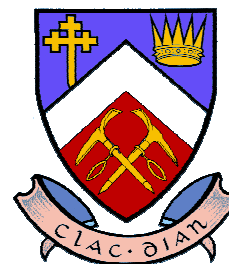


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The Newsletter of the Cairngorm Club

## Next Issue of the Club Journal

Apologies for omitting the earlier call for contributions to the Club Journal.

**The next issue of the Club Journal is in preparation. Anyone wishing to offer a contribution should contact the Editor as soon as possible. Please email [journal@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:journal@cairngormclub.org.uk).**

Alister Macdonald, Journal Editor

## New Club President

James Friend was elected President at the Club AGM in November, taking over from Adrian Scott.

James was born and brought up in Edinburgh and was walking in the hills from an early age, with family and with a school hillwalking club run and organised by the pupils themselves.

After medical training James moved in 1973 to a consultant post in Aberdeen where both he and his wife Elizabeth joined the Cairngorm Club. James's first outing with the Club was to a January Lochnagar Meet. However with the road to Glen Muick blocked by snow the bus diverted to Easter Crathie, and James found himself leading the President's Party as he was the only one with the correct map, albeit a tourist one!

Sadly, Elizabeth died in 2005 but over the years they attended many of the bus meets, weekend meets, dinners, ceilidh dances etc., and greatly they enjoyed it all.

More recently James has had responsibility for Piper's Wood, which last year was doubled in area under his stewardship as part of the Club's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

James joined the Committee in 2012 and has now achieved the Presidency from Nov 2014 as noted above.

A more detailed biography of James will appear in the next Club Journal.

## Annual Dinner

Last November 60 members and guests enjoyed the Annual Dinner in the Tree Tops Hotel. In the chair was the new President, James Friend, while the newly appointed Honorary President, Ruth Payne, said Grace. The speaker was adventure cameraman Keith Partidge and although not many knew him by name just about everyone had seen something of his work whether in the film 'Touching the Void', or his television work. His filming is breathtaking and the places he can be found working are wild to say the least! It was an enjoyable evening and the same venue is booked for later this year. If you haven't been for a while - or ever, why not come along this November and enjoy a pleasant evening in the company of like-minded people?

## Physiotherapy Services

For treatment of injuries or conditions which have arisen during sporting activities or affect participation in them, other than chronic degenerative conditions.

Cost £28 (a discount of £10) on proof of Club membership (e.g. card);  
priority appointments for Club members; next-day appointments  
if booked before 12 noon.

**Aberdeen Physiotherapy - 01224 626266**

## The Cairngorm Outdoor Access Trust (COAT)

COAT is having to cope with something of a gap between the ending of past grants and future awards, in particular the HLF-funded "The People and The Mountains" project, a joint venture between the Cairngorms and the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Parks, which it is hoped to start next summer. Early works are scheduled at the Dubh Loch on Lochnagar and Jock's Road above Davy's Bouragh. There is also a good deal of uncertainty as to the level of public funding for other COAT initiatives, including Community Paths and Walking to Health. Staffing has been reduced to 3, and the Aviemore office closed, but there will be a scale back up to cover Loch Lomond as well as the Cairngorms. Affiliate Membership (which has heretofore included the Club) is being re-thought.

## For Disposal (perhaps with suitable donation to Club funds)

Some sets of the *Cairngorm Club Journal*, each from about 1971 to date (about 10 issues)

## Wanted - CCJs 1930s - 1940s

The National Library of Scotland appears to be missing the following issues of the Club Journal: Vol. 12 no. 6 (1931) to Vol. 16 no. 86 (1949). If anyone can supply these issues, please let the Secretary (see back page) know. For lack of space, the NLS is not interested in duplicates, so that issues before and/or after the ones above would have to be disposed of otherwise, e.g. to a Club member.

## Graham Ewen Book

Jane and Innes Ewen (Graham's widow and younger brother, respectively) have compiled a number of Graham's articles from the *Cairngorm Club Journal* into a well-produced book, with several additional photographs. The book is available for purchase via the publisher's website, <http://blur.by/1s2ludx>, where one can choose the type of binding (and hence price).

