

CLUB NEWS

THE PRESIDENT

Adrian Scott was elected President of the Club at the 2012 AGM, in succession to Anne Pinches. Adrian writes:

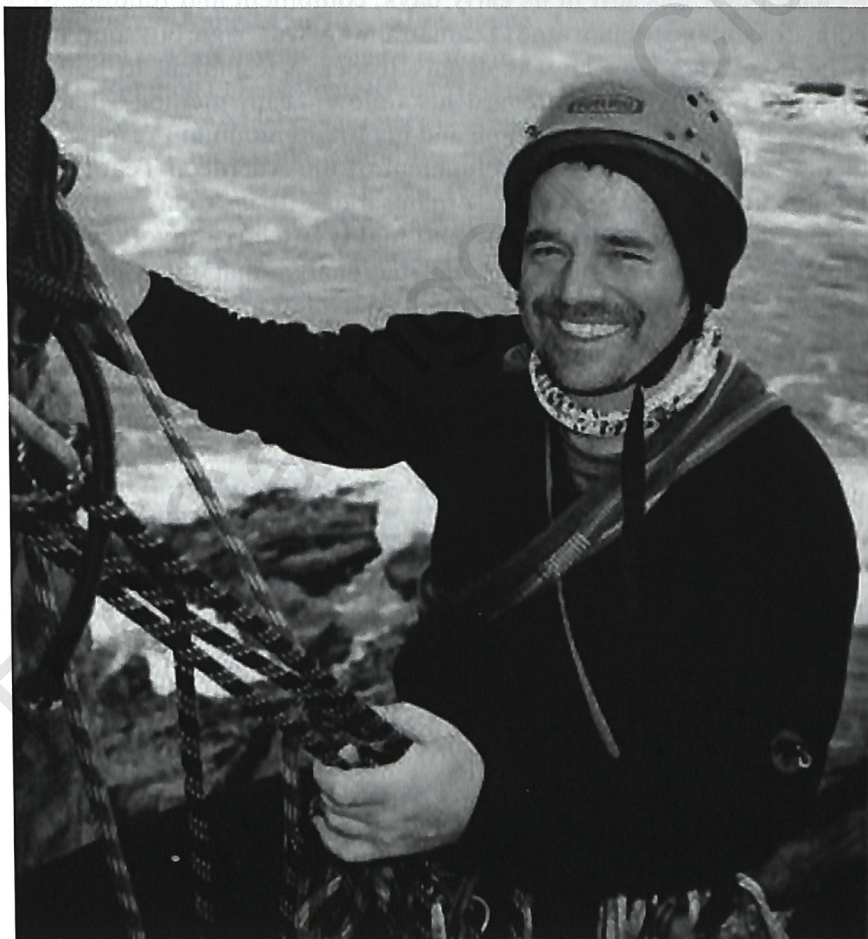
I have served on the Committee for much of the last decade (most recently as Vice-President 2006-2009), and was an active climber, so I hope that I'm well known to many Club members. Born and bred in Derbyshire, I was introduced to outdoor pursuits such as camping and walking in the Peak District by my youth leader father, and only realised later in life that my mother had also been a climber! Family summer holidays were usually taken at Gairloch in Wester Ross, a place that has many happy memories, such as climbing Slioch as my first Munro – although at the time I didn't actually know what a Munro was!

After joining British Steel as a trainee and then going on to study Engineering Science in the Open University, my career moved into breathing apparatus and gas technology. There was a period when outdoor pursuits were abandoned in favour of marriage to Elizabeth, and rearing our son Nicholas. When I got the opportunity to work in Aberdeen, I came like a shot, expecting to relive my childhood experiences on holiday in Scotland. I founded a breathing apparatus business, Scotsafe Testing Ltd. This was acquired by Houston-based Total Safety in 2010, and in "retirement" I have taken up woodland management near Stonehaven: hence the need for my rugged set of wheels!

Once in Aberdeen I started hill walking again in the early 1990s. I got the climbing bug after a day's abseiling at Rua Riedh near Gairloch (it was originally intended to get 7-year-old Nick enthused about outdoor life). A short while after that, I was introduced to the Cairngorm Club and to Stuart Stronach, who later suggested a HVS as my first lead ascent! The Club took me on my first winter hill-walk, on Glas Tulaichean, where halfway through I realised that I needed to know a lot more about mountain craft to keep safe. Thankfully, the Club and its experienced members have provided the environment and knowledge to achieve that, and I thank you all. I

have attended several winter skills weekend courses and the “Single Pitch Award” training at Kenmore Lodge. I have been responsible for arranging the winter skills and Mountain First Aid Courses for the Club.

I'd like to encourage all members to participate in the many and varied Club activities: I've always found the events enjoyable with lots of good company. I would like the Club to remain friendly and open whilst continuing to aspire to high standards in all that it does.



Adrian Scott