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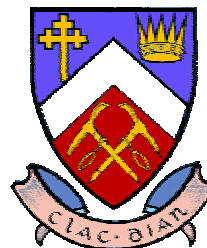


**We're back on the Web!**

[www.cairngormclub.org.uk](http://www.cairngormclub.org.uk)

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*The Cairngorm Club*  
*Established 1887*

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Editor Garry Wardrope.

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The Newsletter of the Cairngorm Club

## Easter Meet & Official Opening Muir

Friday 25/03/05 to Monday 28/03/05

The official opening of the extension at Muir is likely to be late on the afternoon of Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March. The Stag Ballroom at Mar Lodge has been booked from 1900 hours to 2400 hours on Saturday for a buffet dinner and a ceilidh with "The Reel Thing" Ceilidh Band. Tickets will be on sale later.

As it is Easter, you are recommended to book accommodation early. A bus is being booked to run to and from Mar Lodge via Muir, Braemar and probably Ballater. As there is a buffet meal at the ceilidh, those wishing to use catered accommodation are recommended to arrange accommodation on a B & B basis for the Saturday night. You could of course have two meals, but the Club failed miserably to clear the buffet tables at the Millennium ceilidh.

Bookings with payments for Muir, camping at Muir, and Inverey Youth Hostel should be made to Joyce Ritchie, Muir Booking Secretary for all three nights Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights together with a payment of £9 for members at Muir, £3 camping at Muir and £24.50 for the Youth Hostel. The number of campers may need to be limited so as not to stretch the facilities too far. For other accommodation please book directly.

See Page 6 for accommodation details.

## Bus Meet Revitalisation

During 2004, a Bus Meet revitalisation has taken place. For the first time in quite some years, the number of attendees is on the increase with buses at times approaching capacity. There is no longer a guarantee that simply turning up without booking will offer an available a seat. Instead of a several hundred pound annual loss the Club Bus Meets this year have made an annual profit!

Bus Meets are proving popular with all ages and abilities, with meet destinations, wherever possible, offering a variety of options including Munros, Corbetts and low-level walks.

If you haven't attended a Bus Meet for some time, why not book on one to catch up with old friends? If you have never attended a Bus Meet why not try one out? If you have friends/partners who you believe would enjoy such outings, why not bring them along?

If you don't happen to have a booking form, then please feel free to send me out a cheque, payable to **The Cairngorm Club**, together with your name, your address, your email address (if you have one) and contact number along with your preferred pick up point. Alternatively, you can download a booking form from the Club Website:

[www.cairngormclub.org.uk](http://www.cairngormclub.org.uk)

Thanks to all 2004 attendees. YOUR club Bus Meets need your continued support.

Andrew Lawson  
Bus Meets Secretary

## NEMT Winter Lectures

Details NEMT winter lectures are given below. They are held at the Belmont Club, 218 Hardgate, Aberdeen and start at 7.30 pm. Entrance is £2.50. Further details can be obtained from their web site at; [www.nemt.org.uk](http://www.nemt.org.uk)



17 Nov 04	Bob Aitken	Vanoise - Alps for All
9 Dec 04	Donald Paterson	St Kilda
18 Jan 05		TBA
16 Feb 05	Eric Jensen	Highland Charm
10 Mar 05		TBA

## Aberdeen & St. John Mountain Rescue Association



Congratulations to Club member Neil Gauld who has qualified as full Member of the Aberdeen Mountain Rescue Team after a two year probation. Despite the many training sessions and call outs Neil managed to find time to marry Gillian, also a Club member, so congratulations again to both of them. More information about the team is available on the team website at: [www.amrt.org.uk](http://www.amrt.org.uk) or contact Neil.

## Moving On

John and Joyce Gibson moved from Milltimber to Edinburgh on 18 October. John would like to thank most sincerely the many members, who have made hillwalking with the Club over the past twenty years such a happy experience. The Old Order changeth - no more Cheese & Wine - no Barbecue - hills getting higher - time to go!

Please come and see us; we're not far from Murrayfield.



John Gibson

A farewell lunch was arranged for John at Isobel Paton's house and the President and many of the Thursday walkers attended and enjoyed a buffet meal organised by people bringing different courses. People enjoyed the occasion, both in the house and in the well kept garden. John has donated a GPS to the club. He said, jokingly that he is concerned that members are continuing to get lost. As the club has one GPS this will be most useful, particularly where we have two President's parties. Thanks to John for this generous donation.

