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*Established 1887*

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The Newsletter of the Cairngorm Club

## Willie Robb Bequest

After considering over 20 suggestions received from members on various occasions, the Club Committee is focussing on a small number of leading options for the use of Willie's bequest of £40,000. A sheet accompanying this issue of the Newsletter contains some information on these options, and further details can be found on the Forum – where comments can also be posted. To summarise here, Working Groups considered, with roughly estimated costs:

- A new footbridge at Derry Lodge, to reduce bog erosion by boot and bike (£30-40K); a bridge over the Geldie was considered but thought inadvisable
- A simple shelter (not a hut) and some woodland fencing at Altanour up Glen Ey (£4K + £10K)
- Improvements at Muir: apart from some minor items which can be met from normal Club funds, a new wooden shed to hold bikes and tools securely (£10K)
- A second Club hut in Glen Torridon, by conversion of an existing small stable block (£10K?).

Each of these options is thought to be feasible in 'engineering' terms, and the relevant permissions have mostly been obtained in principle. Possible co-funding from external (or internal) sources has been only partially investigated; this might allow all options to be pursued though it might also delay things.

## Barbecue

This year's Barbecue will be held on Wednesday 18 June 2014 at Templar's Park, the Aberdeen Scout base at Maryculter on the South Deeside Road, just west of the Maryculter Bridge and the Old Mill Inn.

The barbecue will start at 8 pm and finish 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 a cheque payable to the Cairngorm Club should be returned with the slip enclosed with this newsletter to Anne Pinches by Friday 13 June. If you wish to pay electronically please also email me to book your place.

Please indicate any dietary needs or preferences and note these on your return slip or when you email.

## Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner will take place on Friday 21 November 2014 at the Old Mill Inn, Maryculter. Keith Partridge has agreed to give the after dinner presentation. Keith is an adventure cameraman, to put it mildly!! He was involved in filming 'Touching the Void' as well as many nature and adventure programmes for television. 'Touching the Void' is the film of the book by Joe Simpson which recounted his and Simon Yates' expedition in the Peruvian Andes. Their descent from the summit became one of the most amazing true stories of human endurance. The following is an extract from Keith's website <http://www.adventurecamera.co.uk>

"On the 25th May 2012 Keith alongside mountaineer Kenton Cool fulfilled an 88 year old promise by delivering an Olympic gold medal to the highest point on earth. The medal was one of those awarded to the 1922 British Everest Expedition at the 1924 Olympics in Chamonix for their outstanding achievements high on the slopes of Mount Everest. At the medal ceremony it was pledged that one of the medals would be taken to the summit at the next opportunity and that nothing would be spared to make this happen. Unfortunately the 'Pledge' was lost to history. Kenton and long standing friend Rich Robinson unearthed the story and with superb support from Samsung we were able to bring closure to the massive achievements of the '22 expedition."

This will be a presentation not to be missed.

More details in the October newsletter.

## 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**

## Mountain Rescue Walk

The annual Aberdeen Mountain Rescue Team sponsored walk takes place on Saturday 7 June 2014, and will be an end-to-end one, starting at Deecastle near Dinnet, and ending up at the Braeloine visitor centre in Glen Tanar. Club member Clifford Eastwood (who serves on the local St John Committee which financially supports the AMRT) can be sponsored (with gift aid) via <https://justgiving.com/clifford-eastmond>. Buses are provided from and back to Aberdeen, or a shuttle bus from Braeloine to the start for those taking their own car. Entry forms from [association@amrt.co.uk](mailto:association@amrt.co.uk) or at <http://amrt.org.uk>

## The Cairngorm Club 1887-1987

The Secretary has a good-quality copy of the Club's Centennial Book by Sheila Murray, for disposal to a caring home: it contains much interesting information, with photographs, about the Club over its first 100 years.

Available for a suitable donation to Club funds.