## Frogs, Snakes and Other Dragons

The conservation charity Froglife's Dragon Finder project aims to involve hillwalkers in recording occurrences of amphibians and reptiles (frogs, toads, newts, snakes, lizards, slowworms, turtles, etc.) especially in remote areas and at altitude. Whether alive, dead or diseased, and eggs (spawn), larvae (tadpoles) or adult: all are of interest. The recording app and website contain identification help, and can be found at <http://www.froglife.org/dragonfinder>.

## Piper's Wood

Ian Francis of the Botanical Society of Britain & Ireland has kindly supplied a detailed biological (mainly botanical) survey of the Piper's Wood Extension which was fenced off in 2013. The full report (a 4MB file, with a species list and many photographs) has been posted on the Forum within the Piper's Wood Botanical Survey topic in the Club News & Discussion section. Mr Francis concludes: "*It is certain that, in the absence of deer grazing (now excluded), these open, flower and sedge-rich flushes will become overgrown (as happened in Piper's Wood) and in time the ground vegetation will become much taller and probably less diverse in the short term. As tree species colonise and woodland plants become established, the balance of the vegetation will change, with the arrival of new species, as happened in the original enclosure, and documented by Heather Salzen*".

## Crystal Mountains – Minerals of the Cairngorms, by Roy E. Starkey, 2014, 178pp.

The Club Library has acquired a copy of this book, which contains over 200 illustrations - many of landscape or historical interest, others of cairngorms themselves - and 300 references. Chapters cover the diggers themselves (with a picture of a tunnel "driven right through a buttress high on the crags of Beinn a'Bhuird"), collectors (including the Royals, the Farquharsons and the Grants), and World War Two connections.

Members can borrow this book directly from Special Collections at the University Library at Kings College on giving advance notice by email to [speclib@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:speclib@abdn.ac.uk) and on producing their membership card, or by asking the Club Librarian (Ken Thomson) to obtain it for them.

## NTS

As a member of the National Trust for Scotland, the Club has 5 cards allowing free access to NTS properties for Club members and guests. Cards can be borrowed from the Club Secretary.

## The Alpine and Scottish Mountaineering Club Journals 2014

The above volumes have been placed in the Club Library at Kings College, alongside previous issues from about 1960 and 1891 respectively. The *AJ* contains articles on climbing in many remote parts of the world, including 'The Last Great Climb' on Ulvetanna in Antarctica, on tetraplegic cycling across Tibet, and on mountain "ownership" in a period of global warming and increased mobility. Simon Richardson contributes a 20-page 'Scottish Winter 2012-14' article, and other articles include historical ones (e.g. on Leo Amery), and many book reviews. The *SMCJ* contains short articles on the Cuillin Ridge Traverse record (now down to below 3 hours!), on repeating some Patey climbs (including a fruitless 7-hour winter walk into Mitre Ridge on Beinn a'Bhuird, arriving at 9 a.m.!), and on "John Muir and the SMC" (which commendably made him an Honorary Member in 1908). There are also the usual comprehensive lists of New Climbs in Scotland, and several worthwhile book reviews.

## Day Meets

Further to the Day Meets detailed on pages 7, 8 & 9, listed below are the other meets organised for 2015.

Date	Location	Organiser
20/21 Jun	Fannichs Overnighter	David Brown
1/2 Aug	Glen Tilt Overnighter	Derek Beverley
6 Sept	Cairngorm Traverse	Garry Wardrope
4 Oct	Loch Lee to Loch Muick	Roger Houghton
8 Nov	Buck of Cabrach area	Ken Thomson
13 Dec	Christmas Special - TBC	Derek Beverley

## Weekend Meets

Further to the Weekend Meets detailed on pages 8, 9 & 10, listed below are the other meets currently organised for 2015.

Date	Location	Organiser
3 Jul	BMC Hut, Glenbrittle	Colin Brown (Fri & Sat)
21 Aug	Ling Hut, Torridon	Garry Wardrope (Fri & Sat)
25 Sep	Rum Castle (new bunkhouse)	Jim Bryce (Fri & Sat)
16 Oct	Aite Cruinnichidh, Spean Bridge	Sue Chalmers (Fri & Sat)

Details of any of these meets can be sought from the organiser at any time. So don't wait until they appear in a Newsletter or on a Yahoo email, as they may already be booked up by that time.

