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*Established 1887*

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The Newsletter of the Cairngorm Club

### 125 Anniversary Celebrations

Muir Cottage on the weekend of 22-24 June is the focal point for celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the Cairngorm Club. There are still some beds free at Muir over this weekend, and there is also some self catering accommodation available at Mar Lodge. Contact Marj Ewen (details on the back of the newsletter) for Muir and Jane Torrance (jtorrance@nts.org.uk) for Mar Lodge.

The destination of the Overnighter this year, on the same weekend, is the Shelter Stone and the climbing group are planning to complete a number of climbs in that area too. Check elsewhere in this Newsletter for details of these activities.

A barbecue has been organised for 1 pm on Sunday 24 June, and a coach has been booked to take Club members, their family and guests to and from Muir on Sunday. The coach will leave from St Margaret's School, Albyn Place, Aberdeen at 10 am with various pick-up points along the North Deeside Road. It will leave Muir at 4 pm for the return journey to Aberdeen. Both the barbecue and the coach trip are free to everyone.

Special '125' Club badges will be on sale at the barbecue. The badges can be stitched on clothing or perhaps glued on rucksacks. Final price has not been

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agreed but they'll be less than £5.00 each!

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Please complete and return the enclosed form so that the appropriate arrangements may be made.

Jane Torrance at Mar Lodge is also organising a Ceilidh in the Stag Ballroom at Mar Lodge on the Friday night, 22 June from 8 pm until midnight. Tickets will cost £10 and may be obtained from Jane beforehand (contact details on page 1) or at the door.

Anne Pinches (President)

### Dinner date changed

The outstanding Scottish violinist Nicola Benedetti is to appear in Aberdeen on Friday 16 November, the previously advertised date for the Annual Dinner. There are a number of Benedetti fans in the Club who are also stalwart supporters of the dinner, so the latter has been changed to the following Friday, 23 November.

It is hoped this does not cause anyone any inconvenience.

### Whisky Galore

To celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Club, we are hoping to arrange a special commemorative Club bottling of single malt Scotch whisky. The cost per bottle will be between £30 and £35, depending on the total number of bottles ordered and what malts the bottler has available at the time of ordering. If you are interested, please let Garry Wardrope ([ctte17@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:ctte17@cairngormclub.org.uk)) know how many bottles you might be interested in by 4th June. Once we know the numbers and actual cost, you will be contacted to confirm if you want to go ahead and place an order.

### The Lecht Pylons

As part-compensation for allowing the Beaully-Denny power line through the western part of the Cairngorms National Park, the electricity pylons that have dominated the landscape between Boat of Garten to Cairnmore are being dismantled, and the ground – and views – restored.

### Weekend Meets 2012

As an aid to forward planning, below is a list of the weekend meets for 2012 not listed on pages 9-11. Meet organiser details on the Club website.

- |               |                                                                                              |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| November 9-10 | Inverardan Cottage, Crianlarich                                                              |
| December      | A 'play-it-by-ear' weekend to be organised nearer the time, depending on weather conditions. |

### 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>

### Heading for the Scottish Hills Website

This website is being repeated as a pilot for 2012, and now covers the Cairngorms, parts of the West Coast and the Breadalbane area.

See <http://www.outdooraccess-scotland.com/outdoors-responsibly/access-code-and-advice/scottish-hills/heading-scottish-hills-pilot>

### Adam Watson Books

Dr Watson has published the following 7 books since 2010, all relevant to the Cairngorms region:

- Dec 2010 Cool Britannia
- Feb 2011 It's a fine day for the hill
- April 2011 A zoologist on Baffin Island, 1953
- July 2011 Vehicle hill tracks in northern Scotland (sponsored by NEMT)
- August 2011 A snow book, northern Scotland
- November 2011 Some days from a hill diary, 1943-50
- May 2012 Human impacts on the northern Cairngorms

As with his scientific papers (dating back to the 1950s, but including "snow reports" for the last 10-12 years), he is gifting copies of his books to the Club Library.

