ctte3@cairngormclub.org.uk.

December 16 (Sunday), Strathbogie

This minibus meet will penetrate one of the remotest areas of Aberdeenshire, west of Huntly and towards the Cabrach. We will use forest tracks to get up onto a ridge above 500m with good views (we hope), and then traverse rough ground before returning along the River Deveron, with some easier/shorter options available. Meet at St. Margaret's at 8am (December lie-in!) for the A96 drive-out. To book, contact Ken Thomson on email secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk.

January 6 (Sunday), 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 £15.25. To book contact Garry Wardrope on email at day@cairngormclub.org.uk.

February 23 (Saturday), Mount Keen

Another Saturday minibus meet, Looking to ascend Mount Keen. If conditions are favourable we will ascend from the South and traverse East along the county boundary before descending. There are also lots of lower level options in the area. We will stop for refreshments at the Glenesk Retreat on the way home. The minibus will depart St Margaret's at 7am, cost £12.50. To book contact Garry Wardrope at day@cairngormclub.org.uk.

October 2018

16	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
23	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
25	Thur	MWWalk	Correen Hills (9am; 37; K; Bert Swinborn; 01224 326856)
28	Sun	Day Meet	Invercauld to Auchallater Traverse (7am; 43; 185911 - 156883; 7hrs; £12.50; minibus; Derek Beverley; meetorganiser16@cairngormclub.org.uk)
30	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)

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6	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
9	Fri	Weekend	Glenfinnan Sleeping Car (Mark Peel; meetorganiser38@cairngormclub.org.uk)
13	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
14	Wed	AGM	Club AGM at the Aberdeen Grammar School FP Club Centre, 86 Queens Road, Aberdeen (Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
20	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
23	Fri	Dinner	Hilton DoubleTree Hotel, Aberdeen at 7.00pm for 7.30pm (Marj Ewan; ccpresident@cairngormclub.org.uk)
25	Sun	Day Meet	Glen Muick to Glen Clova Traverse (Ivan Hiscox; ctte3@cairngormclub.org.uk)
27	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
29	Thur	MWW	Kincardine O'Neil to Aboyne (9am; 37; K; Donald Thomas)

December

4	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
5	Wed	Indoor	Eric Jensen - Nature of the Cairngorms (Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
7	Fri	Weekend	Alex MacIntyre Hut, Onich, near Ballachulish (Sue Chalmers; vp@cairngormclub.org.uk)
11	Tue	Lunch & Dander	Meet at Haddo House at 10:30am with lunch at the Aberdeen Arms, Tarves at 12:30. (Ruth Payne)
11	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
16	Sun	Day Meet	Strathbogie (8am; 28; 425359; 6hrs; £12.50; minibus; Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
18	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
27	Thur	MWW	Crathes Castle Policies (9am; 38; K; Kees Witte; huts@cairngormclub.org.uk)

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6	Sun	Day Meet	Lochnagar (7am; 44; 311852; 7hrs; £15; Coach; Garry Wardrope; 01224 790551; day@cairngormclub.org.uk)
8	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
9	Wed	Indoor	Robbie Middleton - The Cairngorm Club: 130 Years of Mountaineering (Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
15	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
22	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
25	Fri	Weekend	Muir Cottage, Burns Supper Weekend (Marj Ewan; 01358 761408; ccpresident@cairngormclub.org.uk)
29	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
31	Thur	MWW	Hazlehead to Countesswells (9am; 38; Hazlehead; Brian Davey)

February

5	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
6	Wed	Indoor	TBC (Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
8	Fri	Weekend	Newtonmore Hostel (Marj Ewan; ccpresident@cairngormclub.org.uk)
12	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
19	Tue	Lunch & Dander	Meet at Scolty Car Park at 10:30am with lunch at the Drum Garden Centre (Mains of Drum) at 12:30. (Ruth Payne)
19	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
23	Sat	Day Meet	Mount Keen (7am; ; 447803; 6hrs; £12.50; minibus; Garry Wardrope; day@cairngormclub.org.uk)
26	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
28	Thur	MWW	Sands of Forvie (9am; 38; P; Norris Rennie)

March

5	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing (Rod Campbell; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
6	Wed	Indoor	TBC (Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)