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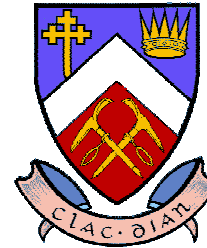
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The Cairngorm Club
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The Newsletter of the Cairngorm Club

January 2003: Lochnagar and John Elgie

As most members will know, during the Club's outing on 12 January, John Elgie was swept away by an avalanche just above the Left-Hand Branch chokestone of the Black Spout. His fall was seen by two members, who instantly alerted the rescue services, thus enabling a very swift evacuation by RAF helicopter. Sadly, John nevertheless died a few days later in hospital. Our sympathies go to his partner Annie, and to his family and friends, and a note by Geoff Cumming, who was with John on the hill, is elsewhere in this Newsletter. Many Club members attended John's funeral service on 23 January, and to date, approximately £1500 has been collected in his memory, including a Club donation of £250 which will go to the two mountain rescue teams involved (Aberdeen and Braemar).

In the light of this incident, the Committee has now approved a number of suggestions for Club action, including bus meet practices and "incident response" procedures.

The Committee would also like to highlight the training courses which the club regularly offers in winter skills, navigation, first aid and climbing techniques. Details of several of these courses appear in this newsletter.

Club Climbing Secretary Fred Belcher celebrates his 70th birthday this April. As part of the celebrations, he has invited all Club members to a ceilidh being held in the function suite of the Aultguish Inn on the Saturday evening of the "Easter" meet (5 April)- see below. All Club members and friends are very welcome to attend - kilts optional.

BBQ

The Club annual BBQ will be held at Templar's Park, Maryculter on 25 June at 8pm. Eat and drink your fill for only £8.00 Contact Neil Cromar or contact any Committee member.



"Easter" Meet 2003

This will be held on Friday-Monday 4-7 April 2003 (two weeks before Easter itself) at the Aultguish Inn on the A835 between Garve and Ullapool. Thirty-two bookings have been made so far but there is still accommodation available, particularly in the bunkhouse. Camping is also allowed with one member doing this. There is no cooking in the bunkhouse, but meals are served in the dining room or lounge bar. There is also talk of roasting a boar for the Saturday evening meal! Further outdoors, the relevant Landranger map (no. 20) contains at least 16 Munros and 6 Corbetts in the Fannich, Wyvis and Strathvaich ranges, and other hills such as An Teallach are not far away. The Inn's website is: www.aultguish.co.uk. Bookings should be made, quoting the Cairngorm Club, direct to the Inn itself, tel/fax 01997 455 254, or via richard@rsys.freeserve.co.uk. Demand for accommodation in April is strong, so early booking is advised. Please contact Derek Beverley for any further information.

Harvey's Maps

Stocks of the following specialist maps, on waterproof paper, are available to Club Members:

- Cairn Gorm (both scales)
- Ben Nevis (1:40000)
- Torrison (1:25000)
- Lochnagar (1:25000)
- Glencoe (1:40000)
- Skye (1:25000)

1:40000 £4.35

1:25000 £5.55

(P&P extra if required)

Contact

Anne Cassidy

Aberdeen & St. John Mountain Rescue Association



The Fundraising Walk (Sat 7 June) is again to be from Corndavon to Invercauld, with bus transport and refreshments laid on for those participating. Entry forms available from Gill Shirreffs, Neil Gauld (Team and Club Member) or via the website:

www.amrt.org.uk

This year, the Aberdeen Team is celebrating its first 40 years and will be having a celebratory and fund-raising Ceilidh at Norwood Hall on Sat 8 Nov. Any past Team members or those who were involved in Mountain Rescue before the Teams as such were formed are particularly invited to join in the celebrations. Any Club members who would also like to support the Team will also be most welcome. For further information and tickets, either check the website or write to the Team Leader Mario di Maio at Team HQ, Peregrine Road, Westhill, Aberdeenshire. The Association and team are looking for funds for equipment and replacement vehicles. If any Club member is interested either in making a donation or in becoming an ordinary member or Patron of the Association, more information can be obtained from the Hon. Treasurer Malcolm Lamont .

