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The Newsletter of the Cairngorm Club

It 'May' Snow in Skye!

Twenty people (a full house) attended this meet at the BMC Hut in Glenbrittle at the start of May, and saw "4 Scottish seasons in 1 weekend"! Attending were: Marj Ewan, Colin Brown, Doris Copley, Bill Morgan, Ian Maclean, Roy Goodsmen, Bill Christie, Aleks Bistrovs, Alex Barbour, Donna Ryan, Adrian Scott, Ben Mellor, Peter Fayers, Eilidh Scobbie, Jonathan Holston, Ken Thomson, Colin Kynaston, Bernard Glatz, Mike Brian and Ruth Craven.

On the Saturday, Ken, Peter, Adrian and Bernhard did the In Pin on Sgurr Dearg (in mist, and something of a "first" for Peter), and then Sgurr na Banachdich (in snow), while Colin B. and Doris headed for An Dorus for the view (none), and Bill did Sgurr Alasdair. Marj, Donna, Alex, Jon and Ben went round to Coire a Ghrunnda for Sgurr Dubh Mor and/or Sgurr nan Eag, while Mike and Ruth climbed Cioch Buttress, and Roy, Ian, Alex and Colin K. climbed Cioch West: all good days in deteriorating conditions.

Saturday evening was spent busily consuming a communal meal produced by Marj, Colin and Eilidh (et al.); some went to bed earlier than others.

Sunday's sunny start deteriorated into a wintery day up on the ridge, especially to the south. Mike and Ruth took the winner's cup for walking from Sligachan to Coruisk, up the Dubh ridge, across the TD Gap and then over into Coire Lagan and

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back to the Hut – a long day in not too great conditions. Jon and Bernhard also completed their missions to do Sgurr Alasdair and Sgurr Mhic Coinnich, in opposite directions, while Adrian and Alec did Sgurr Mhic Coinnich. Ken and Peter did Bruach na Frithe (in 3 inches of snow), as did Colin and Doris, but failed on the slippery ledges of Am Basteir, like other parties including one which was on a third attempt at Munro Completion from Kendal! Ian, Alex and Colin K. did Sgurr Dearg and Sgurr Banachdich, while Marj, Donna and Eilidh went to Neist Point where after a slow start and between rain and hail they eventually managed a route on the upper crags.

All in all, a memorable week-end, with thanks to Marj Ewen for organising it all.

NEMT Hill Tracks

This was launched in 2006-07 as a pilot project with CNPA and SNH support, but due to a low response was extended into 2007-08.

By 31 October, 53 tracks had been recorded, with over 700 pieces of data (coordinates and photographs); these can be seen on a map of the North-East Cairngorms at <http://www.nemt.org.uk/hilltracks/index.html>.

It is proposed to undertake further work, possibly using somewhat different techniques.

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 like Mountain leader or MIC.



Winter Skills - 2010

A Winter Skills course on 27-28 February 2010, based at Ardenbeg Bunkhouse and Outdoor Centre on Speyside, is planned, to include snow-holing on the Saturday night.

Suggestions for training and applications for funding are invited; contact the Training Co-ordinator, Adrian Scott at vp@cairngormclub.org.uk.

E-Mailing List

There is a Club mailing list hosted by Yahoo!. This can be used to arrange formal and informal meets or to sell gear etc.

This group is open to non Club members who will receive the messages posted.

To subscribe, send an email to: cairngorm_club_members-subscribe@yahoo.com



John Muir Trust Aberdeenshire

The Club is a member of the John Muir Trust. Work parties are organised locally for conservation work in Glen Tanar and growing native trees at Drum Castle.

See the Trust's website at www.jmt.org for more information.

Constitutional Review

From time to time, e.g. at the 2008 AGM, revision of the Club's constitution is suggested; the current version (last revised in 2004) is on the Club website, available from either the "Club Membership" or "Miscellaneous" page, e.g. see <http://www.cairngormclub.org.uk/miscellaneous/miscellaneous.htm>

At its March meeting, the Committee agreed to carry out such a review, to make it more "proactive" and/or "modern".

Others have suggested re-examining membership requirements, e.g. to abolish the distinction between "Ordinary" and "Associate" members. Some suggestions have been relatively specific, while others are less so, e.g. to "modernise" the text, or to modify our "objects".

