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*Established 1887*

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The Newsletter of the Cairngorm Club

### Charity Status - SGM Notification

As you will recall, the Club held a Special General Meeting (SGM), before the Club Annual General Meeting in November last year. This was held to vote on the possibility of the Club moving to charity status and on some associated Constitution amendments.

The reason for pursuing charity status was that in 2016 the rules changed, meaning that the Club could no longer hold Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) status.

At the SGM in November it was agreed to pursue charity status and a few minor Constitution changes were also agreed. A copy of the amended constitution can be found on the Club website at - <http://www.cairngormclub.org.uk/membership/Constitution%2009Nov2016.pdf>

Since the SGM held in November, the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) has agreed the changes to the Constitution but it has also asked for a few more minor changes to be made before Charity status can be achieved.

At the Committee meeting on 17 April 2017 it was agreed that these further changes be put to the membership at an SGM at 7:30pm on 28 June, 2017 at the Aberdeen Grammar School FP Club Centre, 86 Queen's Road, Aberdeen.

Along with this Newsletter you will have received the formal SGM Notice. This lays out the required changes advised by OSCR as well as some others being proposed by the Committee to make a couple of minor additional revisions.

## Access

The National Access Forum advises on national issues linked to Scottish access rights. It complements the work of local access forums, such as those for Aberdeenshire (Club member Judy Middleton is a member) and for the Cairngorms National Park. Its current and possible future work includes:

- OS mapping of core paths
- Dispute resolution procedures for difficult cases
- Supporting access authorities and their staff
- Dog-related (a “primary topic”) and camping issues
- Locked gates and rural security
- Promoting the economic and social benefits of outdoor access
- Support for public access after Brexit.

Further details are at <http://www.outdooraccess-scotland.com/The-Act-and-the-Code/Role>.

## Membership News

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

- John Gibson Ordinary Member since 1983 (VP 1994-97)
- Denis Hardy Ordinary Member since 1967 (Hut 1972-80)

The following new members have been admitted since the last newsletter

Mr Sean Fisher	Aberdeen	Associate
Dr Joan Love	Aberdeen	Ordinary
Mr George Paterson	Aberdeen	Ordinary
Mr Peter Craig Thomson	Kemnay	Associate
Mr Tom Johnson	Stonehaven	Associate
Mr James Shea	Aberdeen	Associate
Mr Callum Morrison	Kemnay	Associate
Mr Glen Moir	Stonehaven	Associate
Miss Evi Szczeblewska	Aberdeen	Associate
Mr William Nixon	Aberdeen	Associate

## Tomintoul Improvements

The Tomintoul and Glenlivet Landscape Partnership has received Heritage Lottery and other funding for a number of projects in the area, including path improvements, woodland restoration along the River Avon, the creation of wetland habitats for wading birds, and improvements to Blairfindy Castle, Scalán (an 18th century seminary) and Tomintoul Museum.

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Hare dung counts rising to 2010, then a plateau. The new Agreement covers Garbh Corrie and Glen Callater SSSIs, and takes account of significant deer management changes, including fencing in the East Grampian DMG.

*Kinveachy* (near Boat of Garten) (2005-2016, 8196ha, one): Agreement established with public funding to protect Caledonian Forest and Bog Woodland. Deer population target not met, partly due to immigration from neighbouring estates. Damage to seedlings prevented, but soil conditions inhibit reaching woodland habitat targets.

*Mar Lodge* (2010-2020, 29000ha, one): NTS property in two zones, with “full control” in the woodland zone (to the north and east), and a target of 1650 deer (5.6 per km<sup>2</sup>) for the moorland zone (to the south and west). Woodland targets have been met, with Scots pine regeneration occurring, but browsing of broadleaved species (e.g. rowan) still a problem. Deer numbers in the moorland zone have risen since 2010. In the uplands, three habitats (dry heath, blanket bog, and grassland) have improved, but targets for wind-clipped heath have not been met.

Since the SNH report, a Scottish Parliament Committee report \*\*\* has largely endorsed its findings, and made a number of policy recommendations, including stronger powers being given to SNH to determine cull numbers based on “public interest” considerations.

\*<http://www.snh.org.uk/pdfs/publications/corporateDeerManReview2016.pdf> or <http://bit.ly/2fCApgf>.

\*\*The other Control Areas are: Inchnadamph, Ardvar (on JMT land near Quinag), Inverpolly, Beinn Dearg, Ben Wyvis, Breadalbane Hills and Fannich Hills.