Ian Bryce

## Membership

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

Ben Mellor	Ordinary
Farshid Namdaran	Ordinary
Kirsty Buchan	Associate
Sara Hargreaves	Associate
Amanda Strachan	Associate

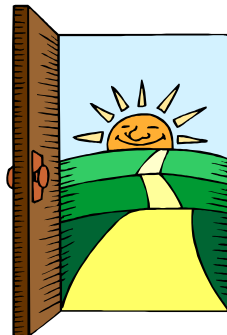
# Club Journal

It's never too early to start writing that article you've been thinking about for the Club Journal. Lydia Thomson, the Editor, can be contacted to provide advice on submitting article.

## Farewell Munros

Congratulations to Joyce Ritchie, having completed her first round of the Munros on Ben Hope in September. On descending from the summit the party returned to the bunkhouse in Durness to enjoy tea and cakes before continuing the celebrations at the International Food Festival.

The door to the hills isn't closing for Joyce, she is now working her way through the Corbetts.



## Muir

### Bookings

All bookings for Muir should be made with Joyce Ritchie.

### Regular Bookings

If you have a long standing regular booking for Muir and you wish this to continue, please contact Joyce to let her know.

### Extension

Muir is now closed for building work and is not scheduled to re-open until January 2005.



## 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
- Wetterzentrale [www.wetterzentrale.de/topkarten/fsavneur.html](http://www.wetterzentrale.de/topkarten/fsavneur.html)
- Radio Scotland 6:57 and 17:57 daily (not Sunday)
- BBC 1 'Heather the Weather' at 18:57 (approx)
- SAIS [www.sais.gov.uk](http://www.sais.gov.uk) (avalanche forecast)

## John Muir Trust Aberdeenshire

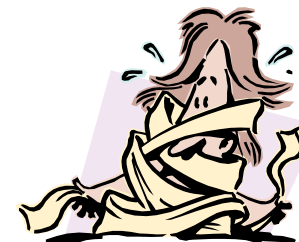
The Club is a member of the John Muir Trust. Work parties are organised locally for conservation work in Glen Tanner and growing native trees at Drum Castle. See the trust's website at [www.jmt.org](http://www.jmt.org) for more information.

### JMT Ceilidh with "Hallyrocket"

Friday 19th November, Station Hotel, Aberdeen £8.

## First Aid Training

The Club are hoping to arrange for another First Aid course to be run at the beginning of 2005. Timing is likely to be late January/early February but will be dependent on sufficient demand – please contact Neil Gauld



to register your interest. The Club also arranges Navigation, Winter Skills and Climbing training, watch the Newsletter and Website for details.

## Subscriptions are now due!

If you do not pay by direct debit and have not already paid please send you Subscription to the Treasurer. Details on page 6.

## Mailing List

There is now only one Club Mailing list. This can be used by members to arrange informal meets or sell gear as well as official Club announcements. There is the facility to only receive official Club email. To subscribe send an email to: [cairngorm\\_club\\_members-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:cairngorm_club_members-subscribe@yahoo.com) Or see the Club website for more details.



## 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 £21 priority appointments for Club members, next day appointments if booked before 12 noon.

Aberdeen  
Physiotherapy  
01224 626266



## 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

## CLIMBING TRIP TO MINGULAY—MAY 05

I will be organising a climbing trip to Mingulay in May next year, if we have sufficient interest. Mingulay is a small (2km x 3km), uninhabited island in the Outer Hebrides lying ~18km to the South of Barra. The wildlife on these islands is unspoilt with an abundance of corn crake, snipe and orchids. The island has many good quality cliffs of Lewisian Gneiss and the climbing is being developed. Currently there are 40 routes of HS and below, 83 in the VS to E1 range, and 79 harder. Route lengths vary from 10m to 130m in length and the majority are only accessible by abseil. This year I spent a total of 12 days on Mingulay and the adjacent Pabbay and was rained off for only two days, so in a weeks visit there is a good chance of climbing every day and it is extremely unlikely that weather would stop climbing all week.

Mingulay is reached by ferry from Oban to Barra (~£40 return) and from there a fishing vessel has to be chartered (~£50 per head return if we have at least 10 passengers). The fishing vessel lands visitors at a bay on the East coast adjacent to good camping areas with running water, so the weeks food and belongings has to be transported only a few hundred metres to a good campsite. External communication from the island is only possible via marine band radios which may be hired.