## Adopt-a-Path Training Day

A day for those interested in "adopting" a Cairngorms path (or just learning about path construction and maintenance) is to be held at Mar Lodge between 10:30 and 16:00 on Saturday 14 June, with Pete Holden and Bob Brown (NTS Ranger and Paths Manager respectively) in attendance. If interested, please contact Chris York at [chris.york@walking-the-talk.co.uk](mailto:chris.york@walking-the-talk.co.uk). The Adopt-a-Path Scheme (CAPS) now has its own website, at <http://www.outdoorcairngorms.co.uk/upland-paths>; volunteers can log in to see their own and other path reports.

## 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).

## Situation Still Vacant!! - Social Secretary

The post of Social Activities Secretary is still vacant and is currently being filled on an 'Acting' basis by Anne Pinches.

The 'job' involves organising the Indoor Meets, the Summer Barbecue and the Dinner. Email [social@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:social@cairngormclub.org.uk) if you want more details of what the job involves.

## Reflections of a Tank Trooper (Retd)

I would like to recommend a recently published book by one of our members, Eric Johnston, who served with the Royal Armoured Corps.

The title is “**Reflections of a Tank Trooper (Retd)**” and is Eric's recollections of a time in the history of our country which must have been dreadful to live through. I found the book a fascinating read because it is so personal and very much focuses on the people Eric served with, both comrades and officers.

The book is available online and in Waterstones.

Anne Pinches, Social Secretary

## NEMT in Glen Tanar

As part of a publicity drive, the North East Mountain Trust (of which the Club is a member) is organising a day in Glen Tanar on Saturday 13 September, hosted by ranger Eric Baird, and with a shuttle to and from Aboyne. All will be welcome, but see <http://www.nemt.org.uk> for latest details.

## Skye Path Repairs

Against strong competition from other mountain projects in the Himalayas, Spain, Patagonia and the Lake District, the John Muir Trust has landed a £24,000 award for path repairs on Bla Bheinn (Blaven). The Trust can now launch a £50,000 project on the mountain.

## Help Required

The Carn Dearg Mountaineering Club would appreciate help on the weekend 23-25 May in building footpaths around their new hut in Glen Clova.

In return for a day's help, free accommodation (or camping) at the old club hut as well as free lunch, teas and cakes and dinner.

Please contact Katie Marwick at [Katie.marwick@gmail.com](mailto:Katie.marwick@gmail.com) until early May, then Jojo Neff at [j.neff@gmx.net](mailto:j.neff@gmx.net).

## Indoor Meets

The first Indoor Meet of the new season will be held on Wednesday 1 October 2014, at 7.30 pm in Aberdeen Grammar FP Club, 86 Queen's Road. The speaker will be Murray Swapp who will talk about the work of the Cairngorms Outdoor Access Trust (COAT) and show some bonny pictures! COAT have been involved in a number of projects, for example, the Tarland Way. £3.00 for the evening including tea/coffee and biscuits.

## Craigdon Mountain Sports Loyalty Scheme

Discounts are available to Cairngorm Club members at Craigdon Mountain Sports. Members presenting their current Cairngorm Club membership card at Craigdon Mountain Sports will receive a 10% discount. Further, members who join the Craigdon Loyalty Scheme will get an increased discount of 15%. (The Loyalty scheme is free to join on the website <http://www.craigdonmountainsports.com> quoting 'Cairngorm Club' as your affiliated organisation). Please note discount does not apply on certain items (electrical, books, food, maps and sale goods)

## Day Meets

Before there were weekend meets, and Thursday meets, and Danders, Day Meets were known simply as “Meets”. Overnights and long Easter gatherings were overnights and Easter Meets and one day meets were usually described as bus excursions. I've never been a fan of labels and with this in mind the newly formed “Day” Meets Sub-Committee met at the beginning of April to discuss the way forward, for day meets, amidst stiff competition from Weekends, “Thursdays”, Danders and climbing events. Over a few real ales in The Justice Mill, a Calendar for 2015 was arrived at. No fewer than 3 Overnights feature. In early March an Overnighter to Seana Braigh is planned to be followed in June by a traditional overnight excursion to the Fannichs. We thought Glen Tilt overnight would also be of interest and in August an opportunity to head up the Tilt from Blair Atholl to Braemar will be possible.