\*\*\* <https://digitalpublications.parliament.scot/Committees/Report/ECCLR/2017/4/3/Report-on-Deer-Management-in-Scotland--Report-to-the-Scottish-Government-from-Scottish-Natural-Heritage-2016>

## NTS Cards

As a member of the National Trust for Scotland, the Club has five one-person “non-profit membership” cards, which Members can borrow for limited periods by contacting the Secretary (see back page).

## Old Cairngorm Club Journals

Anne Pinches has a friend who is looking for the following CCJs nos 1, 11, 24 and 45. If you can help, please contact Anne Pinches.

## Deer Management in Scotland and the Cairngorms

At the request of the Scottish Government, Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) has produced a report\* *“on the effectiveness of current deer management arrangements in protecting the public interest, with specific attention [to] the natural heritage”*. These “arrangements” include 44 Deer Management Groups (DMGs) in the uplands, and a number of “Section 7 Control Agreements” between SNH and owners and occupiers who undertake voluntarily to cull sufficient deer to address problems such as reaching “favourable habitat condition”.

The findings of the main report include:

Between 1961 and 2016, red deer densities in Scotland increased by 60% overall though with marked variations in density across the country.

Between 2014 and 2016, “significant progress” was made in developing effective deer management plans, though progress is “less evident for public interest categories most relevant to the natural heritage”.

Deer numbers have reduced across all Control Agreements, but deer density targets and habitat condition targets have not been met in about half the cases reviewed.

Grazing by deer and other herbivores (e.g. sheep, hares) is a major cause of unfavourable condition of natural features in protected areas. More than a third of all native woodlands were in unsatisfactory condition, with deer a “major factor”.

Lower deer densities would enable benefits such as rural jobs and incomes to be maintained while reducing costs such as deer-vehicle collisions and forest damage.

Overall, SNH *“are not confident that present approaches to deer management will be effective in sustaining and improving the natural heritage in a reasonable timescale – particularly in time to contribute significantly to the specific challenges outlined in the Scottish Biodiversity Route Map to 2020”*.

Annex 9 of the report summarises information on eleven Section 7 Control Agreements, of which four are in the Cairngorms area\*\*, as summarised below, with Agreement dates, areas and property numbers in parentheses:

*Glenfeshie* (2001-2010, 23700ha, five): deer numbers down by 90%, woodland habitat targets reached.

*Caenlochan* (2003-2008, 25337ha, ten; and 2014-19, 35144ha, thirteen): primarily to protect 600ha in Caenlochan Glen, though Agreement area much larger to cope with highly mobile deer populations. Deer numbers down from almost 12000 to 6000 by 2007, but a rise in summer numbers afterwards. Habitat targets not fully met, and some impacts increasing.

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## Mid-Week Walks

The walks are held on the last Thursday of every month (December being a possible exception). They generally take 4-5 hours on foot, usually on easy ground but sometimes with height to gain. Some participants tend to have recourse to a local cafe afterwards, but usually we are all back in Aberdeen before 5pm.

We meet at 9am at one of the three locations below to optimise car-sharing, or at the walk start-point, where there is usually adequate parking space.

Code	Location	Grid Ref.
K	Kingswells Park & Ride (lower level)	868063
R	Riverside Drive (near Brig o’Dee)	928036
P	Persley Gardens, Woodside	910093

Booking to take part is not essential, but the car-shares and the walks always start on time, so it may be as well to let the walk organiser know that you plan to come.

Bus services from the city centre to Kingswells Park and Ride are now the X17 and X18 (the latter by Westburn Road, and taking slightly longer). At Kingswells there are toilets and a waiting room.

The planning meeting for the 2018 walks will be on Wednesday 16 August.

## Midweek Walkers Ullapool Meet

On 12-15 September 2017 there will be a visit to Ullapool. Rooms in the Riverside Guesthouse have been provisionally booked for 3 nights starting on Tuesday 12 September 2017. The room price for B+B will be £84/night. More members can be accommodated nearby. We will meet in the evening of 12 Sept to plan the walks.

Those interested should book themselves on a first-come, first-served basis (mention the Club), with payment due on arrival. Contact details: 39 Quay Street, Ullapool IV26 2UE, tel. 01854 612239, email [www.riversideullapool.com](http://www.riversideullapool.com)

## Badges

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

They 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.