The Committee has decided to review the document, and it would welcome ideas at this stage, so that the implications (e.g. for Committee elections) can be considered, and, if considered appropriate, precise proposals can be drafted for a Special General Meeting to be held immediately before the next AGM, scheduled for 11 November 2009.

PS: the Constitution does not refer to the Mountaineering Council of Scotland (or civil liabilities insurance!), so that decisions in that area have no direct relevance.

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 £26; priority appointments for Club members; next day appointments if booked before 12 noon.

Aberdeen Physiotherapy
01224 626266



There will be a meeting at 7:00 for 7:30pm on Thursday 25 June at Transition Extreme (next to the Beach Ballroom), at which MCofS officers and staff will present their new Strategic Plan for the period 2009-2013, and discuss organisational changes which have been approved by the MCofS Executive. This will be followed by an "Open Forum". As is well known, the Club has been unhappy with some aspects of its MCofS membership, (please see MCofS insert enclosed with this newsletter), and the Committee will be represented at the meeting, in order to "ask questions".

However, all MCofS members are entitled to go along.

See the MCofS website, and the Feb. 2009 issue (p. 69) of *Scottish Mountaineer*, for details of what all this is about, e.g. possibly still higher MCofS subscription rates!

The Journal

How time flies since the last issue of the Journal. The next one is due out before the end of 2009, so it is time for everyone to start sharpening their pencils (or flexing their keyboard fingers) so that there will be something to put in it! All kinds of articles are encouraged, anything that you think would interest your fellow Club members. If you have any queries, please contact Lydia Thomson at journal@cairnngormclub.org.uk

Weather



Met Office	09068 505323 (Tayside)
Mountain	09068 505324 (Grampian/East Highlands)
Call	09068 505325 (West Highlands)
	09068 505326 (Caithness/Sutherland)
Radio	19:04 Mon - Fri
Scotland	07:04 & 22:04 Sat. and 07:04 & 20:04 Sun
BBC 1	'Heather the Weather' at 18:58 (approx)
SAIS	www.sais.gov.uk (avalanche forecast)
MWIS	www.mwis.org.uk/areas.php
Midges	www.midgeforecast.co.uk
AA Roadwatch	0900 444 900

Overnighter 2009

This year's midnight escapade will be to one of the finest but remotest mountain areas in Scotland. Current plans are to leave Aberdeen by minibus in mid-morning on Saturday 20 June, and drop folk off on the Dundonnell road, either for Loch a'Bhraoin (NH 162 761) or at Corriehallie (NH 113 849), and to pick up at the Kinlochewe road junction (NH 027 620) on Sunday 21 June shortly after mid-day, which should allow a reasonably early return to Aberdeen. It may also be possible to pick people up at Poolewe out to the west, to allow a direct trek through the Fisherfield Forest and/or its several summits (not described below).

Possible routes between these points are many, and choice will depend on weather (especially as regards stream crossings), desired objectives and personal capabilities. Campers and bivouackers may also wish to bear in mind the possible presence of The Midge.

Low-level routes via Lochivraon (bothy behind house at NH 117 735?) are over Bealach na Croise (NH 068 717), Bealach Gorm (NH 093 715) or Bealach na h-Imrich (NH 108 705) to reach a track to the Heights of Kinlochewe, or via Shenavall (or direct) up to Loch an Nid and Bealach Gorm. Another possible ex-Shenavall route (if the river is fordable) goes up Gleann na Muice and around or over Beinn Tarsuinn to Loch Fada, whence across stepping stones at the loch-foot and down Gleann Bianasdall to Loch Maree, or SE to the Heights.

Higher-level routes, taking in Munros and/or Corbetts, are equally numerous. The western Fannichs (Sgurr Breac and A'Chailleach) could be bagged before heading SW over lower ground to the Heights. Creag Rainich is an isolated Corbett (aren't they all?) between Lochivraon and Loch an Nid. Further west, the Munros Beinn a'Chlaidheimh and then Sgurr Ban, Mullach Coire Mhic Fhearchair and perhaps Beinn Tarsuinn would make a superb all-night route, before the long walk out.

The cost is yet to be fixed but should not exceed £20. Final details will be communicated to participants, and posted on the Forum and the website.

Dauner

The next 'Lunch and Dauner' will be on Thu 20th Aug 2009, meeting at 10:30am at the Square, Kemnay, with a light lunch at 12:30pm at the nearby Loaves & Fishes Coffee Shop. Please advise Ruth Payne if you would like to join the lunch gathering.