## Badges

As part of the 125 celebrations, the Club has had some badges made.

The badges are 7 cm x 10 cm with the Club crest on a black background. Above the crest are the dates '1887 - 2012' while below are the words 'The Cairngorm Club' (see right).

These cost £2.50 each and are still available from Anne Pinches, email [social@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:social@cairngormclub.org.uk). They will also be available to buy at Indoor Meets.



## Night Hike to Bennachie

Interested in seeing Aberdeenshire by moonlight from the summit of Bennachie? A Night Hike has been planned for the evening of Thursday 5th March 2015. It will be a short walk up and over Bennachie, finishing by 11pm at the latest. Although you must bring a torch, you may be surprised by just how much you can see by moonlight on a clear night. Please contact Benn Hitchen on [ctte3@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:ctte3@cairngormclub.org.uk) if you are interested.

## Balmoral Accreditation

Balmoral has been accredited by Wildlife Estates Scotland as an “internationally recognised award given to farms and estates that have demonstrated a standard of excellence in land management”. The assessors noted Balmoral’s “very specific attention to monitoring and implementation of best practice”. The Estate contains important SPA and SAC nature designations, and Richard Gledson is the current Balmoral resident factor.

## Lunch & Danders

The next Lunch and Dander will be on Tuesday 24th February, meeting at the Waterside Car Park at 10:30am, with lunch at the Udney Arms, Newburgh at 12:30pm. Please advise Ruth Payne by 22nd February, if you would like to join the lunch gathering.

There will be another Lunch and Dander on Friday 10th April, meeting at Shooting Greens Car Park at 10:30am, with lunch at 12:30pm at the Finzean Farm Shop. Again, as above, please advise Ruth by the 8th April if you would like to join the lunch gathering.



## Situation Still Vacant!! - Social Secretary

The post of Social Activities Secretary is being filled by Anne Pinches on an “holding” basis as a replacement is awaited. The ‘job’ involves organising the Indoor Meets, the Summer Barbecue and the Dinner. Contact Anne on email [social@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:social@cairngormclub.org.uk) if you want more details of what the job involves.

## Payments to the Club

The Club bank details are: Sort Code 831531; Account No., 00129748. So that the payment can be allocated to the right place, please use a reference containing your name and what the payment is for, e.g. ‘LSmith Traverse’ or ‘DPinches M'ship’ or ‘JBloggs W'end 25/4’. Note that the reference field is limited to 18 characters including blanks.

## W. P. Haskett-Smith (1859-1946)

A Lake District author and “wilderness therapeutic practitioner”, Frank Grant, is writing the biography of this well-known Lake District climber – the first known ascender of Napes Needle (“eschewing the use of ropes, spikes, and ladders as aids required by inferior climbers”) and sometimes known as the “Father of Rock Climbing”. Mr Grant wonders if WPHS had any connection with the Cairngorms or indeed the Cairngorm Club. Anyone with information is invited to contact the Secretary (see back page), or Mr Grant directly at [figclimber44@aol.com](mailto:figclimber44@aol.com).

## Snowholing “Day” Meet, 28 February – 1 March

Derek Beverley, our former Day Meets Secretary, is to blame for suggesting this new venture, in which participants will attempt to survive the night in some suitable snowdrift in high Deeside. Details (including equipment) to be arranged between participants, but it is envisaged that an early afternoon departure from the Linn o’Dee will enable a large enough hole or holes to be dug – possibly on Beinn Bhrotain – before darkness falls and a meal can be cooked in perfect comfort.

This is not a training meet, but no doubt those familiar with the technique will help or supervise newcomers. If interested, contact Ken Thomson by email at [secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk).

## Munroist List Clerk

To register a completion of a full round of Munros or Corbetts, members should write to David J. Broadhead who is the "Clerk of the List" for the SMC. Please enclose a SAE for your certificate.