Any member interested in joining the Team should either check the website or contact Mario at the HQ address or speak to Neil Gauld.

Membership

The following new members have been admitted since the last Newsletter:

Mrs Joyce Ritchie	Transfer to Ordinary	Mr Adrian Scott	Transfer to Ordinary
Dr Michael R Hewitt	Ordinary	Ms Sandra Cassels	Associate
Dr Peter Fayers	Ordinary	Mr Jamie McDonald	Associate
Mr Tom Batey	Associate	Mr David McIlloney	Associate
Mr Malcolm Brown	Associate	Mr Simon G Platt	Associate
Miss Gillian Cameron	Associate	Mr Ian Thompson	Associate
Miss Karen Cameron	Associate	Miss Leigh A Williamson	Associate



Club Journal

Clac Dian

Copies of the most recently published *Journal*, no. 106, were posted to all members in 2001,

and anyone not in receipt should contact the Editor, Lydia Thomson. This number is now available for sale in local bookshops etc. Anyone wishing to purchase extra copies should contact Derek Pinches, Treasurer/Membership Secretary (details on back page), with payment of £3.50 per copy, to include postage (cheques to "The Cairngorm Club").

Copies of some past numbers (excluding no. 100) may be obtainable from Derek, who should be contacted for availability and prices. Members are also invited to contact him if they have a copy of no. 100 (so that we can arrange to have it photocopied) or copies to dispose of. Details can then be posted on the Club website, or printed in future editions of the Newsletter.

Calling All Authors!

The time has come round again for all you creative writers to start thinking about the adventures that you could write up for the next issue of the Cairngorm Club Journal. All offerings considered, from the short to the long (but probably not more than about 4,000 words). Poetry, natural history, local history, travel, anything related to the hill and of interest to other Club members. So that I can start to plan the next issue, please e-mail me with ideas for articles. Completed articles are best sent as e-mail attachments, or on disc, but I can also accept typewritten manuscripts. Please try to get them to me by the end of September.

Lydia Thomson

Editor Cairngorm Club Journal.

Articles and Photographs Wanted!

News, stories, reports and photographs are all needed for the Club Newsletter and Club Website. Longer articles may be published in the Club Journal with a summary in the Newsletter and on the Web. If you have any material, or photographs of Club activity that I can use, please get in touch
Thanks in anticipation.
Garry Wardrope (Newsletter Editor)

MOUNT KEEN PHOTOGRAPHS

Colour photographs
still available.

Contact

Richard Shirreffs

March 2003 First Aid Courses

A second course is planned for this year on Tuesdays: 11, 18, 25 March and 1, 8, April. CLIMBERS: It is possible to go to the Climbing Wall at Summerhill & then go to First Aid at Westhill on a Tuesday evening. Cost is £25 for members or £40 for non members. Please contact Judy Middleton if you wish to attend.

ALPINE MEET 2003

Twenty-two people have booked on the meet, with the deposit having been paid and the contract signed and sent off. The balance of the accommodation costs have to be paid before we get there (by about 1st July), who and how much to pay will be passed to those that are booked.

Several of those going have been talking about getting together to prepare for the alpine air (or lack of it!). It is also intended to arrange some training meetings to cover alpine skills such as crevasse rescue before we go. Details will be sent to those booked and posted on the Club website at

www.cairngormclub.org.uk/meets/alps03 .

For further information please contact Anne Massie .

Quiz and Slide evening

There will be a get together on 23 May at Cellar 35, 35 Rosemount Viaduct at 7.30pm. Entertainments on offer will be a slide show and a gear raffle with lots of prizes. The evening will have a climbing flavour but all members are welcome. Come along and have a few pints. Cost: £1.00, pay at the door. Contact Anne Cassidy



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 £18 priority appointments for Club members, next day appointments if booked before 12 noon.

