

Honorary President: Dr Ruth Payne

At the 2014 AGM, Ruth Payne was elected to the Honorary Presidency of the Club, just in time to mark her 50 years of Club membership. Joining the Club in 1965, she served as an “ordinary” member of the Committee for no fewer than six periods (1968-71, 1975-78, 1979-81, 1986-89, 2004-07 and 2009-12), and also as Vice-President 1981-84. She also acted as custodian for the BMC Hut in Glenbrittle: not exactly convenient to Aberdeen!

Ruth has always been a doughty walker, often braving the Scottish elements in her shorts and sandals, and not averse to the occasional dip into an inviting pool! She has a particular liking for Muir, using it not only as a personal base but as a suitable point to introduce generations of international visitors (often students at Aberdeen University, where she was a lecturer in Physiology for many years) to the Scottish outdoors and in particular the Cairngorms.

In recent years, as well as attending many of the Club’s regular meets, she has maintained the Club’s popular “Dander and Lunch” events by which less active but highly social members can meet and eat at a suitable locale near Aberdeen. These are squeezed into her apparently frenetic programme of post-retirement international travel, which has included no fewer than 24 countries illustrated by her own slides at a recent indoor meet, for example Turkey, Peru, Patagonia, and (several times!) Mongolia.

Honorary Member: Norman Robertson

At the 2013 AGM, Honorary Membership of the Club was conferred on Norman Robertson, who joined the Club in 1978 at about the time he began to act as unofficial Muir Custodian from his home in Inverey. From there, Norman was often called upon *in extremis* by both Club and non-Club visitors to put things right, often using his professional skills as an electrician.