## Quoich Footbridge

On 19 March 2017, a group of Club worthies turned up to witness Kees Witte and his magic tool affix a small metal plaque to the new footbridge over the Linn of Quoich, near the Punchbowl. The wording is:

The Cairngorm Club

This footbridge was funded from the bequest of Willie Robb, Club Member 1982-2012

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The group included Derek Beverley, Willie's long time friend, and David Frew, the NTS Property Manager at Mar Lodge Estate. The bridge itself seems fine, but the approach fences and surfaces will need a little further attention, as weather and NTS finance allow.



David Frew (left) and Derek Beverley on the new bridge.

On 16 April, towards the end of the Baddoch - Inverey Bus Meet that day, two similar plaques were attached to the Club-funded deer fencing at Altanour, Derek again being there as he was Day Meet Organiser.

## COAT to OATS!

The Cairngorms Outdoor Access Trust has recently changed its name to the Outdoor Access Trust for Scotland, to reflect the growth and expansion of its activities across the country, including both National Parks. See more at <https://www.outdooraccesstrustforscotland.org.uk/>

## Muir Cottage

Muir has seen a steady stream of visitors so far this year. By the time you read this newsletter the annual work weekend will have taken place (actually one of the jobs during this weekend is to put this newsletter in envelopes). It's a pity that there are not more club members taking advantage of using Muir as it's a wonderful place to be, and after all it's your cottage. All booking information is on the web at <http://www.cairngormclub.org.uk/muircottage/muircottage.htm> or contact David Kirk at [muir-booking@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:muir-booking@cairngormclub.org.uk)

## 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.

## Dangerous Waters?

A recent paper (Forrester, B.J. and Stott, T.A., "Faecal Coliform Levels in Mountain Streams of Winter Recreation Zones in the Cairngorms, Scotland", *Scot. Geog. J.* 132(3-4) 246-256) reports on the measurement of E. coli in various burns on the northern slope of Cairngorm over the 2008-09 season. No contamination was detected in the waters of Ciste Mhearad, Coire an t-Sneachda or Coire an Lochan (which will be a relief to those who have snowholed up there), but E. coli was found at the Day Lodge and Sugar Bowl car parks and at Glenmore Bridge. More worrying levels have previously been reported around the camping sites at Derry Lodge (McDonald *et al.*, *J. Environ. Mngt.*, 87(4), (2008), 600-608).

## 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.

## 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 £35 (a discount of £5) 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**

## 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.

## Save Bennachie Alliance

In February 2017, the Club joined this grouping, which was formed in 2015 to defend Bennachie and its surrounding area from the upgrading of the A96 between Aberdeen and Inverness to dual carriageway standard by 2030, with some options dangerously near the hill. There are no immediate or regular financial implications for the Club. More information about the Alliance, including its newsletters, at [www.savebennachie.com](http://www.savebennachie.com).

## 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>

## Moray Walking & Outdoor Festival programme, 16-25 June 2017

This offers: (i) the 96-mile Moray Way 5 Day Challenge with baggage transfer; (ii) walks guided by Dr John Barrett; (iii) an "outdoor"-themed film evening; (iv) a Wild Swim event in Lochindorb; and (v) an opportunity to learn to shoot small-bore rifles as in Olympic biathlons. (more information at [www.moraywalkingfestival.co.uk](http://www.moraywalkingfestival.co.uk))

## Lunch & Danders

The next Lunch and Dander will be on Friday 30th June, meeting at 10:30am at the Waterside Car Park, Forvie NNR with lunch at the Newburgh Inn at 12:30pm. Please advise Ruth Payne by Wednesday 28th June, if you would like to join the lunch gathering.

There is another Lunch and Dander planned for Tuesday 3rd October, meeting at Scolty Woods Car Park at 10:30am, with lunch at Mains of Drum Garden Centre at 12:30pm. Please advise Ruth by Sunday 1st October, if you would like to join the lunch gathering.

## Next Issue of the Club Journal

I am keen that the Journal fully represent the range and diversity of interests in the hills amongst the Club membership whilst continuing to represent the rich heritage of the Journal archive. If you have a tentative idea for a Journal article, please feel free to contact me and discuss at an early stage (see contact details on back page)

Please note -

1. The publication date for the next Issue of the Journal is early 2018. Please forward draft articles by mid-October. Articles should normally be in the region of 4-6000 words and ideally should be forwarded online in Word document format.
2. Line drawings are a welcome addition to the Journal, and can be submitted in any form.
3. Black and white photographs already scanned should be submitted at a resolution of 300dpi, but are welcome in any form for Editorial (re)scanning.