Cortina Meet

Two apartments, with 9 bed places, were booked in April for the Saturday-to-Saturday week 18-25 July 2009. At time of writing, 7 places have been reserved. Full details are on the Club's Website, and on the Club's Forum, under "Other (Non-Official) Meets" – although this is an official one! The Dolomites are wonderful country for walking and/or rock-climbing (with via ferrata in between). Please contact Ken or Lydia Thomson (see back page) for the current bookings situation.

Barbecue

The annual barbecue will take place on Wednesday, 17 June at Templars' Park (Aberdeen Scouts base) on the South Deeside Road about 1 mile west of the Maryculter bridge. The barbecue will start at 8 pm and end when the last people leave! The usual barbecue fare will be on offer along with a selection of wine, beer and soft drinks. If the weather is inclement there is a hall we can use. The cost will be £8.00 per person and cheques should be made payable to the Cairngorm Club. Please indicate if you require gluten-free or veggie burgers/sausages.

Family Picnic

It was felt that a group of members who have been busy giving birth to and bringing up the next generation of members were missing out on Club activities. Eilidh, our President, suggested a Picnic and consequently the first Family Picnic will take place on Saturday 27 June, regardless of weather, at Broombank, Kinellar, Aberdeen, GR 834118 (home of Derek and Anne Pinches) between 2 pm and 6 pm. Arrive when you can and leave when you like. Cost will be £3.00 with no charge for children. Cheques made payable to Cairngorm Club please.

Although we are hoping for a good turnout of small people and their Mums and Dads, the afternoon will not be restricted to those with children. All members are welcome and there will be no compulsion to go down a slide or eat carrot sticks unless you really want to!

Age-appropriate finger food and drinks supplied.

It would be very helpful if small people could bring their own plastic beaker and bowl/plate.

To book for either event, please complete the enclosed form and send with your cheque, payable to the Cairngorm Club, to Anne Pinches.

Climbing Round-Up

The outdoor rock climbing season is now in full swing, with Tuesday evenings seeing forays onto venues around and about Aberdeen. The first outing of the year was the traditional Souter Head trip, attended by four old stalwarts who made ascents of eight routes in the vicinity of the grassy pinnacle between VS and E2; not bad for a day which had seen significant rain in the afternoon.

The following week saw a large number of climbers attending the Long Slough, including a number of people new to the Club. After that, Deceptive Wall was abandoned in favour of Transition Extreme in the face of heavy and persistent rain; but as I think a very wise man once said, 'Two Out Of Three Ain't Bad...'

The club is always very keen to be joined by new people, of any level of climbing experience, particularly at this time of year when the long summer evenings beckon. So if you're interested in joining us, don't hesitate to get in touch!

Please contact Mike Brian..(see back page).

Prospective members, and those members that require Club equipment, should contact the organiser before the meet.

Mountain Rescue Sponsored Walk

This annual guided event in support of the Aberdeen MR team will take place on Saturday 6 June, going from Keiloch at Invercauld, up Glen Slugain, and down the Quoich to Mar Lodge (for refreshments!) – about 25km or 15 miles in total.

Buses will leave from Guild Street and Woodhill House in Aberdeen, and pick up along Deeside.

Entry forms, for return by 31 May, are available from Club member Malcolm Lamont, email mrwalk@mlamont.plus.com, or via the team's website www.amrt.org.uk. AMRT costs are now about £30,000 per year, so please support this worthwhile event!

Membership News

The Club is sorry to hear of the death of the following members.

Mr G A Cole, Bieldside, Aberdeen, Associate Member since 1995
Mr John Galloway, Cults, Aberdeen, Ordinary Member since 1959

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

Mrs Margaret Gooday, Aberdeen - Associate Member
Mrs Donna Ryan, Aberdeen - Associate Member
Mr Tilo Phillips, Turriff - Ordinary Member

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

Cuillin History

Stuart Pedlar (stuartpedlar@googlemail.com) has "spent the last ten years writing the history of climbing and mountaineering in the Cuillin", and hopes to publish soon. He has enquired about a 1948 Sligachan Hotel entry (complaining about guidebook rock-climb standards; plus ca change ...) by (we think) one Geoffrey Roberts (a Cairngorm Club member), but he would be interested in any other records or memories.

And - you read it here first - Dave Hewitt (editor of The Angry Corrie magazine) is compiling yet another book on Munros, amongst other things attempting a "timeline" of Completions, and assessing each Munro in terms of how many people have Completed thereon.