### RGU Climbing Membership Offer

For a monthly payment of £40 you can get unlimited usage of the RGU climbing zone at nearly any time at no additional cost.

The RGU Shelterstone Club have exclusive access to the main wall on Monday evenings from 19:00 to 22:00, but the boulder room can be used, depending on space. Please contact the RGU:SPORT reception desk for further details.

### 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

## WaterAid200

This incredible challenge takes place on Saturday 16th June and aims to see a team of 4-7 walkers on top of 200 mountains across the UK, each mountain nominated by WaterAid supporters.

It is hoped to raise around £200,000. There are numerous mountains to conquer across Scotland for this challenge. Details can be found on the website <http://www.wateraid200.org>.

This year, sponsorship money raised in the challenge will go towards funding for life-saving work in Nepal. Many remote mountain communities in Nepal live in poverty without vital safe water and sanitation. Collecting water for many people living in these villages means an arduous trek along steep and slippery paths, often only reaching dirty and unsafe water that puts their families' lives at risk. Money raised will fund vital projects in these communities, projects like installing gravity flow schemes to bring clean water from mountain springs through pipes and into storage tanks, or installing taps in small mountain villages to provide clean, safe water right outside people's homes.

Each team taking part in the challenge is asked to raise £400 in sponsorship. Just £50 provides one hand pump, and £100 one tap stand. If you would like any further information on how you can help them change the lives of people in some of the poorest communities in the world by getting involved in this event, then please contact Rachael Fordham directly on

[Rachael.Fordham@scottishwater.co.uk](mailto:Rachael.Fordham@scottishwater.co.uk)

## Club Discount at RGU Climbing Wall

RGU is running its discount scheme again this winter for club members. The offer is £3.50 for Tuesday evenings and £4.00 at all other times except Monday evenings which is reserved for the University climbing club. To get the reduced entry fees, you have to have been previously belay-assessed by RGU staff and show your Club membership card.

## Club Forum

If you haven't already, why not register for the Club Forum and get access to up-to-date information on Club activities as well as many other interesting 'threads', and some fantastic photographs. If you have registered but have not visited for a while, come back and see what you have been missing. Find the Forum at <http://www.cairngormclub.freeforums.org>

## Active Aboyne 2012

Active Aboyne 2012 is scheduled to run from Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> to Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September. The programme is almost finalised, with the usual range of walks, nature rambles and "let's try...". This year's innovations include an opportunity to try gliding, "A dog's day at Glen Tanar" for dog-owners and a "Mystery Evening - walk and supper" for the adventurous!

This year's programme will mark the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Cairngorm Club, with visits to sites made special by the Club (such as the indicators on the summit of Lochnagar and Macdhu), a presentation by Sandy McIntosh based on the Club slide collection, and a weekend exploring the Cairngorms, based at Muir of Inverey.

The evening talks will bring a wide range of speakers to Deeside –

- Stephen Venables presents "Enchanted Island: in Shackleton's Steps across South Georgia" on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Mario Di Maio presents "Don't go home by accident!" with all profits going to the Aberdeen Mountain Rescue Team on Monday 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Alasdair McIntosh gives a thought-provoking talk "Rekindling Community: People, Land and Recreation" on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Glyn Jones, the Balmoral Ranger gives a talk "From Balmoral to Banff (Canada)" on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> on his experiences with the Ranger Service in Canada.

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup>, there will be an adventure film night, with profits going to the Aboyne Mountain Bike Park.

In recognition of the Cairngorm Club's very generous sponsorship of Active Aboyne, Club members who apply through me can get a £2 deduction on the advertised prices for the talks by Stephen Venables and Alasdair McIntosh (this offer applies only to the first 50 tickets ordered). The full programme will soon be on the website, <http://www.activeaboyne.co.uk/>, and fliers and the booking form should be available by mid-May. If you wish a flier/booking form to be sent to you, please contact Eilidh (mornings only).