Shared Bus Meets appear to have run their course and there are no “joint meets” with other clubs planned for 2015. There will however be four coach meets as members have said this is their favourite way to attend meets. The Day Meets Sub-Committee hope you find the Calendar both varied and stimulating. It is our job to facilitate adventure and create meets that you wish to attend. Let's get out there, be safe, and enjoy the hills.

Derek Beverley, Day Meets Secretary

## 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.

## Dolomites - July 2014

The Trip to the Dolomites is going ahead on 9th to 16th July 2014. Fourteen thrill seekers are already committed.

We fly from Aberdeen to Venice via Frankfurt. The base will be Corvara, well served by public transport to take you to the start of the walks, or take the cable cars straight out of the village.

One aim is to tackle the many Via Ferratas in the area, and key features will be 4-6 hrs in the mountains, debriefing in the bar followed by a nice meal, and crisp white sheets in a comfortable bed. There is also superb high- and low-level walking in the area plus sport climbing (mostly higher grades), trad routes much easier. For history buffs the whole area seems to be an open air museum dedicated to the fighting between the Austrians and Italians during the first world war. For the botanists the alpine meadows will be full of spring flowers.

If you are interested in going on the meet, contact Adrian Scott sooner rather than later by email at [president@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:president@cairngormclub.org.uk).

## Lunch & Danders

The next Lunch and Dander will be on Thursday 17th July, meeting at Stonehaven Harbour at 10:30am for the walk, with lunch at The Boathouse at 12:30pm.

Please advise Ruth Payne on by 15th July, if you would like to join the lunch gathering.

There will be another Lunch and Dander on Tuesday 7th October, meeting at the Bennachie Centre at 10:30am, with lunch at the Church Centre, Kemnay, at 12:30pm. Again, as above, please advise Ruth by 5th October if you would like to join the lunch gathering.



## Speyside Way Extension

Planning permission has recently been secured for several key sections of the Speyside Way, which will be extended from Aviemore to Newtonmore. The whole route is expected to take around three to five years to complete, and to cost around £2 million.

## CNPA News

Five organisations (Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Forestry Commission Scotland, Cairngorms National Park Authority, Scottish Natural Heritage and Highland Council) have announced a new partnership to develop a co-ordinated management plan for the publicly owned land at Cairngorm Mountain & Estate and Glenmore Forest Park. They will work with private businesses and local communities to map out the future for this important place. A new masterplan will set out plans to deliver a world-class visitor experience, protect and enhance nature and landscape, and boost the tourism economy.

## Ptarmigan, Capercaillie, etc.

Diligent viewers of the Club's website will recall the 2006-2009 University of Stirling/ British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) Project Ptarmigan, which has now ended. However, an academic paper (Calladine and Wernham, in *Avocetta* 33: 217-224 (2009)) has recorded that "*Encounter rates reported by volunteers were low (means of 0.25 birds and 0.34 'sites' per km - 'sites' being an encounter rate that included groups of faecal piles) but did not differ significantly from those achieved concurrently by experienced professional ornithologists undertaking monthly repeated surveys of transects for calibration purposes.*" However, volunteers reported "no birds" significantly less frequently! In succession to Project Ptarmigan, a new BTO project, 'What's Up?', is seeking volunteers for sightings and 'transects' above 750m: see <http://www.bto.org/national-offices/scotland/our-work/whats-up>

Justin Prigmore has been appointed by the Cairngorms National Park Authority as Capercaillie Framework Project Manager. The Framework will bring together, in a GIS-based map, existing knowledge on the state of capercaillie across the Park, pressures on the populations, and current management measures, and will result in a series of recommendations for future action.



