

IN MEMORIAM

Guy Scott

Guy Scott joined the Cairngorm Club in 1969 and remained a member until his death in January 2023.

He evidently made a mark as soon as he joined the Club, as he was elected to the committee in 1970 and served two three-year stints. He was one of Peter Howgate's squad of members who erected bunks and did other fitting out works at Muir in 1972, and was a regular attender of bus meets, often with his friend and work colleague Norman Shepherd. In the days before weekend meets Norman and Guy were part of a group who regularly went to the hills for weekends away, whether camping or staying at Muir or other club huts. On one occasion Guy and Norman joined the Club members heading for Beinn a' Bhuid by emerging from an igloo not far below the South Top.

Guy was also a keen climber, well enough known in climbing circles to serve for a time on the committee of the infant Mountaineering Council of Scotland. He did much of his early climbing in Torridon and on Skye, where he helped a group of us to reach the top of the "In Pin". He also climbed further afield, including a successful ascent of the Matterhorn, with a guide, on a day when a storm led to misfortunes for others.

Guy became less active in the Club when his eyesight began to fail, but he still enjoyed keeping in touch with Club members and hearing how things in the Club were faring.

Peter Ward

Peter joined the Club in 1973, along with his wife Ruth, and both were active members for many years, often staying at Muir with fellow-members. A radiologist at Foresterhill by career, he served on the Committee between 1977 and 1980, and as Librarian between 1986 and 1993.

Duncan Macrae

Duncan's newspaper obituary recorded his time at Robert Gordon's Technical College studying naval architecture whilst working in the drawing office at Hall Russell Shipyards. It was during this time that he became involved in hillwalking and climbing, joining the Club in 1954 and remaining an Ordinary Life Member until his death in 2023.

It is cited that he and friend Gus Faulkner made first ascents of Lucifer Route, Slugain Buttress and Forefinger Pinnacle Direct.

In the last few years Duncan contributed articles to the Journal on Alexander Kellas, issue 113 and The Secret Howffs of Beinn a' Bhuid in issue 114.

The Club has also received notifications of the deaths of the following:

Neville Critchley : Ordinary, Life Member, 1967 – 2022, Committee Member, 1969-1970

John Hetherington : Ordinary Member, 1969 – 2022

Greg McMeekin : Ordinary Member, 1969 – 2022

Winton McNab : Ordinary Member, 1965 – 2022

Douglas Riach : Associate Member 1990 – 2022

Helen Turner : Associate Member 2022 – 2023

Jim Petrie : Local contact for Muir Cottage until his death in 2022

Heather Salzen : Although never a Club Member, the death of Heather Salzen was noted. She undertook the first botanical survey of Piper's Wood.