Jean Robinson, Journal Editor

## Day Meets

Further to the Day Meets detailed on pages 7, 8 & 9, listed below are other meets organised for the rest of 2017.

1 Oct (Sun)	Mount Keen	Minibus	Garry Wardrope
28 Oct (Sat)	Glen Isla	Minibus	Garry Wardrope
10 Dec (Sun)	Tap o'Noth	Minibus	Alex Barbour

## Weekend Meets

Further to the Weekend Meets detailed on pages 8, 9 & 10, listed below are the other meets currently organised for the rest of 2017.

13 Oct (2 nights)	Corran Bunkhouse	Mark Peel
10 Nov (2 nights)	Bearnock, near Cannich	Sue Chalmers
1 Dec (2 nights)	Ochils Hut, Crianlarich	Sue Chalmers

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.

## Sister Club Huts

As a member of the Club, and the Mountaineering Scotland, did you know that you are entitled to book beds as an individual or group in the huts of our 'sister' clubs? A list of these huts can be found online at <https://www.mountaineering.scot/huts>

## Aberdeen Mountain Rescue Team Sponsored Walk 2017

The 46th annual sponsored walk takes place on Saturday 3rd June. The route starts at the Linn of Dee and is a circular walk passing White Bridge, Chest of Dee, crossing the Luibeg Bridge and going past Derry Lodge before finishing at Mar Lodge. Refreshments are provided at Mar Lodge. Free return transport from Aberdeen is provided.

Enter the walk by visiting the website at [www.amrt.org.uk](http://www.amrt.org.uk)

## Library

The Club has a large but little-used collection of books, journals and papers stored in the Special Collections of the University Library at Kings College. Recent acquisitions have included the 2015 issues of the *Scottish Mountaineering Club Journal* and the *Alpine Journal*, and the book *The Cairngorms: a Secret History*, by Patrick Baker. Access to the collection is not as easy as might be wished, but items can be searched for, password-free, at <https://aulib.abdn.ac.uk/F>, and the Secretary (see back page) will be pleased to borrow them on behalf of members.

It turns out that the Club has approximately three series of *Scottish Mountaineering Club Journals* in its Library collection, though none are complete. It is proposed to reduce these to one complete set, and to dispose of the rest of the issues. This is probably best done via the SMC Librarian (with whom we have a reciprocal arrangement to exchange current issues), but if any member is particularly interested, he or she should get in touch with the Librarian (see back page).

### CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for the year 2016/17 became due on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016. 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 2016/17 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.

First subscriptions are only part of a full year's subscription, based on when admission occurred within the Club year.

## Training

### First Aid

Names are still being collected for an Emergency First Aid (to HSE standards) course. If your certificate has expired or you would like to learn a vital skill, just add your name to the list. There will be no commitment at this stage but it has been decided to hold this at Muir in the Autumn. More details on the Website, the Forum, and by email from Garry for those who have already expressed an interest.

The Club supports other training such as Mountain Leader, Navigation and Rock Climbing by providing grants to members. Applications should be made to the Treasurer. To book or register your interest in any of the above activities, please contact: Garry Wardrope by email at [day@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:day@cairngormclub.org.uk).

### Eric Johnston's Booklet

In April 2014 Eric Johnston (Past Hon President and President, amongst other Club offices) gave a presentation to the Club at a very well attended Indoor Meet. In his talk Eric recounted his own and others climbing exploits and also much of the Club's history of the latter part of last century. The early days of mountain rescue and ski-ing were also covered. I felt that the presentation would be of interest to a wider audience and as a result Sandy McIntosh has reproduced the presentation in the form of a booklet which is now available to purchase.

The booklet costs £2.00 plus £1.20 postage (if required) and is available from Anne Pinches who can be contacted via [treasurer@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@cairngormclub.org.uk).

The booklet will also be available at Club meets. Once the production costs are covered any extra funds will be donated to the NTS footpath fund.

### Summer Social Meet 2017, Wednesday 14 June

Following the success of last year's Summer Social Meet (albeit not the weather), this year's event will consist of a gentle walk up Barmekin Hill, followed by an evening meal at Jaff's Bar & Restaurant in Dunecht. For those wishing to join the walk, we will meet at 4:45pm at the Echt cross-roads (NJ 738 057, w3w: taxpayers.dream.masts). For those just wishing to join the meal, we will converge on Jaffs in Dunecht at 7:00pm. There is no need to book for the walk, but in order to get some idea of numbers at the meal, please let Benn Hitchen know by email at [social@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:social@cairngormclub.org.uk), or via the enclosed slip that you plan to attend the meal.