## 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>

## Active Aboyne

This year, the above will involve some "loosely themed weekends over the summer", including Nature Walks and Talks on 29-31 August, Mountain Biking on 21-22 September. and Walking and Adventure on 26-30 September.

On 30-31 August, a "Big Hill Days" guided event involves a traverse from Glen Tanar over Mount Keen to House of Mark for Dinner Bed & Breakfast, and a return walk the next day over the Fungle back to Aboyne.

Other events will include a talk by Cameron McNeish, bike training, and an "Evening under the Stars".

Full details at <http://www.activeaboyne.co.uk>

## Muir Cottage

In April we had another very successful work weekend which started with coffee and home bakes after the Thursday mid-week walk. This year the main jobs were: steam cleaning of the common room, outside painting, gutter work, fencing an enclosure and planting some locally grown saplings, clearing drains, checking the water supply plus all the usual jobs to keep our Muir cottage in top condition. Thanks very much to the 15 Club 'workers' who made this happen. A full report of our exploits can be found on the forum: <http:// Cairngormclub.freeforums.org/2014-work-weekend-24-27-april-t1005.html>

Very recently the Solar Thermal System was installed and the hot water storage tank replaced. In order for the club to profit from the Renewable Heat Incentive (a yearly grant for 7 years), a 'Green deal' survey was done, which resulted in the Energy Savings Trust giving us a grant to change all light bulbs in Muir to LED; this makes Muir even more 'Green'.

As Muir is very popular with groups from all over the UK, there are only a few weekends this year when there is nobody resident (one weekend in August, two in October and two in December). Of course the members room (4 beds) is always available for Club Members. For bookings please contact David Kirk at: [muir-booking@ Cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:muir-booking@ Cairngormclub.org.uk) Please note in your diary that the next work weekend will be 28 – 30 May 2015.

Kees Witte, Huts Custodian

## Weekend Meets Secretaryship

For family reasons, Marj Ewan has had to step down from this post, and Jim Bryce has kindly taken over for the rest of the year. Jim can be contacted as usual via [weekend@ Cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:weekend@ Cairngormclub.org.uk).

## An Camas Mòr

The planned 1500-home "community" of An Camas Mòr has moved on a stage, with developers and public bodies agreeing contributions for healthcare, community facilities, education, roads, a community park and "provision of off-site compensatory habitat improvement" (whatever that means!). The developer's next task is to prepare and submit a detailed site masterplan.

## Mid-Week Walks

Arthur Dickie ([meetorganiser35@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:meetorganiser35@cairngormclub.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.

## For (cheap) Sale

Blue Butane Calor Gas 15kg cylinder, little used before we switched to electricity: does not fit Muir Midgeater! Contact Secretary if interested.

### CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for the year 2014/15 become 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

It is intended that a navigation course be held in August. The course is being organised to give some of our in-house aspiring mountain leaders the opportunity to hone their teaching skills.

Would all those interested please contact the organiser Adrian Scott by email at [training@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:training@cairngormclub.org.uk).

Adrian will take further notes of interest (he has some already) and organise something around then. One option might be to have it on the hoof during the day meet on 3rd August.

## For Disposal

Life Member Sandy Reid would like to find a good home for the following SMC guides: *The Island of Skye* (1954) and *The Cairngorms* (1950). Anyone interested should contact the Club Secretary.

Also the Secretary (see back page for contact details) has two sets of *Cairngorm Club Journals* from 1971 to date.

## Membership News

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

Nancy Davies	Aberdeen	Associate
Marc Herbert	Auchenblae	Associate
Ken Murray	Banchory	Associate
Elizabeth Robertson	Aberdeen	Associate
Heather Wood	Westhill	Associate

## 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.

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



**6 - 7 June, Sail Mhor Croft, Dundonnell** (Fri & Sat nights)

Situated at the foot of the famous An Teallach and close to the Fisherfields and Fannichs there are numerous Munros and Corbetts in the immediate area. Also for climbers there is access to a wide range of inland or coastal crags. To book, contact Sue Chalmers on email [weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk).