David J Broadhead  
Cul Mor  
Drynie Park North  
Muir of Ord  
Ross-shire  
IV6 7RP

## DISCOUNTS

*Cotswold - Blacks  
Craigdon Sports  
Nevisport  
Hilltrek - Aboyne  
Climbing - Ballater*

All the above shops offer discounts to Club members on production of a current membership card

TISO discount nights  
6.30 to 8.30 pm, quarterly.

## MCofS

For all of the up-to-date information from the Mountaineering Council of Scotland go to -

<http://www.mcofs.org.uk/home.asp>



## Skye B&B - Discount for Club Members

Club members Greg & Sue Walters are offering a 10% discount at their B&B on the Isle of Skye.

The price is normally £30 pppn for B&B discounted to £25 pppn with further discounts for 3+ nights.

Drop them a line at Achtalean B&B, 5 Stenscholl, Staffin, Isle of Skye. IV51 9JS or call them on either 01470562723 or 07748533377

You can also check them out at their website - <http://www.achtalean.co.uk/>

## Radio Scotland Outdoor Weather Forecasts

These are broadcast at 19.04 on Monday-Friday, 07.04 and 22.04 on Saturday, and 07.04 and 20.04 on Sunday.

These and other forecasts can be accessed direct via Club website from the 'Links' page -

<http://www.cairngormclub.org.uk/links/links.htm>

## Club AGM 2014

This event passed off reasonably peacefully as these things go, with reports from most Office-Bearers and a new Committee elected (see back page): draft minutes are on the Forum, within Club News & Discussion. The main AOCB item was the use of the Willie Robb Bequest, which Adrian Scott proposed be used as a grant fund from which the interest could be used each year to support "good causes" such as overseas expeditions. A good deal of discussion resulted, both on this new proposal and on the three options which the Committee had been considering, i.e. a footbridge at Derry Lodge, a wood at Altanour, and a second Club hut, perhaps on Speyside.

## Muir Cottage

We had a steady stream of visitors at Muir this autumn. Many Club members who have not been to Muir for a while and there are also Club members who have not seen the superb Club cottage yet. It's only £5 per night for Club members. Booking information is on the Club website at - <http://www.cairngormclub.org.uk/muircottage/muircottage.htm>

Every Muir visitor enjoys the antics of our visiting red squirrels, but please don't leave any leftover food (including meat and bread) on the bird table. Bill Craigie of the RSPB Friends of Strathbeg kindly keeps up our supplies of birdfeed, which comes through the RSPB website at - <http://www.rspb.org.uk/groups/images/29082013142207.pdf>.

There is also a link to the order form on the 'Miscellaneous' of the Club website.

The next work weekend (28 - 30 May) will follow on from the May midweek walk to Sgor Mor on Thursday 28 May, 2015. All welcome: regardless of your skill set, we will find a job for you!! The accommodation is free and lunch on Saturday will be provided. Contact Kees Witte on 01224 732738 or email [huts@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:huts@cairngormclub.org.uk) for more details.

## Indoor Meets

There are two Indoor Meets remaining in 2015.

The next is on Wednesday 4 February with Ian Rae speaking about the 'Geology of Mountaineering'.

The final Indoor Meet of the winter takes place on Wednesday 4 March. Eric Baird will be speaking about 'Glen Tanar'.

The evenings start at 7.30 pm and for £3.00 you get a seat and, if everything goes according to plan, tea/coffee and some biscuits!! Both will be held at Aberdeen Grammar FP Club, 86 Queen's Road, Aberdeen.

The next Social event in 2015 will be the BBQ on Wednesday 17 June.

## New Eatery in the West

Friends of the Social Secretary have taken over 'The Inver Cottage Restaurant' by Loch Fyne. They will be opening up for business at the end of March 2015. She knows that it will become one of the best places to eat for miles around!! If you are in the area it would be well worth giving it a try. The address is Inver Cottage, Lachlan Bay, Strachur. PA27 8BU.