Children will be welcome, and a lift share can be arranged upon request.

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



### 2 - 3 June, Craignure Bunkhouse, Mull (Fri & Sat nights)

A chance to visit the wonderful island of Mull and to stay at the Craignure Bunkhouse. There are a Munro, a Corbett and 7 Grahams available. To book, contact Jim Bryce by email at [weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk)

### 14 - 19 July, Helyg Ogwen (Fri - Wed nights)

For the July 2017 Weekend Meet the Cairngorm Club has booked the Climbers' Club Hut, Helyg, in the beautiful Ogwen Valley in North Wales. The Cairngorm Club has sole use of the 13 bedded Hut -

<http://www.climbers-club.co.uk/venues/helyg-ogwen/>

Because of the long distance from Aberdeen to North Wales the Cairngorm Club has booked 6 nights in Helyg. However, Cairngorm Club members don't have to book for all 6 nights as after the first night we only have to pay for the beds we use. Plenty of walking, climbing and cycling opportunities in the local area to the hut.

To book, contact Jim Bryce by email at [weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk)

### 18 - 19 August, CIC Hut, Ben Nevis (Fri & Sat nights)

A chance to wake up under the north face of Ben Nevis and be on a climb, scramble or walk in the heart of the Britain's highest mountain early enough to complete big routes or walks. To book, contact Mark Peel by email at

[meetorganiser38@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:meetorganiser38@cairngormclub.org.uk)

### 22 - 24 September, Morvich Outdoor Centre (Fri - Sun nights)

To be held over the September holiday weekend, this meet is to the National Trust Hostel at Morvich. With the Corbetts and Munros of Glen Shiel and Glen Affric and Glen Lichd nearby, and only a short drive from Skye, this meet offers plenty of options. To book, contact Jim Bryce by email at [weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk)

### 13 - 14 October, Corran Bunkhouse (Fri & Sat nights)

This self-contained 12 bed bunkhouse is in an excellent location with Glencoe, Ardnamurchan, the Mamores, Glen Nevis etc. all within easy reach. Climbing is also available on Ben Nevis and in Glencoe. Plenty of cycling and low level walking also in the area. To book, contact Mark Peel by email at

[meetorganiser38@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:meetorganiser38@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 at 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 Summer 2017.

### June 17 - 18, Overnighter, Ben Nevis Area

This year's overnighter is heading to the Ben Nevis area and offers an opportunity to be one of the highest people in Britain, if only for a night, on the summit of Ben Nevis. If you want to avoid the crowds then a traverse of the Aonachs or the Grey Corries ridge are other options. Drop-off/pick-up points will be agreed with those attending, with "the head of Glen Nevis", "the North Face car park" and "the Aonach Mor gondola station" all candidates. The minibus will depart Aberdeen at 10am on Saturday morning with the return journey departing 1pm Sunday. There will be a stop for refreshments before arriving back in Aberdeen. To book, contact Alex Barbour by email at [meetorganiser17@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:meetorganiser17@cairngormclub.org.uk)

### July 9, Strathconon

This car meet will leave Aberdeen at a time to be determined by those attending nearer the day. The President's Party target for the day is the Munro Maoile Lunndaidh but there are also several other Munros and Corbetts in the area. Coordination with the drivers will be required on the day for other drop-off and pick-ups. To book, contact Garry Wardrope by email at [day@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:day@cairngormclub.org.uk)

### August 5, Stuchd an Lochain

To attend Garry's final Munro you are invited to attend this car meet to the Perthshire Munro Stuchd an Lochain. Day travel arrangements will be finalised nearer the time but Sue Chalmers is organising accommodation at the Ochils Club hut in Crianlarich (see Yahoo and the Forum for more info or email Sue at [vp@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:vp@cairngormclub.org.uk)). It is intended to approach the Munro from a start point at Pubil, near Loch Lyon. There is the option to approach from the dam on Loch an Daimh, and co-ordinate arrival at the summit with the other group. Anyone staying overnight can help Garry celebrate in the Ben More Lodge in Crianlarich. To book, contact Garry Wardrope by email at [day@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:day@cairngormclub.org.uk)

### September 3, Cairngorm Traverse

The coach will depart from St Margaret's School for Glenmore at 7am for our annual trek across the Cairngorms. Various options include Ben Macdui and Beinn Mheadhoin, or a visit to the Shelter Stone. Return to the coach at Linn of Dee by 6.30pm. Cost is £15. To book, contact Garry Wardrope by email at [day@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:day@cairngormclub.org.uk)