Eilidh Scobbie

## Ron Mahaffy Gear

In autumn 2011, Ronald Mahaffy's widow gifted some of his gear to the Club. About £80 has been raised from sale of various items, and most of the rest of the gear has been gifted to Club Member Kenny Webster for use in his school outdoor activities.

## Meet Booking/Refund Policy

For all meets, a place is only guaranteed once payment is received. Once received (and subject to Meet Organiser discretion, e.g. in case of ill health)

Day Meets: cancellation at least 3 days ahead = full refund; cancellation at least 1 day ahead = 50% refund unless a substitute appears; cancellation less than a day ahead = no refund unless a substitute appears; no show on the day = no refund. Refunds can be given as a discount on another Day Meet, or claimed from the Treasurer (SAE needed).

Weekend Meets: refund only if a substitute appears.

## 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 or MIC.

## Mountain Rescue Sponsored Walk

Aberdeen & St. John Mountain Rescue Association is a registered charity (Ref SCO03177) and the fundraising body behind the Aberdeen Mountain Rescue Team. The Team is now in its 46<sup>th</sup> year.

As a voluntary organisation, the job of the Association is to raise funds throughout the year to enable the Team to continue to operate to its maximum capability.

The main fundraising event is the Annual Sponsored Walk, which normally raises approximately two thirds of the funds required annually, to support the Team. This year will be the 41<sup>st</sup> sponsored walk and the Team would like to get as many people participating as possible.

It is to be held on Saturday 9 June and there are two routes, both starting and finishing at Keiloch, one 17km and the other 25km.

There is more information on the Club website at - <http://www.cairngormclub.org.uk/images/2012%20Walk%20Poster.pdf>

You can enter by downloading an application form online at <http://www.amrt.org.uk>.

## Tick Website (no, not list ticking!!)

Tick Borne Encephalitis (TBE) is a serious problem with 10,000 people contracting it every year in Europe. Check out this website - <http://www.tickalert.org/index.html> for more information.

Among other things, if you are planning an outdoor or activity holiday in Europe this summer then the site has a self-assessment test to take before you travel to see if you could be at risk.

There is also a lot of other advice and information about TBE prevention, related links and FAQs.

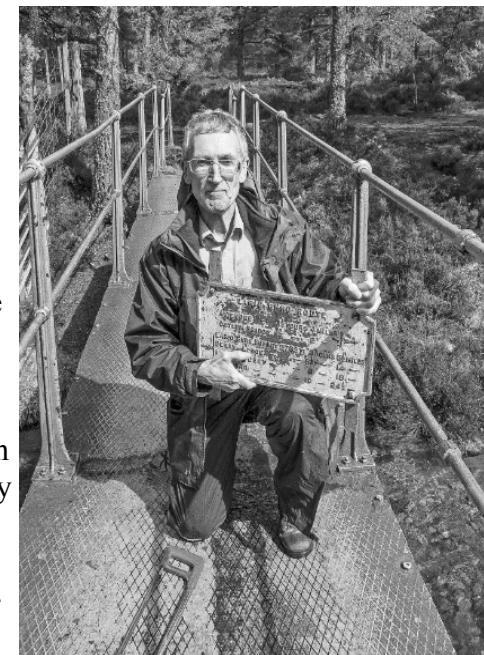
## Plaques Away !!

As part of its 125th anniversary activities, the Club has decided to refurbish the two plaques on the Cairngorm Club Footbridge which crosses the Allt na Beinne between Coylumbridge and the Lairig Ghru. One of the plaques commemorates the erection of the bridge in 1912, and the other indicates distances and times to various destinations.

In late April, Sandy McIntosh and Ken Thomson managed to detach the heavy plaques - no easy matter after 100 years! - and they are now being cleaned and repainted before being re-affixed.

Soon after removal, several enquiries were made at the Aviemore Tourist Office about the missing items - although their absence in terms of the remaining brackets on the railings was hardly obvious. So some folk look out for us on the hill! It is hoped to arrange a photo opportunity with local media when the plaques are re-instated.

