

Rick Allen

Editor

In her history of the Cairngorm Club 1887 – 1987, written in 1987, Sheila Murray wrote “ three young members have been preoccupied with serious climbing and more arduous expeditions to the Himalayas”. Her list of three included Rick Allen who joined the Club in 1980 and is now living in Australia. Sheila noted that all three will “doubtless contribute more to climbing history and the next Club’s history will surely have further achievements of theirs to report” .

Here, let us note in the interim, and with admiration, the recent climb by Rick Allen and Sandy Allan of Newtonmore in July 2012. Both in their 50s they climbed Nanga Parbat (8,126m) via the Mazeno Ridge, a feat described by the Alpine Club of Pakistan as “truly extraordinary”. (see the Times, July 20th, 2012 and other newspaper and website accounts).