**11 - 12 July, Strawberry Cottage, Glen Affric** (Fri & Sat nights)

The remote An Teallach Mountaineering Club hut has been booked for the Club once again. Come and savour the remoteness of the mountains of Glen Affric, 5 miles from a tarred road. Munros, Corbetts and low-level walking from the door. To book, contact Jim Bryce on email at [weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk).

**8 - 9 August, Naismith Hut, Elphin** (Fri & Sat nights)

The Club have the sole use of the excellent Naismith Hut in Elphin in North West Scotland for this Meet. There are a multitude of Munros and Corbetts in the vicinity, and for the climbers there is great climbing at Sheigra, Kinlochbervie, Rhiconich, Laxford Bridge, Storr, Sandwood Bay and Reiff. Mountain routes on Stac Pollaidh and Foinaven are also nearby. To book, contact Jim Bryce on email at [weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk).

**19 - 21 September, Portnalong, Skye** (Fri Sat & Sun nights)

The Club once again venture to Skye with its mystical mountains and terrific climbing for this holiday weekend meet. We will be staying at the Croft Bunkhouse, Portnalong - <http://www.skyehostels.com/>. Fourteen beds have been booked so get one for yourself as soon as you can to avoid disappointment. To book, contact Colin Brown on email [newsletter@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@cairngormclub.org.uk).

**24 - 25 October, Inverardran Cottage, Crianlarich** (Fri & Sat nights)

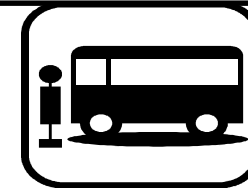
A visit to the Ochil Mountaineering Cottage at Crianlarich from where there are many options in a fine mountainous area with 20 Munros and nearly as many Corbetts, or if you fancy a weekend away with some low-level walking there is the West Highland Way which passes close by. To book, contact Jim Bryce on email at [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** (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 07:45am. 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 Summer 2014.

**May 25, Mona Gowan & Morven Traverse**

This minibus meet will take the participants from Strathdon to Tullich near Ballater. The President's Party will ascend Mona Gowan then traverse Morven before dropping down to Tullich and will take the old Deeside Railway line to Ballater. Other options available. To book, contact Colin Brown on email [newsletter@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@cairngormclub.org.uk).

**June 21, Overnighter - Knoydart**

A night in the hills of Knoydart is on offer this mid-summer. This will include a boat trip in and out, and a night on the hills. Much more information can be found on the Club Forum. To book, contact Donna Ryan by email at [ctte14@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:ctte14@cairngormclub.org.uk).

**August 3, Glen Muick to Glen Clova**

The coach will depart from St Margarets School at 7am. Return from Glen Clova will be at approx 5pm arriving Aberdeen approx 7pm. There are many interesting options available. For those wanting an easier day, a walk over the Capel Road and Mounth to Braedownie is a possibility. Other options include a walk to Allen's hut between Corrie Chash and Bachnagairn and then a descent to Bachnagairn and its lovely falls and then down to Braedownie. To book, contact Roger Houghton at [meetorgansier36@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:meetorgansier36@cairngormclub.org.uk)

**September 7, Cairngorm Traverse**

The coach will depart from St Margarets School for Glenmore at 7am. Various options include Ben Macdhui and Beinn Mheadhoin or a visit to the Shelter Stone. Return to coach at Linn of Dee by 6.30pm. To book, contact Derek Beverley on email [day@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:day@cairngormclub.org.uk)

**October 5, Ben Vrackie and Ben Vuirich**

This minibus meet will leave Aberdeen at 7am giving the option to tackle one or both of these hills (depending on fitness and weather on the day). The pickup point will be the Ben Vrackie car park behind the Moulin Hotel, with drop off options at any point on the A924. We will avail ourselves of the excellent beer and victuals at the hotel. To book, contact Garry Wardrope on email at [ctte17@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:ctte17@cairngormclub.org.uk).