Aberdeen
Physiotherapy
01224 626266



CLUBwear

Fleeces:

Jackets £20

Pullovers £15

Jerkins £12

New T-shirts £10

New Badges

Sweatshirts £15

Polo-shirts £15

Contact:

Gill Shirreffs

or

Joyce Ritchie



NEMT winter lecture

The final lecture of the season will be given by Chris Townsend and is titled "Munros and Tops". It takes place on 19 March at the Belmont Club,

218 Hardgate, Aberdeen, starting at 8pm, entrance £2.50.

Scottish Mountaineering Exhibition

It had been intended to set up a permanent exhibition of mountaineering, at a site in England, with the Club being invited to establish an area of exhibits in the Scottish Mountaineering section. However due to various financial crises within the BMC, the proposed exhibition never "got off the ground". However, not all is doom and gloom, and currently there are talks taking place to try and work out the financial requirements of such an exhibition being established in Scotland. The new Indoor Centre at Ratho (due to open in May 2003) has been suggested as a possibility, but as yet it is very early days.

AGM 2002

Following the AGM in November last year, we now have three new committee members: Neil Gauld, Andy Lawson, Kevin Bannister, all of whom have been regular attendees of bus and weekend meets, as well as participating in the climbing activities. A special thanks goes to Garry Wardrope and Zoe Sokec who have come off the committee. However, as you will have noticed, Garry continues as our Newsletter Editor and Webmaster.

Beyond the usual array of Office Bearers' reports, there was an interesting presentation by Robbie Middleton on the Muir Extension Project and an opportunity for members to give there on views on the proposed plans. Further information on this project as it develops will be given in forthcoming newsletters.

Anne Cassidy
Secretary

Munroist List

To register completion of a full round of Munros or Corbetts, members should write to David Kirk who is "Clerk of the List" for the SMC. Please enclose a SAE for your certificate.

David Kirk
Greenhowe
Farmhouse
Banchory-Devenick
Aberdeenshire
AB12 5YJ



Important Club announcements and the Newsletter are distributed by email. Members who wish to receive these messages should sent an email to: cairngormclub-subscribe@yahoogroups.com There is also a mailing list for members: cairngorm_club_members-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

DISCOUNTS

Blacks
Craigdon Sports
Nevisport

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

There are twenty 20% discount cards for Craigdon Sports, which can be transferred between members. Contact Adrian Scott for details.

Weather



Mountain Call 0906 850 0442 (East)

0906 850 0441 (West)

Climb Line 09001 654 669

Mountainline 09001 200 807 (same as above)

Met Office 09003 444 900

Lairig Club www.abdn.ac.uk/student_societies/lairig/weather.htm

Internet portal

Radio Scotland 6:57 and 17:57 daily (not Sunday)

BBC 1

'Heather the Weather' at 18:57 (approx)

SAIS

www.sais.gov.uk (avalanche forecast)

Loch Ossian Youth Hostel

As you may have read on the flier that came with *Scottish Mountaineer*, the Scottish Youth Hostels Association are appealing for funds to help repair the hostel at Loch Ossian. This is one of the Club's popular weekend meet venues, and as such the Club has donated £100 to the appeal. If you would like to know more or make a personal donation, more information can be found on the web at:

www.syha.org.uk/pages/news-events-offers/appeal-loch-ossian.htm

MCofS

Mountaineering Council of Scotland



At a recent MCofS committee meeting, the subject of the Cairngorm National Park arose. Like most other people, apart from Highland Council and the Scottish Executive, we all thought that in its present proposed form the CNP was not what anybody wanted or envisaged when the idea was first mooted. As we are all only too well aware, there were far too many compromises, omissions and decisions based only on political expediency for the Park to represent what we all thought that we were going to get. So what now? Apparently the Scottish Executive are going to have another look at things but with so many other pressing needs on their available time this will not be for a little while yet. Do we continue to press the case as vociferously as before? Do we continue to bombard the Executive with what we see as their failure to deliver? Or is this not the time to look as to what has been achieved? At how we can make this "hodge podge" of compromises produce something worthwhile? If we continue to carp, harry at every corner and complain at what wasn't achieved, will we not get the reputation for being just a "bunch of whingers" no matter what? Within the proposed boundaries there is a tremendous amount of enthusiasm for making these proposals work. People are enthusiastic at what has been achieved so let us all sit back for just a little and redirect our energies and get what we have got up and running and create a proper Park worthy of the name of Cairngorm. Yes, everyone realises that what we have is far less than ideal, but is up to us all to try and make what we have work. Any failures can then be assessed, and then hopefully the planners will give us something closer to the original concept.