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 Secretary, Ken Thomson (details on back page).

DISCOUNTS

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.

Rock-Climbing, Yoga, etc.

Weekly courses are offered throughout the summer for those wishing to move from indoor walls to leading and multi-pitch climbing, as well as several other courses and holidays, by La Source at Samoens, an hour from Geneva: see www.sourcealps.com.

Transition Extreme

The Centre is now a full member of the Association of British Climbing Walls (ABC), and a regional centre of excellence.



Club Library

The Cairngorm Club library is housed in the Aberdeen University Special Collections Library and consists of over 1000 books and journals, most of which are listed on our Club web site

www.cairngormclub.org.uk/library. The library can be accessed by Club members on presentation of a valid membership card. A selection can be viewed at the indoor meets and any requests can be sent to the Club librarian at librarian@cairngormclub.org.uk

From the Club Library

"The Ascent of Yerupaja", by John Sack, 1954.

This is a wee gem of a book, partly in the style of the Rumdoodle classic, but ending with a real high-mountain crisis, frostbite and all. Yerupaja is Peru's second highest peak, the high-point of the Amazon River watershed, and near Siula Grande of Touching the Void fame. In 1950, it was the highest unclimbed summit outside Asia, and after the ascent (described here) in that year by a bunch of amateur U.S. university types, the next ascent, 16 years later, was by a couple of young up-and-comers, Reinhold Messner and Peter Habeler. The book, by a non-summiteer but a fine writer and later a notable journalist, covers the traumas of expedition preparation and mountain approach in light style, and then describes the final assault, which in some respects resembles the Void episode.

Club Recruitment etc

As well as its core business of organising meets and overseeing the running of Muir, the Committee has been trying to address some of the many issues raised at the club's Annual General Meeting last November. Thus, Eilidh Scobbie has been convening a small group to consider ways of increasing recruitment of younger members, the number of bus meets has been reduced, and Derek Pinches has been researching alternative insurance arrangements, should it be decided to withdraw from the MCofS (see separate article in this Newsletter).

Job Opportunity

As always, the Club is most grateful to those, on and off the Committee, who ensure that its activities and functions actually take place. At time of writing, someone is still sought for the following vacancy:

Day Meets Secretary

Please contact the Club Secretary, Ken Thomson
(see back page for contact details)

SYHA Group Card

The Committee is purchasing a Group Card for the Scottish Youth Hostel Association. This card is for use by ten or more members/guests staying at a hostel or hostels and booking in the Club name. The Weekend Meets Secretary will keep the card, his contact details are on the back page.

Mid-Week Walks

Arthur Dickie (01224 635633) has kindly agreed to take over from Jack Connell the coordination of the Club's popular Thursday ("Mid-Week") Walks series next year. The usual planning meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 1 September in St Mary's Episcopal Church on Carden Place. Until then, Jack (01224 315852) remains in overall charge, but each walk has its own organiser(s). Walk details are on the centrefold pages. For each walk participants should arrive promptly at the meeting points. On some occasions the arrangements may change, so please contact one of the organisers if in doubt or if further information is required. If you intend to drive straight to the starting point of the walk, please let one of the organisers know. If you carry a mobile phone on a walk, please let others know the number before starting out.

Code	Location	Grid ref.
K	Kingswells 'park and ride'	868063
P	Persley	910093
R	Riverside Drive	928036

CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for the year 2009/2010 become due on 1st October 2009.

For those paying by Direct Debit this will be collected automatically on 1st December 2009. Others should send their subscriptions to the Treasurer: Derek Pinches, Broombank, Kinellar, Aberdeen AB21 0TL.

2009/2010			
	Club	MCofS + Insurance	Total
Full	£13.00	£9.37+ £3.63	£26.00
Reduced	£6.50	£9.37+ £3.63	£19.50

Reduced rate is available for members who:
live and work over 80km from Aberdeen; or
are aged over 65 or under 21; or are in full-time education.

Dave MacLeod at 'Active Aboyne'

If you are interested in developments in climbing you will be interested in hearing Dave MacLeod who will be talking as part of Active Aboyne's programme at the Deeside Community Theatre in Aboyne on Saturday 12th September 2009 at 8.00pm. Tickets are priced at £10, but the Club is sponsoring the event, and so up to 40 club members will be able to buy tickets for £8 each. Dave is a quiet-spoken Scot, but is reckoned to be a world class climber. He is guaranteed to give a great talk, and will be presenting the award winning film "Echo Wall".