# The Cairngorm Club Calendar of Events

June 2014

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## May 2014

25	Sun	<b>Day Meet</b>	Mona Gowan & Morven Traverse (7am; 37; 8hrs; 337103 - 389975; £12.50; minibus; Colin Brown; newsletter@cairngormclub.org.uk)
27	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	Outdoor Climbing (from this point on locations will be decided at Meets and via Facebook, Yahoo & the Forum (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
29	Thur	<b>M/W Walk</b>	Glen Buchat (9am; 37; K; Mike Forsyth)

## June

3	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	As per 27/05/14 (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
6	Fri	<b>W/E Meet</b>	Sail Mhor Croft, Dundonnell (Sue Chalmers; cte11@cairngormclub.org.uk)
10	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	As per 27/05/14 (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
17	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	As per 27/05/14 (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
18	Wed	<b>BBQ</b>	BBQ, Templars Park (Anne Pinches; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
21	Sat	<b>Overnighter</b>	Knoydart (Donna Ryan; cte14@cairngormclub.org.uk)
24	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	As per 27/05/14 (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
26	Thur	<b>M/W Walk</b>	Glen Callater & Creag nan Gabhar (9am; 43; K; Arthur Dickie; meetorganiser35@cairngormclub.org.uk)

## July

1	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	As per 27/05/14 (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
8	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	As per 27/05/14 (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
11	Fri	<b>Weekend</b>	Strawberry Cottage, Glen Affric (Jim Bryce; weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk)
15	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	As per 27/05/14 (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
17	Thur	<b>Lunch &amp; Dander</b>	Stonehaven Harbour at 10:30am for the walk, with lunch at The Boathouse, at 12:30pm. (Ruth Payne)
22	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	As per 27/05/14 (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
29	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	As per 27/05/14 (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
31	Thur	<b>M/W Walk</b>	Cam Ealasaid (9am; 36 & 37; K; Martin Duguid)

## August

3	Sun	<b>Day Meet</b>	Glen Muick to Glen Clova (7am; 44; 8hrs; 310851 - 284761; £12.50; minibus; Roger Houghton; meetorganiser36@cairngormclub.org.uk)
5	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	As per 27/05/14 (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
8	Fri	<b>W/E Meet</b>	Naismith Hut, Elphin (Jim Bryce; weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk)
12	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	As per 27/05/14 (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
19	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	As per 27/05/14 (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
26	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	As per 27/05/14 (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
28	Thur	<b>M/W Walk</b>	Sandy Hillock (Allan's Hut) (9am; 44; K; Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)

## September

2	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	As per 27/05/14 (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
7	Sun	<b>Day Meet</b>	Cairngorm Traverse (7am; 36, 43; 989063; 8hrs; £15; coach; Derek Beverley; day@cairngormclub.org.uk)
9	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	As per 27/05/14 (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
16	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
19	Fri	<b>W/E Meet</b>	The Croft Bunkhouse, Portnalong, Skye (Colin Brown; newsletter@cairngormclub.org.uk)
23	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
25	Thur	<b>M/W Walk</b>	Glen Girmock (9am; 44; K; Malcolm Lamont; meetorganiser33@cairngormclub.org.uk)
30	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	Indoor Climbing at RGU (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)

## October

5	Sun	<b>Day Meet</b>	Ben Vraackie & Ben Vuirich (7am; 43; 7hrs; 944591; £12.50; minibus; Garry Wardrope; cte17@cairngormclub.org.uk)
7	Tue	<b>Lunch &amp; Dander</b>	Bennachie Centre at 10:30am for the walk, with lunch at Church Centre, Kemnay, at 12:30pm. (Ruth Payne)
7	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
14	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	Indoor Climbing at Transition (Chris Wilson; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)