Fred Belcher
MCofS Vice President

CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for the year 2002/2003 became due on 1st October 2002. For those paying by direct debit this should already have been collected

	2002/03	2003/04
full	£16	£18
reduced	£11	£12.50

Reduced rate is available for members who:
live over 80km from Aberdeen; or
are aged over 65; or
are aged under 21; or
are in full-time education.

After deduction of the MCofS affiliation fee (on which there is no reduction), the reduced subscription is 50% of the full subscription.

Navigation

The Club is intending to run a short course in navigation skills, depending on the level of interest. The course will start with basic steps such as selecting a map and compass and will include route selection, time estimation and bad weather navigation. The plan is to hold a couple of evening sessions indoors in Aberdeen, leading to a couple of practical sessions outdoors. Please contact Geoff Cumming for further details or to register your interest.

Climbing Weekend

A climbers' weekend will be held at Muir on 27 – 29 June. As in previous years, climbing instruction by Di Gilbert will be available. Depending on the numbers involved the cost of the a half day's instruction will likely be in the region of £8.00. There will be a barbecue on Saturday night weather and midges permitting. If you are interested, please contact Anne Cassidy



John Elgie

Originally from Plymouth, John joined the RAF at an early age and travelled the world with them. After leaving the RAF, John worked as a telecommunications engineer before settling in Aberdeenshire where he established a guiding company specialising in long, wild treks across the highlands. However, realising that guiding was taking the enjoyment out of his hobby, John started up a gardening business instead. Being a gardener fitted well with John's strong feelings about environmental issues, and before long he had a number of contracts. Importantly, it also renewed John's love for the hills.

John was an active Club member, often joining the climbers on the Aberdeen sea cliffs or attending a bus meet, where his speciality was barbecuing hamburgers at the Shelter Stone during the annual Cairngorm Traverse. John, particularly enjoyed the camaraderie of the weekend meets, where his sense of fun and endless enthusiasm was a shining example to others. John is survived by Annie, his devoted life-partner who provided John with a large and loving ready-made family when he moved to Scotland.



John Muir Trust Aberdeenshire

The Club makes a donation to the John Muir Trust on an annual basis and has become a member. Any Club members interested in joining a work party or organising a group to visit or spend a working weekend at a JMT property on Skye or Knoydart should contact George Cruickshank

.Further details are available at: www.jmt.org

Club Library

The Club Library is housed in the University of Aberdeen Special Collections Library near the Kings College quad.

A selection of new and old items are brought to most Indoor meets where members may borrow or return them. The extensive collection has items dating back to the founding of the Club and includes a complete set of Club Journals as well as more modern publications covering mountaineering and the Cairngorms. Details of the collection are available on the Club website at www.cairngormclub.org.uk/library/ or by contacting the Club Librarian Alexander Hidalgo

General recall

It is intended to undertake a general stock take of library items, and all members who have borrowed items for some time are asked to make arrangements to return them to the librarian at the earliest opportunity.

Muir

Muir Families Week in July

Muir is being held open for Club members' families from Friday 4th July through until Friday 11th July. We are happy to fill the place with Club member parents, kids and their friends. Contact Robbie to book.



Work Weekend

The annual work weekend is scheduled for 26 - 27 April. We require painters, joiners, wood stackers, plumbers and scrubbers! Contact Robbie Middleton if you can help.