## Mid-Week Walks

Arthur Dickie ([meetorganiser35@cairnorgormclub.org.uk](mailto:meetorganiser35@cairnorgormclub.org.uk)) coordinates this popular series, which takes place on the last Thursday of every month, with a different organiser each time. Walks take about 4-5 hours, with possible recourse to a local tea-room afterwards. The usual Aberdeen car-share meeting points are given below, with the start time usually 9.00 am. Please contact the organiser beforehand to check on arrangements or to make queries, and especially if you intend to meet up at the walk starting point. Similarly, please ensure that your mobile phone number (if any) is known to someone - and that your mobile is switched on during the walk!

Code	Location	Grid ref.
K	Kingswells Park and Ride*	868063
P	Persley Gardens (Woodside)	910093
R	Riverside Drive (near Brig o' Dee)	928036

\* Bus service 40 (about 08:15 from Union Street and via the ARI) stops at the P&R toilets and waiting room, and service X17 (08:10 and 08:30 from Union Square stops) just west of the Kingswells roundabout. Service 11 no longer operates to Kingswells during the day.

## Website and Forum

If you haven't visited recently, please check out the Club Website and Forum for up-to-date news of Day, Weekend and other meets.

### CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for the year 2014/15 became due on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014.

For those paying by Direct Debit this was collected automatically on 1<sup>st</sup> October.

Others should send their subscriptions to Derek Pinches, the Club Treasurer.

Cairngorm Club Subscription rates for 2014/15 are as follows:

	Club	MCofS	Total
Full Rate	£13.00	£14.25	£27.25
Reduced Rate	£6.50	£14.25	£20.75

The reduced rate above is available for members who, on 1st October, were aged 65 or over, or under 21; or under 25 and still in full-time education; or who are normally resident and working more than 80km from Aberdeen.

## Club Training

Want to improve your mountain skills ?

Or maybe want to take the first steps on an outdoor career ? Or want to pass your skills on to others but lack the qualification ?

The Club offers assistance by way of partial funding for suitable Club members wishing to further their own knowledge and skills, and hopefully maintaining the hill craft and safety of the whole Club. Current suggestions are: First Aid, Navigation, Single Pitch Award, or even something more ambitious, such as Mountain Leader (ML) or MIC.



## Navigation Training

There were only a couple of folks able to make the previously arranged training weekend, so this didn't go ahead. As an alternative a flexible programme is being considered to allow as many folk as possible the chance to get trained. The intention is to offer some theoretical sessions inside on a few weekday evenings, ideal for beginners or those that want a reminder of the basics, followed by some practical work on weekends (both single day and whole weekend - perhaps coinciding with organised Club meets).

Those with more experience are welcome to join us on the practical sessions to practise their skills, so something for all abilities. If you are in any way interested, please get in touch with me at [day@cairnorgormclub.org.uk](mailto:day@cairnorgormclub.org.uk), letting me know what level you are at (beginner, basic, intermediate, expert) and what sort of sessions you would be able to make (evenings in Aberdeen, single weekend days, whole weekends). There is also a topic on the Club forum (Navigation Training under Club News & Discussion

<http://cairnorgormclub.freeforums.org/viewforum.php?f=8>) where we can discuss what we are going to do and make arrangements for training sessions.

Garry Wardrope

## Membership News

The following new members have been admitted since the last newsletter.

Richard Brockman	Durriss	Ordinary
Ian Duncan	Aberdeen	Associate
Debbie Fielding	Peterculter	Ordinary
John Kearns	Inverurie	Ordinary
Carlos Losa	Aberdeen	Associate
William Munro	Westhill	Ordinary
Mark Peel	Peterborough	Associate

Please note: bookings are not confirmed until payment is made to the Club.



### 13 - 14 February, Highland Hostel, Newtonmore (Fri & Sat nights)

With plenty of fine hill areas close by, this meet not only gives the opportunity to bag a few Munros or Corbetts, but also, depending on the weather there, may also be the chance to brush up on winter walking skills and navigation in snowy conditions. To book, please contact Robert Fox by email at [ctte6@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:ctte6@cairngormclub.org.uk).

### 13 - 14 March, Invergarry Bunkhouse (Fri & Sat nights)

Ideal for the Loch Lochy Munros and with the Great Glen Way and the nearby mountain ranges, including the Nevis Range, this is a great area for skiing, cycling and walking. To book, contact Sue Chalmers on email [ctte11@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:ctte11@cairngormclub.org.uk).