If you are interested in a week trip (dates to be set) in May next year, or would like some more information (I have a few photos from this years trips) please contact me. I will need to know how will commit to the trip by January to charter the boat.

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CLUB WEAR

Zip Fleeces £20

V Neck Fleeces £12

BodyWarmers(L-XL) £10

T-shirts £10

Badges (felt) £5

*Limited stock – to Clear*

Polo-sweatshirts(M) £10

Polo-shirts(M-XL) £2.50

Contact:

*Marjory Ewan*



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## Winter Skills 2005

The Club are planning to hold a Winter Skills/Winter Mountaineering Training Course at Muir Cottage over the weekend of 19/20 Feb 05. Di Gilbert will once again be running the course. This year we are also hoping to run a day covering winter mountaineering skills if demand is sufficient. This is usually a very popular course and places are limited to 12 spaces on each day so get your names to me early. There will be a small fee for attending which will be in line with previous years. The equipment you will need to get the best from this course are crampons, ice axe and helmet. The Club do have helmets available for use so please state at the time of booking if you wish to borrow one. The Club does not have crampons or suitable ice axes that members can borrow. If you would like to attend this course but do not have crampons/axe please also state at the time of booking. To book contact Neil Gauld.

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## 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 sportscotland 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](http://www.glenmorelodge.org.uk).

## Club-Organised Training

Details of First Aid Training and Winter Skills courses are given elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Di Gilbert also offers climbing courses tailored to the needs of Club members, details are on the website at:

[www.cairngormclub.org.uk/meets/climbing/climcourse.htm](http://www.cairngormclub.org.uk/meets/climbing/climcourse.htm).



Currently our biggest problem is that we have too much work that needs doing and not enough hours in the day for our staff and volunteers to do it in. In many ways your Council has been too successful at representing your interests and bringing about some important changes in attitudes and even legislation. The major issues that are on going at the moment are the proliferation of wind farms and pylon routes to carry the generated power to points south, Ratho and what is it's future. The time and effort trying to get even just these things brought to what your Council feel represents your best interests is enormous taken against total time available. More properly trained staff is the obvious solution but where do we get them from. Staff, especially good, trained staff require funding. There is no way, can you the membership be asked to dig deeper into your pockets to fund this. One way forward might be to get some volunteers from within the Clubs to come forward and help. One of the most urgent requirements is for someone with "marketing experience" to give us a hand to raise the profile and hopefully bring in some much needed funding from outside sources. Is there anyone in our Club with the necessary skills that is prepared to devote a couple of hours a week to this task? sportsotland is being extremely helpful and has carried out an "audit" to help find ways of making your Council more efficient and bringing it up to the standards required to be a Governing Body of Modern Sport for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. One the changes suggested is that we become an Incorporated Body. This is one issue that we are currently looking at. A change of this magnitude would require approval from the Membership at the next AGM.

There are lots of things going on but we desperately need some more help to continue making progress at ensuring that the Sport of Mountaineering in all it's facets continues to be available to be enjoyed by anyone who goes "a wandering out in the hills". Continue to read your Scottish Mountaineer which will keep you updated on issues which affect us all as they arise.

Fred Belcher  
Vice President MCof S



## Muir Building

Those members who wished to take a photograph of the kitchen before the alterations and to compare it with the new kitchen may now be too late. The old kitchen was demolished on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October and Mike Forbes builder has started, possibly finishing in January 2005. Eilidh Scobbie and Gill Shirreffs have now joined Robbie Middelton, Derek Pinches and Ian Bryce on the sub committee to advise on the layout of the kitchen and will soon be choosing kitchen units.

The committee are pleased that grants have been promised from the following organisations Leader + (per Cairngorm National Park) £30k, Aberdeenshire £12k, Aberdeen City £6.8k, Awards for All £5k, Scottish Mountain Trust £5k. Further funding includes bequests of £1.16k, club members' donations of £7.01k, gift aid on members' donations of almost £2k. The tender was accepted on the basis of these funds and loans amounting to £11.5k from club members and from the Scottish Mountain Trust. It would be better if we did not need to call on these loans.

Donations from club members are still being sought and would be most welcome. Please send donations payable to the Cairngorm club **together with completed Gift Aid Forms** to:

Derek B Pinches

## Transport Needed!

Ken Thomson would like to transport a wall map (in its frame, about 165 by 150 cm, or 64 by 60 in) from Castle Street to Muir Cottage, but his car is not quite big enough. If anyone has an offer or suggestion, please get in touch."