The Club have 5 NTS membership cards. that may be borrowed by members. Contact Anne Cassidy

Training

The Committee wish to encourage the ongoing acquisition of hill walking and mountaineering skills, particularly where they relate to helping novices or leading others in the hills. Assistance with funding for such courses may be available from the Club; members wishing to avail themselves of this should apply to the Club secretary (Anne Cassidy) with details of the course and its cost in advance of the training being undertaken.

Glenmore Lodge

Glenmore Lodge is the sportsotland National Centre for mountaineering, mountain training, rock climbing and ski mountaineering, amongst other things. Members may obtain discount on many of these courses by virtue of their membership (through the Club) of the MCofS. The Lodge prospectus can be obtained by calling 01479 861256 or can be accessed online at: www.glenmorelodge.org.uk.

Club Organised Training

Details of Club-organised climbing, first aid and navigation courses are given elsewhere in this newsletter.



Climbing News

So far this season there has been a good attendance at the Summerhill Climbing Wall. It is normal for some of those attending to meet up afterwards for a drink at Under The Hammer in North Silver Street., where everybody - walkers, climbers et al. - are more than welcome to come along. Normally people are only there for an hour or so between 7.45pm and 9pm.

The final night at Summerhill will be the 1 April; thereafter we return to the local crags. Details of meets are given in the Calendar section of this newsletter. Whilst new or prospective members are always welcome, the Club does not have the resources to teach climbing to beginners. However, we are aware of a number of courses available in the Aberdeen area and may even be able to organise one if demand is sufficient. Please contact Fred Belcher, Climbing Secretary, if you require further information.

AVERTICAL WORLD - Dundee's first dedicated indoor climbing centre opened for business on 1 March. The venue is excellent and much nearer to Aberdeen than Inverness. It is intended to arrange a visit before we get back outside. Further information is available at:

www.averticalworld.co.uk



Weekend Meets



Torrison — 14/15 March

The Club has booked the Ling Hut below Beinn Eighe. With Liathach offering some of the best winter mountaineering on the Scottish mainland and the season often extending to April, this is an exciting venue. Contact Garry Wardrope. All the hut places are now taken but some members are staying at the Torrison Youth Hostel, call 0870 1 55 32 55 to book.

Loch Glascarnoch – Aultguish — 5/6 April

A Popular "Easter Meet" meet this year, with over 30 members already booked. Further details are given elsewhere in this Newsletter. Contact Derek Beverley

North Wales – Merseyside MC Hut — 3/5 May

On opportunity to get further afield on the May bank holiday, with the hut booked from Friday 2nd to Monday 5th. It may be possible to stay longer arriving, say, on the Thursday night. The hut is ideally situated for the Welsh 'Furths' or climbing on Cloggy, being situated near the start of the Snowdon railway. Contact Zöe Šokec;

Glenmore Lodge - MCoF S AGM — 21/22 June

The Club weekend at Glenmore Lodge is to the annual gathering of the Mountaineering Council of Scotland with social and mountaineering activities. The free "classes" include belaying with Pete Hill, scrambling, climbing, using GPS, navigation, going on safari at Rothiemurchus. Alternatively, enjoy a day out on the hill and meet up for the AGM buffet meal and evening entertainment. It is hoped to get a good crowd to support Fred who is a Vice President. There is a cheap rate for B&B at Glenmore Lodge and the YH and campsite are nearby. Please book the lodge for Friday and/or Saturday using the booking form in the April/May Scottish Mountaineer. Ian Bryce will co-ordinate transport.

Indoor Meets

The venue for Indoor Meets is now the Mannofield Cricket Club (Morningside Road, off Great Western Road). The new reduced price of £2.50 still includes tea or coffee and biscuits. With ample parking and a large room for the presentations, this is an excellent venue. Members are welcome to use the bar facilities before and after the talks in the comfortable lounge area.

Mid-week (Thursday) walks (details on previous page)

The meeting points (all car parks) are listed below. Please arrive promptly at the meeting points. On some occasions these arrangements will change, so please contact one of the organisers if you are in doubt or need further information. Circular walks are annotated **C**, point to point as **AB**.