If you are interested in one of the cheap tickets, send your cheque (payable to Mid Deeside Limited) and SAE to Eilidh Scobbie,

If you want to bring a non-member along, include the cost of full-priced ticket(s) and Eilidh will organise adjacent seats for you.

Muir Cottage

We have our annual members' maintenance weekend on Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 July. All volunteers will be welcomed: no skills necessary, and free beds (and maybe lunches!) provided. Please contact the Hut Custodian (see back page) with your availability on one or both days.

The following week is set aside as a family week for members.

We will shortly be changing the arrangements for keys at Muir. Affixed to the wall outside the main door, a keysafe will be accessible by anyone who knows the code – which we will change reasonably frequently. David Kirk, when he would otherwise be sending out a key, will simply send a note of the current code. On leaving, visitors, instead of posting a key back, will simply return the key to the keysafe (and any who take the key away with them will have to meet the cost of returning a replacement there and to face the wrath of the next frustrated visitors!).

We are part-way through a process of upgrading our fire safety measures. We have a set of new fire extinguishers at next to no cost (thanks to Ken Lawson of Donside Fire Protection, a contact of Adrian Scott), and will be installing additional smoke alarms and signage.

As always, any suggestions for further enhancements of what we offer at Muir will be welcomed.

Stalking Signage

A sub-group of the National Access Forum has developed guidance on appropriate signs etc. for hillwalkers. This is available at:

<http://www.outdooraccess-scotland.com/default.asp?PageRef=2.6.1>.



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

Luss Campsite, 5-6 June (Fri & Sat nights)

Come and enjoy the first summer weekend on the banks of Loch Lomond at Luss campsite. A difficult area to reach from Aberdeen we have the possibility to tick the Munros and Corbetts of the Arrochar Alps with Beinn Bhuidhe within easy striking distance. The Grahams and glens of the Luss Hills are on our doorstep for an easier option or for the climbers, why not get a classic tick on the Cobbler or nip down to Dumbie Rock to play on the boulders and wonder at Rhapsody?. To book contact Garry Wardrope
meetorganiser16@cairnformclub.org.uk

17-18 July (Fri & Sat nights) Some remote bothy etc., possibly on the West Coast? Suggestions and arrangements to be made by those interested via the Forum.

Applecross, 21-22 August (Fri & Sat nights)

This will be an informal camping meet to Applecross or like venue which will have rock climbing and walking in the area and to be confirmed nearer time depending on demand. If you are interested then contact Marjory Ewan email cte16@cairnformclub.org.uk

Strawberry Cottage, Glen Affric, 25-27 Sept (Fri, Sat & Sun nights)

This remote An Teallach Mountaineering Club hut has been booked for the September holiday weekend. Come and savour the remoteness of the mountains of Glen Affric, 5 miles from a tarred road. One car allowed to near hut. Cost is £15 for the weekend. To book contact, Colin Brown on email comms@cairnformclub.org.uk

Ghillies Ball, Inverey - Muir Cottage, 16-17 Oct (Fri & Sat nights)

Get out in the Cairngorm Mountains on foot or by bike and then on Saturday night trip the light fantastic at the Ghillies Ball (casual event with a ceilidh band in the Mar Lodge Stag Ballroom, Cost ceilidh £12 including a sandwich supper. Licensed) To book, contact Ian Bryce on email weekend@cairnformclub.org.uk

Great Glen Hostel, South Laggan 20-21 Nov (Fri & Sat nights)

There are the opportunities of Munros, white water paddling, Corbetts and possibly early skiing at Aonach Mor nearby. A great atmosphere (www.greatglenhostel.com). Cost is £27 or £32 for a bed in a twin room. To book, contact Alec Macmillan email @cairnformclub.org.uk

Blackrock Cottage, Glencoe. 11-12 Dec (Fri & Sat nights)

This Ladies Scottish Climbing Club hut appears in lots of calendar photos nestling under the Buachaille and is handy for skiing at Glencoe, being within a few minutes' walking distance of the lifts. Cost is £12 for the two nights, cheque payable to Cairngorm Club. Meal for Saturday will probably be provided, approx £5 payable to Bill at the cottage. Please advise any special dietary requirements. Sleeping bags required, hot water bottles optional!
 To book, contact Bill Morgan email meetorganiser14@cairnformclub.org.uk

Indoor Meets

All Indoor Meets take place at The Seafield Club, 12 Seafield Road, Aberdeen. Coming from Anderson Drive, the entrance is on the right-hand side. Enter at the right hand side of a large new house opposite the green space in Seafield Road. There is plenty parking in the adjacent Medical Centre's car park. The meets start at 7.30 pm and cost £3.00 inclusive of tea/coffee and very nice biscuits! There is also a bar available.

