

THE NEW PRESIDENT

Garry Wardrope was elected President at the November 2020 AGM, in succession to Marj Ewan.



I Garry on the Dubh Slabs, Club Skye weekend

Marj Ewan

Garry writes “I was born and raised in Glasgow, with my first summit attempt at the age of 4 when I disappeared from a family picnic in the Campsies and was eventually caught a few 100 m away heading to the top and returned to my grateful mother; so was born my love of the hills. My first visit to the Cairngorms was with the 1st Glasgow Scout Group on their annual September weekend expedition - The Lairig Ghru - from Blair Atholl to Aviemore, where we camped by the Club footbridge.

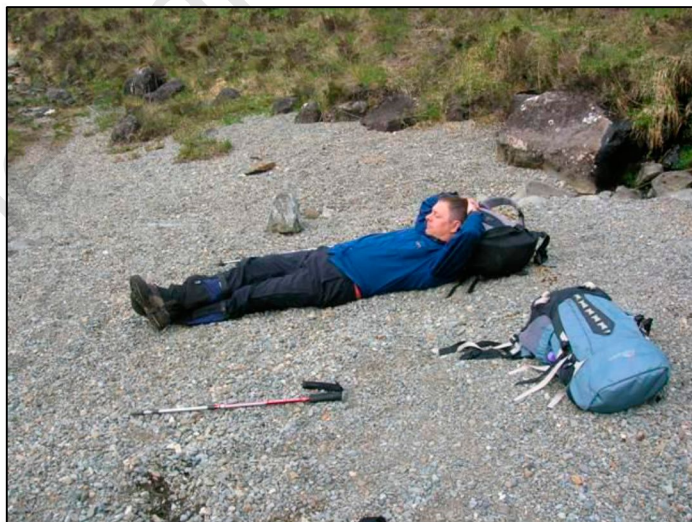
Later I took to evening climbs at the Whangie in the Kilpatrick Hills with the occasional day trip to the Arrochar alps before joining the Langside College Mountaineering Club weekend trips further afield. It was on one of these weekend trips to their Club hut at Altnafeadh that I

ascended my first Munro – the mighty Buachaille. It was a few years before I formally started Munro bagging, with an ascent of Ben Lomond in 1985 and quite a few more before completing them with the Club on Stuc an Lochain in 2017.

Work took me to the South of England, but my longing for the hills led me to start looking for a new job and I applied for a position with the Shire Council IT department and arrived for an interview on the sleeper from Euston. Needing somewhere to stay for the evening, the choice was ‘obvious’ – Gelder Shiel Stable, with suit stored in a locker at the station it was off to Deeside on the bus. From the bothy I had a great day on the White Mounth hills, returning to the far south the following day.

I took the job late in 1996 and just over 2 years later joined the Cairngorm Club, where I served twice as a committee member 1999-2002 & 2011-2014, was Newsletter Editor 2001-2003, then Communications Secretary 2003-2008. I took over as Day Meets Secretary in 2014 (and still have that job for my sins) and was Vice President twice, 2004-2007 & 2019-2020 before becoming President.

I have made many good friends in the Club and have collected some amazing memories along the way. It is an honour to now serve as your President and hopefully I’ll manage to give a tiny bit back to the Club.



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Marj Ewan