## DISCOUNTS

*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* - Regular discount nights

## 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)

Torridon (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*

### Accommodation options at Braemar for the Easter Meet

#### HOTELS

Moorfield House Hotel, Chapel Brae (£20 B&B 6 rooms) 013397 41244  
 Invercauld Arms Hotel 013397 41605  
 Fife Arms Hotel, Mar Road (£27.50 B&B) 013397 41644

#### GUEST HOUSES

Clunie Lodge GH 5 rooms 013397 41330  
 Schiehallion GH, Glenshee Road (£19 - £23 B&B) 013397 41679  
 Callater Lodge 013397 41275  
 Castleton GH 013397 41456  
 Cranford GH 013397 41675

#### HOSTELS AND BUNKHOUSES

Rucksacks, Mar Road 013397 41517  
 Braemar YH 013397 41659

#### CAMPING

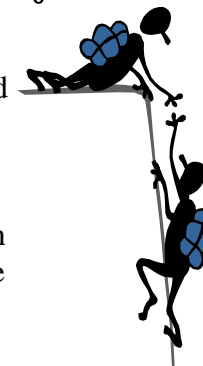
The Invercauld Caravan Club Site 013397 41373

#### SELF CATERING

The Mains (last before bridge at Inverey) 01835 870779

### Climbing News

The outdoor meets on Tuesday nights have come to an end after a surprisingly successful summer with only two nights being rained off. The period up to Christmas has usually been filled by a number of ad hoc meets, typically visiting the Dundee wall. Arrangements have not yet been finalised for after Christmas, but it is likely that we will be at Summerhill again but the new climbing wall at Robert Gordons University is scheduled to open at the end of January and we are investigating the possibility of using that. Details will be posted on the web when known and e-mailed to the Cairngorm Club Members group.



There is every possibility of some good winter climbing this year with a cold winter forecast so, keep in touch via the members e-mail group or on a Tuesday night at Under the Hammer.



**Club Library** The Club Library is housed in the University of Aberdeen Special Collections Library. This is undergoing renovation at the moment and access is possible only on certain days. If you require access please call or email the Reading Room ( 01224-272598; [speclib@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:speclib@abdn.ac.uk)) in advance to make an appointment.



Details of the collection are available on the Club website at: [www.cairngormclub.org.uk/library/](http://www.cairngormclub.org.uk/library/) or by contacting the Club Librarian Alexander Hidalgo



### Leaders and Organisers Wanted!

We are always looking to get more people involved in Club activities and are currently looking for people to take President's Parties on Bus Meets and to organise Weekend Meets. Usually you get a say on where we are going so, this is a great chance to get that elusive Munro on a Club meet. If you are interested, contact the Bus Meets and/or the Weekend Meets Secretaries or any committee member.

### CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

At the Club AGM it was agreed that the Club full subscription should increase to £12 plus the charge made by the MCoFS, with the reduced sub being £6 plus the charge made by the MCoFS. (c.f. last year's affiliation fee of £8.00 including £2.25 for Civil Liability Insurance). For those paying by Direct Debit this should already have been collected. Others should send their subscription to: Derek Pinches, Broombank, Kinellar, Aberdeen AB21 0TL

	2003/04	2004/2005		
	Total	Club	MCoFS + Insurance	Total
<b>full</b>	£18	£12	£6.30 + £3	£21.30
<b>reduced</b>	£12.50	£6	£6.30 + £3	£15.30

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.

## Weekend Meets

### Kincraig – Strathconon Inn Hostel — 13/14 November

A new venue for the Club, this log cabin is situated about half way along Strathconon. The hills nearby include: Munros - Maoile Lunndaidh, Sgurr na Ruaidhe, Carn nan Gobhar, Sgurr a' Choire Ghlais & Sgurr Fhuar-thuill. And Corbetts - Meallan nan Uan, Sgurr a'Mhuilinn, Bac an Eich & An Sidhean. Contact Jim Bryce



### Aberfeldy – The Bunkhouse — 11/12 December

The final meet of the year. Escape the pressures of Christmas shopping, climb Ben Lawers, visit Dewars World of Whisky or canoe the Tay Contact Tim Walmsley

### Muir Cottage – Burns Supper — 29/30 January

Could this be the first test of the new Muir Kitchen? Perhaps, but contingency plans are being made in case not. This meet is one of the more popular of the year celebrating the Bard with enthusiasm. Contact Joyce Ritchie

### Killin - Youth Hostel—26/27 February

With a cold winter promised, this could be the chance for a winter traverse of Ben Lawers or an ascent of Central Gully on Ben Lui or even some classic ice routes on Beinn Udlaidh. Contact Anne Cassidy

### Easter Meet – Muir Cottage — 25/27 March

Taking place over the Easter Weekend this year, coinciding with the official opening of Muir. Ceilidh Dance on the Saturday evening. Details are given elsewhere in the Newsletter. See Page 6 for accommodation options.