### 3 - 5 April, Inverie Bunkhouse, Knoydart (Fri, Sat & Sun nights)

Convenient for 3 Munros and 3 Corbetts with a further 2 Corbetts which could all be completed over the weekend by very strong walkers. Inverie is home to the famous Old Forge, mainland Britain's remotest pub which serves excellent meals. Boats between Mallaig and Inverie, or save the fare and walk from Kinloch Hourn or Loch Arkaig (allow at least 8 hours). To book, contact Sue Chalmers on email [ctte11@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:ctte11@cairngormclub.org.uk).

### 1 - 3 May, Lochranza Youth Hostel, Arran (Fri, Sat & Sun nights)

Arran has 4 Corbetts and is renowned for its ridge walking. The A'Chir ridge and the Glen Sannox Horseshoe are both excellent scrambles. There are several very high-quality rock climbs, including Sou'wester Slabs, Labyrinth and the South Ridge Direct on the Rosa Pinnacle with an S and a Y crack. To book, contact Jim Bryce on email [weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk).

### 5 - 6 June, Cairndow, near Arrochar (Fri & Sat nights)

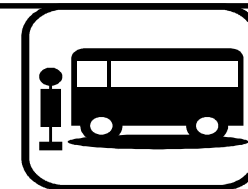
The Cobbler has lots of good rock climbs with over 10 of them meriting 3 star rating. Munros Beinn Ime, Beinn Narnain, Ben Vane and Beinn Bhuidhe all nearby. Six local Corbetts and four local Grahams. To book, contact Jim Bryce on email [weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk).

**Day Meets** (departure time; map sheet(s); grid reference(s) of drop-off and pick-up points; walking time; cost; means of transport; organiser contact details)

**Mid-Week Walks** (departure time; map sheet; departure point; organisers contact details)

**Weekend Meets** (organiser; telephone number; email contact)

**Climbing** (time, low or high water, organiser; contact details)



Day Meets take place once a month and can be by coach, mini-bus or car, or by bus share or service bus. Meets are generally on Sundays but occasionally on Saturdays.

Members should contact the Meet Organiser to book a place, and the organiser or Day Meets Secretary can be contacted should any additional information be sought.

Meets generally leave Aberdeen around 7am (sharp!); departure times and cost are listed in the centrefold of this Newsletter. For service bus meets the first bus out of Aberdeen for Deeside is the one we need. It leaves Union Square around 7:45am. On all Meets, an organised "President's Party" walk will be available for those new to the Club or for members who simply want a day out without the challenge of route finding or navigation. The following Day Excursions are offered for Spring 2015.

### Feb 1, Killin Area

The Munros Meall Glas and Sgiath Chuil are the focus for this meet. The minibus will leave St Margaret's at 7 am heading south by the A90, various pick up points possible. There are several low level options by Loch Tay nearby. The route and the number of hills tackled will depend on the weather and snow conditions on the day. A stop will be made on the return journey to allow for refreshments before returning to Aberdeen. To book, call Garry Wardrope on email [ctte17@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:ctte17@cairngormclub.org.uk).

### Feb 28/Mar 1, Snowholing on Deeside

It is envisaged that an early afternoon departure from the Linn o'Dee will enable a large enough hole or holes to be dug – possibly on Beinn Bhrotain – before darkness falls and a meal can be cooked in perfect comfort. This is not a training meet, but no doubt those familiar with the technique will help or supervise newcomers. If interested, contact Ken Thomson on email [secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk).