May 2017			
25	Thur	M/W Walk	Clais Fearnaigh (9am; 43; K; Malcolm Lamont)
25	Thur	Work Weekend	Muir Cottage - Thursday to Sunday (Kees Witte; huts@cairngormclub.org.uk)
30	Tue	Climbing	North Glash (sports) (High Tide 18:04) (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
June			
2	Fri	Weekend	Craignure Bunkhouse, Mull (Jim Bryce; weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk)
3	Sat	Climbing	Benny Beg (sports) Low Tide 15:55 (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
6	Tue	Climbing	The Humpback (Low Tide 18:26) ((James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
13	Tue	Climbing	Pass of Ballater ((James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
14	Wed	Social	Summer Social (see page 11) Walk up the Barmekin with a meal at Jaff's in Dunecht (Benn Hitchen; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
17	Sat	Overnighter	Ben Nevis Area (Alex Barbour; meetorganiser17@cairngormclub.org.uk)
17	Sat	Climbing	Garbh Coire (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
20	Tue	Climbing	Alan's Cliff (Low Tide 16:53) (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
27	Tue	Climbing	Floors Craig (High Tide 16:56) (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
28	Wed	SGM	SGM at Aberdeen Grammar School FP Club Centre, 86 Queens Road, Aberdeen (Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
29	Thur	M/W Walk	Correen Hills (9am; 37; K; Bert Swinborn)
30	Fri	Lunch & Dander	Meet at Waterside Car Park, Forvie NNR at 10:30am with lunch at the Newburgh Inn at 12:30. (Ruth Payne)
July			
1	Sat	Climbing	Arbroath Sea Cliffs (sports) (Low Tide 14:05) (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
4	Tue	Climbing	Clashrodney, Pink Slab & Cauesway (High Tide 22.31) (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
9	Sun	Day Meet	Strathconon (TBC; 25; 041494; 7hrs; TBC; car; Garry Wardrope; day@cairngormclub.org.uk)
11	Tue	Climbing	Kirriehill (sports) (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
14	Fri	Weekend	Helyg Ogwen, North Wales (Fri - Wed nights) (Jim Bryce; weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk)
15	Sat	Climbing	Lochnagar (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
18	Tue	Climbing	Earnsheugh (High Tide 21.45) (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
25	Tue	Climbing	Pass of Ballater (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
27	Thur	M/W Walk	Carn an Tuirc (9am; 43; K; Marion White; cte10@cairngormclub.org.uk)
August			
1	Tue	Climbing	Hidden Inlet (North of Aberdeen) (High Tide 21 43) (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
5	Sat	Climbing	Clachnaben (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
5	Sat	Day Meet	Stuchd an Lochain (TBC see page 7; 51; 464420; 6hrs; TBC; car; Garry Wardrope; day@cairngormclub.org.uk)
8	Tue	Climbing	Luath Stones, Alford (Bouldering) (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
15	Tue	Climbing	Study Head (High Tide 20:02) (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
18	Fri	Weekend	CIC Hut, Ben Nevis (Mark Peel; meetorganiser38@cairngormclub.org.uk)
19	Sat	Climbing	Northern Corries ((James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
22	Tue	Climbing	Peel Slough (Low Tide 20:41) (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
29	Tue	Climbing	Bolts Heugh (High Tide 19.35)
31	Thur	M/W Walk	Ben Neve and Glen Buchat (9am; 37; K; Lydia Thomson)
September			
2	Sat	Climbing	Redhythe Point/Logiehead (Low Tide 17:45) (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
3	Sun	Day Meet	Cairngorm Traverse (7am; 36, 43; 989063; 8hrs; £15; coach; Garry Wardrope; day@cairngormclub.org.uk)
5	Tue	Climbing	Souter Head (Low Tide 19.46) (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
12	Tue	Mid-Week Meet	Ullapool (Tue - Fri) (Marion White; cte10@cairngormclub.org.uk)
12	Tue	Climbing	Details via email or the Facebook group (High Tide 18.33) (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
16	Sat	Climbing	Huntly's Cave (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
19	Tue	Climbing	Details via email or the Facebook group (Low Tide 19.42) ((James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
22	Fri	Weekend	Morvich Outdoor Centre (Jim Bryce; weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk)
26	Tue	Climbing	Details via email or the Facebook group (Low Tide 19.42) (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)