TF	Tyrebagger Forest	848110
RD	Riverside Drive	928036
CW	Countesswells	870045
P	Persley	910093

For the latest details, see the Club website at:

<http://www.cairngormclub.org.uk/meets.htm>

The Cairngorm Club

Details of Meets, issued March 2003.

Bus Meets



Bookings must be made to the Bus Meets Secretary with cheques made out to "Graham Ewen" and crossed "No. 2 A/C". Members under 21, in full-time education or holding a UB40 can attend for half price.

Where shown, prices include a meal. Those requiring a vegetarian meal should indicate this on the booking form. Those not wishing the meal or not using the bus should contact Graham for reduced price details.

The descriptions given are not exhaustive, and members may take any route they desire. Other drop-off / pick-up points are possible - ask on the bus. However, members are reminded that they are responsible for their own and their guests' safety, for ensuring that they and their guests are properly equipped for whatever they undertake, and for ensuring that what they plan can be accomplished in the time available having regard to the conditions.

Please note shift in car meet date.

Glen Clova to Glen Muick—Sunday April 13th

The simplest option for this traverse is the 10 km Capel Month road, but a more challenging day can be had by ascending Broad Cairn via Glen Clova or Glen Doll. Lochnagar is another possibility for the fittest members, if there isn't too much snow still around.

Ben More / Stobinian—Sunday May 18th

Getting further afield than the usual bus meets, this is a chance to traverse the Ben More / Stobinian ridge. There are plenty of other Munros in the area with Cruach Ardrain and An Caisteal to the south of the road and Meall Glas and Sgiath Chuil to the north.

Glen Esk to Ballater—Sunday June 15th

An opportunity to traverse Mount Keen, the most Easterly Munro. The meal in Ballater is always something special, with venison a speciality of the hotel.

Lochnagar—Sunday August 24th

From the Glen Muick car park all the hills around Loch Muick are accessible. The long summer days allow us 7.5 hours on the hill, enough for a high level traverse of the loch via Broad Cairn, Cairn Bannoch, Carn an t-Sagairt Mor, Carn a' Choire Bhaidheach and finally Lochnagar, or a more leisurely walk over The Coyles of Muick before the meal in Ballater.

Key to calendar overleaf:

Bus Meets (departure time; map sheet; grid reference of drop-off and pick-up points; meal location; cost)

Indoor Meets (start time; organiser; cost)

Weekend Meets (organiser; contact details) Further details on next page.

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

Climbing (meeting time; co-ordinator; contact details)

MARCH

9	Sun	Bus Meet	Glen Clunie (7.00 am; 43; 140778; 7.5hrs; Braemar; £17.00)
12	Wed	Indoor	Graham Ewen - The history of Inverey and district (7.30 pm; £2.50)
14 - 15	Fri	W/E Meet	Torrison - Ling Hut Garry Wardrope)
27	Thu	MW Walk	Pitfichie Forrest and Monymusk policies (9.15 am; 37 38; CW; Evelyn Massie & Hella Alexander)

APRIL

4 - 7	Sat	"Easter" W/E	Loch Glascamoch - Aultguish Inn (Derek Beverley)
8	Tue	Climbing	Dry Covie (6.00 pm; HW 18:25, SS 20:04; Altens Farm car park; Fred Belcher)
13	Sun	Bus Meet	Glen Clova to Glen Muick (7.00 am; 43; 285760 to 310851; 7.5hrs; Ballater; £17.50)
15	Tue	Climbing	Black Rock Gulch (6.00 pm; HW 13:09, SS 20:19; Burbank Village; Garry Wardrope)
22	Tue	Climbing	Boltsheugh (6.00 pm; HW 18:56, SS 20:34; Newtonhill, bottom of Skateraw Road; Marjory Ewan)
24	Thu	MW Walk	St Cyrus - Inverbervie (9.15 am; 45; RD; Frances Macrae-Gibson & Judith Thrower)
26	Sat	Muir Work	Muir Work Weekend- (Robbie Middleton)
29	Tue	Climbing	Souter Head (6.00 pm; HW 13:19, SS 20:49; Burbank Village; Adrian Scott)

