

After training at Gray's School of Art he spent his entire working life in Aberdeen first working for Mearns and Gill latterly as Head of Graphic Design and then in a self-employed capacity.

Norman joined the Cairngorm Club in 1971 and remained a member until his death in December 2021, just after receiving his 50-year membership certificate. His creative flair provided the Club with many illustrations, prints and paintings, most memorable being the watercolour on the wall at Muir (1971), (see page 111) and his detailed drawing of the Shelter Stone reproduced in a limited-edition print run of 200 for the Club Centenary (1987), (see page 112).

Although active in the Club for a relatively short time he was a very regular attender of Day Meets with his friend and colleague Guy Scott. In the days before weekend meets Norman and Guy were part of a group who regularly went to the hills for weekends away, camping or staying at Muir or other Club huts.

Norman was also a climber and one of a group who helped several members reach the summit of the "In Pinn". Norman and Guy did much of their climbing in the early days on Skye and in Torridon, which became Norman's favourite place. They and two other climbing friends also went to the Alps where Guy and Norman were successful in climbing the Matterhorn with a guide.

On as well as off the hill Norman was excellent company, his quiet sense of humour never far from the surface, an excellent attribute on long walkouts or when the going was getting tough.

Although latterly no longer an active Club member, Norman continued with his love of the hills, getting out with his family and passing this love on to his daughters, one of whom is now Munro bagging.

Norman is survived by his wife Sheila.

#### *HAZEL ANNE WITTE (NEE COUBROUGH)*

Hazel who died suddenly on 16 October 2020 after a long fight with cancer, was born in Glasgow in 1943 and grew up in a Lanarkshire

farming family. She obtained her teaching qualification at the Moray House College of Education in Edinburgh and her dietitian's diploma at the Glasgow and West of Scotland College of Domestic Science, starting off as a dietitian at the Bridge of Earn hospital. In 1967, she was appointed (at the age of 24) as Chief Dietitian for the Grampian Health Board, where she remained until retirement in 1992. In 1977, she was awarded a Winston Churchill Fellowship to study nutrition in surgery and intensive care in Sweden.

Hazel joined the Cairngorm Club in 1976 and took part in many weekend meets in Scotland. She also started travelling the world, with treks in Morocco, Nepal, the Sierra Nevada, Peru, Iran and Mongolia. She was a committee member between 1987 and 1990, and Editor of the Club journal from 1990 to 1999, producing the first computer generated issue (no. 103) in 1994. Hazel herself contributed articles in Issues 99 ("*Food Intake and Endurance Events*"), 100 ("*Food for the Hills*"), 107 ("*Enjoying CIA - the Club Alpino Italiano*") and 112 (*two articles on the botany of the Glen Ey enclosures*).

In 1991 she married Kees Witte, a fellow Club member. She joined the Mid-Week Walkers, and with a small group of Club ladies had a yearly walking/botanisising holiday somewhere in Scotland, Ireland or the Mediterranean. She loved her flower garden as much as mountain plants and was deeply involved with several community groups; chaired the local community council and the Friends of the Cruickshank Botanic Garden, edited their newsletters and organised the plant sales. When the local community bought out the Maryculter Woodland, Hazel surveyed the plants. She was an excellent cook and continued to travel the world (USA, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Jordan, Egypt, Uzbekistan) until shortly before her death.

The Club has also received notification of the following deaths:

Dionne Macmorran; July 2020, Associate Member 1997.

John Mutch; January 2020, Ordinary Life Member 1951.

Graeme Page; 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020, Associate Member 1969.

Eleanor M Young; 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021, Associate Member 1973.

Deaths occurring after December 2021 will be recorded in Issue 115.