Indoor Meets resume in October, see centre pages.

Day Meets



Bookings for Day Meets should be made with the organiser for that meet (see names and contact details below and in the mid-page listing). Transport is by coach, mini-coach, minibus (driven by a Club member) or car(s) (ditto), depending on expected or actual numbers. Pick-up usually starts at Golden Square in Aberdeen at 7am, then at various points out west, e.g. Anderson Drive, Cults; the meet organiser will be able to give details or provide suggestions.

Some prices include a pre-arranged meal, normally at a local hotel. Please contact the organiser for a reduced price if you do not want the meal, or if you want to join us for the meal only. There is often a menu (including a vegetarian option) to choose from on the trip out, or beforehand.

The descriptions below are not exhaustive, and members may take any route they desire, with other drop-off / pick-up points often possible. However, members are reminded that they are responsible for their own and their guests' safety, for ensuring that they and their guests are properly equipped for whatever they undertake, and for checking that what they plan can be accomplished in the time available having regard to the conditions. More details are at www.cairngormclub.org.uk/clubactivities/clubactivities.htm.

More details of the autumn/winter 2009/10 meets will be given in the October newsletter.

June 20-21 Saturday-Sunday (the Overnighter) - Destitution Road (A832) to Kinlochewe

Starting (by minibus) from Aberdeen on Saturday afternoon, this offers a variety of routes, either from Loch a' Bhraoin (via Craig Rainich?), or from Corrie Hallie near Dundonnell via Shenavall (over 3 or 4 Munros?), to east end of Fionn Loch, down to Loch Maree or Heights of Kinlochewe (or possibly, for energetic walkers by prior arrangement, over Corbetts etc. to Poolewe). All long walks, but in superb country. Alternatives may be possible by prior arrangement.

To book contact Ken Thomson on email secretary@cairnformclub.org.uk

Aug 9, Sunday, Car Meet - Glendoe (near Fort Augustus)

This car (or possibly minibus) meet is aimed (again, after an earlier attempt foiled by diabolical weather) at the Corbett Carn a' Chuilinn (816m) east of Fort Augustus, and above the new hydro scheme. Rendezvous at Kingswells Park & Ride (or elsewhere by arrangement).

To book contact Ken Thomson on email secretary@cairnformclub.org.uk

Sept 6, Sunday - Loch Einich Circular

This coach meet will offer a superb circumnavigation of the hills above Glen Einich, viz. Sgoran Dubh Mor, Sgor Gaoith, Carn Ban Mor, the Moine Mhor and (if time allows) Braeriach. Alternatives are the first one or two of these summits, or simply to go up to impressive Loch Einich itself. No formal meal is being arranged, but a sustenance stop will be made at Aviemore.

To book contact Derek Beverley on email cte14@cairnformclub.org.uk

Oct 25, Sunday - Callater to Muick Traverse

A fine opportunity to walk between these two glens over the tops and passes. Organiser TBC, meantime contact Ken Thomson on email secretary@cairnformclub.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)

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

Weekend Meets (organiser; telephone number; email contact)

For latest details on Meets etc, see the Club website at:

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

The Cairngorm Club Calendar of Events

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May

- 26 Tue **Climbing** Sickle Row (6pm; HW 15:31; Sickle Row Railway Arch; Keith Milne; meetorganiser7@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 29 Thur **MW Walk** Pressendye (9:15am; 37; K; Lydia Thomson;)