MAY

3 - 5	Sat	W/E Meet	North Wales - Merseyside MC Hut (Zoe Sokec)
6	Tue	Climbing	Deceptive Wall (6.00 pm; HW 17:20, SS 21:04; Altens Farm car park; Duncan McArthur)
13	Tue	Climbing	Peel Slough (6.00 pm; HW 00:32, SS 21:19; Portlethen Med Centre ; David Shaw)
18	Sun	Bus Meet	Ben More & Stobinian (7.00 am; 51; 420263; 6.5hrs; no meal; £12.80)
20	Tue	Climbing	Clashrodney (6.00 pm; HW 17:43, SS 21:32; ltd. parking so meet at Burbank Village and share cars; Fred Belcher)
27	Tue	Climbing	Meikle Partans (6.00 pm; HW 00:41, SS 21:44; Slains Castle car park; Garry Wardrope)
29	Thu	MW Walk	Catherhuns & Rocks of Solitude (9.15 am; 44 45; RD; Isobel Paton & Margaret Brooker)

JUNE

3	Tue	Climbing	Souter Head (6.30 pm; HW 16:26, SS 21:55; Burbank Village; Marjory Ewan)
10	Tue	Climbing	Rocky Craggs (6.30 pm; HW 23:08, SS 22:02; Slains Castle car park; Adrian Scott)
15	Sun	Bus Meet	Glen Esk to Ballater (7.00 am; 44; 445803 to 366948; 8hrs; Ballater; £18.00)
17	Tue	Climbing	Longhaven Quarries (6.30 pm; HW 16:38, SS 22:07; Longhaven Quarry car park; Duncan McArthur)
21 - 22	Sat	W/E Meet	Glenmore - Glenmore Lodge MCoFs AGM (Ian Bryce)
24	Tue	Climbing	Pass of Ballater (6.30 pm; HW 23:14, SS 22:08; Car park; David Shaw)
25	Wed	BBQ	Templar's Park Maryculter (8.00pm; Neil Cromar; £8.00)
26	Thu	MW Walk	Conachraig (8.30 am; 44; CW; Ken Mills)
28 - 29	Sat	Climbing	Climbers Weekend at Muir, details elsewhere in this newsletter or contact Anne Cassidy

JULY

5	Sat	Families	Muir Families Week (Robbie Middleton)
12 - 13	Sat	W/E Meet	Achiltibuie - camping (Joyce Ritchie)
12	Sat	Alpine	Zermatt
31	Thu	MW Walk	Hill of Wirren
AUGUST			
2	Sat	Car Meet	Braeniach & Northern Corries
9 - 10	Sat	W/E Meet	Kinlochleven - hostel (Anne Cassidy)
24	Sun	Bus Meet	Lochnagar
28	Thu	MW Walk	Tap o'Noth
SEPTEMBER			
14	Sun	Bus Meet	Cairngorm Traverse
20 - 21	Sat	W/E Meet	Knoydart - bunkhouse (Joyce Ritchie)
25	Thu	MW Walk	Gairnshiel - Ballater

OCTOBER

3	Fri	Indoor	Ceilidh Dance (details TBC)
12	Sun	Bus Meet	Inverey to Spital of Glenshee
18 - 19	Sat	W/E Meet	Fort Augustus - bunkhouse (Stan Urbaniak)
30	Thu	MW Walk	Birse - Carnferg
NOVEMBER			
9	Sun	Bus Meet	Strathdon to Ballater
15 - 16	Sat	W/E Meet	Kingussie - Lairds Bothy (Neil Gauld)
27	Thu	MW Walk	Glen Tanar
29	Sat	Dinner	Details to be finalised.
DECEMBER			
7	Sun	Bus Meet	Gordon Way (east to west)
13 - 14	Sat	W/E Meet	Loch Ossian - Youth Hostel (Joyce Ritchie)
30	Tue	MW Walk	Persley - River Don - Beach