## Indoor Meets

The venue for Indoor Meets is the Mannofield Cricket Club (Morningside Road, off Great Western Road). The price of £3.00 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 in the comfortable lounge area before and after the talk.

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

The meeting points (all car parks) are listed below. The 'usual' meeting point has been moved to the Kingswells 'park and ride' car park as there is a bus terminus, waiting room, toilets and extensive free parking. It is suggested that members park in the lower car park, close to the waiting room. 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**.

Code	Location	Grid ref.
M	Maidencraig	891061
KP	Kingswells 'park and ride'	868063
RD	Riverside Drive	928036
P	Persley	910093
CW	Countesswells	870045

## The Cairngorm Club

### Details of Meets, issued October 2004.

## Bus Meets



Bookings should be made to the Bus Meets Secretary, Andrew Lawson. 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 Bus Meets Secretary 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.

### Sidlaw Hills – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November **NOTE: Later 08:00 start from Golden Square**

A pleasant walk from Newtyle, over a number of lower hills in the Angus region, to Petterden. High tea, in the Kinloch Arms, Meagle included. Extensive menu options including Mexican Chicken Fillets with Nachos and Beef Madras with Rice. (President Party: Garry Wardrope)

### Ben Vrackie – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December **NOTE: Later 08:00 start from Golden Square**

Ascent of the Corbett Ben Vrackie, possibly in winter conditions, finishing at the Moulin Hotel for High Tea – which has its own brewery! (President Party: Jean Robinson)

### Lochnagar – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January

The annual New Year Bus Meet to Lochnagar has stood the test of time, remaining an extremely popular well-attended meet. Options include an ascent of Lochnagar, ascent of Conachcraig, ascent of Broad Cairn, circuit of Loch Muick, etc – something for all tastes and abilities. High Tea in the Boat Inn, Aboyne, following the meet.

### Laggan (& Creag Meagaidh) Minibus Meet – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February

The annual minibus meet always proves popular with all fourteen places going like 'hot cakes'. An earlier 06:00 start from Aberdeen should allow a trip to Laggan, or onto Creag Meagaidh, to hopefully allow walking/climbing in winter conditions.

### Glas Tulaichean or surrounding hills - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March

A variety of options possible on this meet with drop-off points at Auchallater, Glenshee Ski Centre and Spittal of Glenshee – presenting various low-level, Corbett and Munro possibilities. Meal Braemar.

Note Please do not call the Bus Meets Secretary later than 9pm

For the latest details, see the Club website at:

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

**NOVEMBER**

7	Sun	<b>Bus Meet</b>	Sidlaws Hills (8.00 am; 53,54; 2984.14 to 415405; 7 hrs; Meigle; £18.00)
10	Wed	<b>Indoor</b>	Brigadier Dick Hardie - 1976 Joint British/Nepalese Army Everest Expedition (7.30 pm; £3.00)
13-14	Sat	<b>W/E Meet</b>	Kincraig - Strathconon Inn Hostel (Jim Bryce )
17	Wed	<b>AGM</b>	Mannofield Cricket Club (7.00 pm)
20	Sat	<b>Dinner</b>	Hilton Aberdeen Treetops Hotel - Jamie Andrew (6:30 for 7:00; Neil Cromar )
25	Thu	<b>MW Walk</b>	Cairns of Balmoral ( C; 9.15 am; 44; CW; Elizabeth & James Friend)

**DECEMBER**

5	Sun	<b>Bus Meet</b>	Ben Vrackie (8.00 am; 43,52; 918622 to 944592; 6 hrs; Pitlochry; £18.70)
8	Wed	<b>Indoor</b>	Lawrie McLean - Mountains and Roads on Map Old and New (7.30 pm; £3.00)
11-12	Sat	<b>W/E Meet</b>	Aberfeldy - The Bunkhouse (Tim Walmsely)
30	Thu	<b>MW Walk</b>	Kerloch (C; 9.15 am; 45; CW; Judy Middleton;)