### Apr 12, Ben Avon and Beinn a'Bhuird

A round of these two hills is planned from Keiloch or possibly further in if the estate allows the minibus access. To book, contact Judy Middleton by email at [meetorganiser19@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:meetorganiser19@cairngormclub.org.uk)

### May 24, Kingussie Area

The intention is to climb the Corbett, Carn an Fhricceadain, along with Corbett top Beinn Bhreac, with a possibility of doing Creag Dhubh on the way back. Another option is the Munro A Chailleach combined with Carn an Fhricceadain, a nice circular walk. To book, contact Alex Barbour at [meetorganiser17@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:meetorganiser17@cairngormclub.org.uk)

### June 20/21, Fannichs Overnighter

This should allow scope for all 9 Munro summits in the Fannich range if you are fit, motivated and the weather is agreeable. Other options include the hills on the North side of the road - Beinn Dearg, Cona Mheall et al. Other drop-off and collection points can be arranged. Exact details still to be finalised. To book, contact David Brown at [meetorganiser25@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:meetorganiser25@cairngormclub.org.uk)

# The Cairngorm Club Calendar of Events

February 2015

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1	Sun	Day Meet	Killin Area. (7am; 51; 467366; 7hrs; £12.50; minibus; Garry Wardrope; day@cairngormclub.org.uk)
3	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
4	Wed	Indoor	Ian Rae - The Geology of Mountaineering (Anne Pinches; social@cairngormclub.org.uk )
10	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
13	Fri	W/E Meet	Newtonmore Bunkhouse (Robert Fox; cte6@cairngormclub.org.uk)
17	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
24	Tue	Lunch & Dander	Waterside Car Park at 10:30am with Lunch at the Udney Arms, Newburgh at 12:30pm. (Ruth Payne)
24	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
26	Thur	M/W Walk	Sand of Forvie (9am; K; P; Norris Rennie)
28	Sat - Sun	Day Meet	Snowholing in Deeside (Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
<b>March</b>			
3	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
4	Wed	Indoor	Eric Baird - Glen Tanar, A Modern Estate (Anne Pinches; social@cairngormclub.org.uk )
5	Thur	Night Hike	Bennachie (Ben Hitchen; cte3@cairngormclub.org.uk)
10	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
13	Fri	W/E Meet	Invergarry Bunkhouse (Sue Chalmers; cte11@cairngormclub.org.uk)
17	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
24	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
26	Thur	M/W Walk	Cam William (9am; 38; K; Mike Forsyth)
31	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing Season Begins. Clashrodney - Pink Slab (6pm; LW 18:00; Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)

## April

3	Fri	W/E Meet	Inverie Bunkhouse, Knoydart (Sue Chalmers; cte11@cairngormclub.org.uk)
7	Tue	Climbing	Long Slough (6pm; HW 16:00; Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
10	Fri	Lunch & Dander	Shooting Greens at 10:30am, with Lunch at the Finzean Farm Shop at 12:30pm. (Ruth Payne)
12	Sun	Day Meet	Ben Avon & Beinn a' Bhuid (7am; 36 & 43; 189913; 7.5 hrs; £12.50; minibus; Judy Middleton; meetorganiser19@cairngormclub.org.uk)
14	Tue	Climbing	Souter Head (6pm; LW 16:30; Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
21	Tue	Climbing	Clashrodney North (6pm; HW 16:15; Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
28	Tue	Climbing	Black Rock Gulch (6pm; LW 16:30; Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
30	Thur	M/W Walk	Gairnshiel to Shenval (9am; 37; K; Martin Duguid)

## May

1	Fri	W/E Meet	Lochranza Youth Hostel, Arran (Jim Bryce; weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk)
5	Tue	Climbing	Pass of Ballater (6pm; N/A; Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
12	Tue	Climbing	Cairn Robin Point (6pm; HW 21:30; Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
19	Tue	Climbing	Outdoor Climbing (to be decided - see Club Forum and Facebook group for details (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
24	Sun	Day Meet	Kingussie Area (7am; 35; 756019; 7hrs; £12.50; minibus; Alex Barbour; meetorganiser17@cairngormclub.org.uk)
26	Tue	Climbing	As per 19/05 (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
28	Thur	M/W Walk	Sgor Mor (9am; 43; K; James Friend; president@cairngormclub.org.uk)
28	Thur	Work Weekend	Muir Work Weekend (Kees Witte; huts@cairngormclub.org.uk)

## June

2	Tue	Climbing	As per 19/05 (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
5	Fri	W/E Meet	Cairndow, near Arrochar (Jim Bryce; weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk)
9	Tue	Climbing	As per 19/05 (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)