June

- 2 Tue **Climbing** Fulmar Wall (6pm; HW 22:41; Slains Castle Car Park; Ian Diack; meetorganiser8@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 5 Fri **W/E Meet** Luss Campsite (Garry Wardrope; meetorganiser16@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 9 Tue **Climbing** Earnsheugh (6pm; HW 15:28; Findon Village; Dave Ogdén; meetorganiser4@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 16 Tue **Climbing** Clachnaben (6:30pm; ; Glen Dye Car Park; Tim Walker; meetorganiser11@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 17 Wed **BBQ** Templars Park. (Anne Pinches; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 20 Sat **Overnighter** Dundonnell - Kinlochewe: (2:00pm; 19; 162760 or 114849 to 027620; 18hrs; £20 approx; minibus; Ken Thomson; ; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 23 Tue **Climbing** The Graip (6pm; LW 20:36; Collieston; Dave Ogdén; meetorganiser4@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 25 Thur **MW Walk** Desdry Water (9:15am; 37; K; Monica Gray;)
- 27 Sat **Picnic** Family Picnic, Broombank, Kinellar. (Anne Pinches; social@cairngormclub.org.uk.)
- 30 Tue **Climbing** Pass of Ballater (6:30pm; ; Crag Car Park; Neil Gauld; ctle19@cairngormclub.org.uk)

July

- 4 Sat **Work W/E** Muir Cottage Work Weekend (for details, see page 11)
- 4 Sat **Family Week** Muir Family Week starts
- 7 Tue **Climbing** The Humpback (6pm; LW 20:24; Burnbanks Village; Tim Walker; meetorganiser11@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 14 Tue **Climbing** Meikle Partians (6pm; HW 18:54; Slains Castle Car Park; Adrian Scott; vp@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 17 Fri **W/E Meet** Informal weekend to the west coast. Details to be confirmed. (Check website for latest details)
- 18 Sat **Continental** Week at Cortina d'Ampezzo in the Dolomites. (Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 21 Tue **Climbing** Clashrodney (6pm; LW 19:38; Level Crossing Lay By; Ian Diack; meetorganiser8@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 28 Tue **Climbing** Long Haven Quarries (6pm; HW 19:13; Quarry Office Car Park; Adrian Scott; vp@cairngormclub.org.uk)

August

- 4 Tue **Climbing** Tiptoe Slab/Harpers Wall (6pm; LW 19:31; Slains Castle Car Park; Neil Gauld; ctle19@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 9 Sun **Day Meet** Glendoe, Fort Augustus (7am at Kingswells P&R; 34; 6hrs; Cars or Minibus; £ tbc ; Organiser TBC, meantime contact secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 11 Tue **Climbing** Portlethen Boulders (6pm; HW 17:33; Old Portlethen Village; Amanda Lyons; meetorganiser10@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 18 Tue **Climbing** Long Slough, Great Cave Route (6pm; LW 18:38; Doonies Farm; Mike Brian; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 20 Thu **Dauner** Kennay Square at 10:30am. (Ruth Payne.) Lunch at the Loaves & Fishes Coffee Shop, Kennay at 12:30pm.
- 21 Fri **W/E Meet** Applecross - Camping (Marjory Ewan; ctle16@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 25 Tue **Climbing** Floors Craig/Craig Stirling (6pm; HW 17:42; ; Dave Ogdén; meetorganiser4@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 27 Thur **M/W Walk** Morrone - Corriemulzie (8:30am; 43; K; Mike Forsyth & Arthur Dickie;)

September

- 1 Tue **Climbing** South Cove (6pm; LW 18:33; ; Keith Milne; meetorganiser7@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 6 Sun **Day Meet** Loch Einich Circular (Braeriach - Sgor Gaoith (7am; 36; 7hrs; coach, no meal; £15 approx; Derek Beverley; ; ctle14@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 8 Tue **Climbing** Souter Head (6pm; HW 16:25; Burnbanks Village; Mike Brian; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 24 Thur **M/W Walk** Mongur - Monluth (9:15am; 44; K; Ian Bryce; weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 25 Fri **W/E Meet** Strawberry Cottage, Glen Affric (Colin Brown; comms@cairngormclub.org.uk)

October

- 7 Wed **Indoor** Speaker TBC - Seafield Club (Anne Pinches; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 16 Fri **W/E Meet** Gillies Ball, Inverey (Muir Cottage) (Ian Bryce; weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 25 Sun **Day Meet** Callater - Muick Traverse (7am; 43/44; or Harveys; 157883 to 310852; 8hrs; Coach plus meal at Dinner; £20; Organiser TBC, meantime contact secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 29 Thur **M/W Walk** Balmoral Cairns (9:15am; 44; K; James Friend;

November

- 11 Wed **AGM** 19:30, Seafield Club, Aberdeen. (Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
- 13 Fri **Dinner** Old Mill Inn, Maryculter (Anne Pinches; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)