**JANUARY**

9	Sun	<b>Bus Meet</b>	Lochnagar (7.00 am; 44; 310851; 7.5 hrs; Aboyne; £18.00)
12	Wed	<b>Indoor</b>	Blyth Wright - Avalanches (7.30 pm; £3.00)
27	Thu	<b>MW Walk</b>	Green chain West Aberdeen (9.15 am; 38; M; Peggy & Jack Connell)
29-30	Sat	<b>W/E Meet</b>	Muir Cottage - Burns Supper (Joyce Ritchie)

**FEBRUARY**

9	Wed	<b>Indoor</b>	Malcolm Webster - Yosemite (7.30 pm; £3.00)
13	Sun	<b>Bus Meet</b>	MINIBUS MEET -Laggan - (Creag Meagaidh) (6.00 am; 42; 483872; 7 hrs; No meal; £11.00)
19-20		<b>Training</b>	Winter Skills - Muir (Neil Gauld)
24	Thu	<b>MW Walk</b>	Hill of Fare (9.15 am; 38; KP; Lydia Thomson)
26-27	Sat	<b>W/E Meet</b>	Killin - Youth Hostel (Anne Cassidy)

**MARCH**

9	Wed	<b>Indoor</b>	John Higham - The 4000 metre peaks of the Alps (7.30 pm; £3.00)
13	Sun	<b>Bus Meet</b>	Glas Tulaichean or surrounding hills (7.00 am; 43; 108701; 8 hrs; Braemar; £18.00)
25-28	Sat	<b>Easter</b>	Muir Cottage - Easter Meet and Ceilidh (See Newsletter and Web for details)
31	Thu	<b>MW Walk</b>	Shooting Greens Scolty (9.15 am; 45; KP; Brian Davey & Ruth Payne)

**APRIL**

10	Sun	<b>Bus Meet</b>	Braes of Glenlivet to Allargue House
28	Thu	<b>MW</b>	Ballochbuie Circle
30-1	Sat	<b>W/E</b>	Glen Elchaig - Willie's Bunkhouse
		<b>MAY</b>	
15	Sun	<b>Bus Meet</b>	Drumochter Hills - various Munros / Corbetts
26	Thu	<b>MW</b>	West Wirren (Ruth Payne)
28-29	Sat	<b>W/E</b>	Skye - Sligachan Bunkhouse (Garry Wardrope)

**JUNE**

11	Sat	<b>Bus Meet</b>	Ben Lawers Traverse - Lawers village to Visitor Centre
18-19	Sat	<b>W/E</b>	Glenmore - Glenmore Lodge MCofS AGM
30	Thu	<b>MW</b>	Mona Gowan (Margaret Brooker & Isobel Paton)
		<b>JULY</b>	
3	Sun	<b>Car Meet</b>	Possible Car Meet - TBA
9-10	Sat	<b>W/E</b>	Rhum - (Geoff Cumming)
28	Thu	<b>MW</b>	Strathfinella Hill

**AUGUST**

13	Sat	<b>Car Meet</b>	CAR MEET - Northern Corries - Walking or Climbing
20-21	Sat	<b>W/E</b>	TBA
25	Thu	<b>MW</b>	Morven from Groddie (Peggy & Jack Connell)
		<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
11	Sun	<b>Bus Meet</b>	Cairngorm Traverse - Cairngorm Car Park to Linn of Dee
24-25	Sat	<b>W/E</b>	Torricon - Torricon SYHA (Claire Marris)
29	Thu	<b>MW</b>	Coreen Hills (Judy Middleton)

**OCTOBER**

2	Sun	<b>Bus Meet</b>	Baddoch to Inverey - (via An Socach)
22-23	Sat	<b>W/E</b>	Onich - Alex McIntyre Hut (Majory Ewan)
27	Thu	<b>MW</b>	Burn o'Vat circular (Ken Mills & Judy Middleton & Lydia Thom- son)

**NOVEMBER**

13	Sun	<b>Bus Meet</b>	Speyside Way - Nethy Bridge to Aviemore
24	Thu	<b>MW</b>	Ythisie (Aileen & Alistair Flett & Madeline Brown)
26-27	Sat	<b>W/E</b>	Glen Feshie - Mill Cottage (Tim Walmsely)

**DECEMBER**

4	Sun	<b>Bus Meet</b>	Ben Rinnes or Corriehabbie Hill
10-11	Sat	<b>W/E</b>	Seana Braigh - Glen Beg Bothy (TBA; )
29	Thu	<b>MW</b>	Tarland environs (Judy Middleton)

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