

THE PRESIDENT

Ian Bryce was elected President of the Club at the 2003 AGM, in succession to Ken Thomson. Born in Ayrshire he developed an early interest in the hills encouraged by his parents and the 24th Glasgow Scouts. When he was 14 he visited Kandersteg with the scouts and climbed his first alpine peak, the Morgenhorn with Hans Harry, Bergführer. On subsequent visits to the Alps he climbed peaks like the Rinderhorn at Kandersteg and later, often with his brother Jim, several 4,000m peaks including the Finsteraarhorn from Fiesch. As a strong admirer of the Swiss, Austrian and French Alpine Clubs he sees great potential for the Mountaineering Council of Scotland.

During his school days he tramped the Kilpatricks, scrambled at the Whangie, visited Dumgoyne, walked on the Campsies and escaped to the Cobbler. Summer camps involved ascents like Ben Nevis and Ben Ledi. He is a member and former Vice-Chairman of the Glasgow Glenmore Club. He completed his Munros in 1983 when the number of Munroists recorded was still fewer than 300. As a civil engineer he has worked on structural, water supply and sewerage schemes in many parts of Scotland.

Before moving to Aberdeen, he had enjoyed weekends at Muir with his family and he had heard tales of the Cairngorm Club from other climbers. On moving to Aberdeen in 1988 he joined the Club without doing a 'Which' test. His first bus trip was the Cairngorm traverse. He joined the Committee in 1989, and has since frequently served as a member, and was elected a Vice-President from 2000 to 2004.