Above: Ken Thomson with one of the plaques.



## Lunch without the Dander

As it is not practical for some people to join in the 'Lunch and Dander' your President wondered about the possibility of organising a lunch somewhere in town so that those members who are able to travel into town could have the opportunity of getting together with each other. If you are interested in this idea please phone Anne Pinches.

## 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 the latest news from the MCOFS see their website at -

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



## Mountain Bothies Association (MBA)

Club member Peter Aikman is currently the Maintenance Officer (MO) at Shenavall Bothy in the Fisherfield hills. Recently a work party carried out major alterations to the internal layout of the bothy. The work of the MBA often goes unrecognised by hillwalkers who use the facilities, but the members, especially the members of the work parties, are dedicated to their work and deserve the praise that comes their way.

Check out the MBA website at <http://mountainbothies.org.uk> for the latest news from the Association, and of work parties, and if you have a skill, or not, and have some spare time and the inclination, why not get involved?

## Early Club Material

From time to time, the Club receives enquiries – usually from descendents of one-time members, or from postgraduate students – about its earlier days. The Library contains the *Journal* and a few other items, and Sandy McIntosh has compiled some fine early photographs, but if anyone has other material, such as excursion records, or press cuttings, from any date before say 1960 (and back to 1887!), the Secretary would be glad to know.

## Journal Editor

The Club is delighted to announce that Alister MacDonald has agreed to take on this role. He will welcome articles – or even hints of articles – for the next issue, to appear in a year or two.

## New Bridge and Path at Strathdon

A bridge to allow walkers and cyclists to cross the River Don is to be rebuilt thanks to a £120,000 grant from the Cairngorms National Park Authority (CNPA) and the Scottish Government. The rebuilding of Strathdon Bridge and associated improvements to the path leading to the recently renovated Lonach Hall will be managed by the Cairngorms Outdoor Access Trust (COAT). The aim is to create a safe route for the local community linking Bellabeg and Strathdon to the Lonach Hall and surrounding path networks, avoiding the busy A944.

## September 2012 Club Meet in the Pyrenees?

Following the success of the Stubai meet in 2011, it has been suggested to spend a week exploring a beautiful part of the French and Spanish Pyrenees around Cauterets from 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2012.

Amongst the attractions are of course the GR10, some peaks over 3000m, interesting cirques etc., more information can be found at -

<http://www.cauterets.com/>, <http://www.roughguides.com/travel/europe/france/the-pyrenees/cauterets/hikes-around-cauterets.aspx> and [http://www.lespyrenees.net/en/index.php?gestion=pages&id\\_page=10&id\\_paragraphe=72#ancr](http://www.lespyrenees.net/en/index.php?gestion=pages&id_page=10&id_paragraphe=72#ancr)

If there is enough interest, apartments or B+B can be booked close by.

The plan would be to fly from Aberdeen to Toulouse (via Frankfurt), about £190 return, and hire a car or take a train to Lourdes. The last 30km will be by bus or taxi to Cauterets.

If you are interested please call Kees Witte [cttel1@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:cttel1@cairngormclub.org.uk) as soon as possible.

## Lunch & Danders

There will be a Lunch and Dander on the following two dates:

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July, meeting at Scolty Car Park at 10:30am, with lunch at Milton of Crathes at 12:30pm. Please advise Ruth Payne by 3<sup>rd</sup> July if you would like to join the lunch gathering.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September, meeting at Kemnay Square Car Park at 10:30am, with lunch at the Kemnay Church Centre at 12:30pm. Please advise Ruth Payne by 11<sup>th</sup> September if you would like to join the lunch gathering.



## Mid-Week Walks

Arthur Dickie ([ctte3@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:ctte3@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 (NEW!) start time of 9.00 am for the 2012 walks. 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

\* By the recycling bins in the lower half. Buses 14/15, 40, X17 and others stop at the P&R toilets and waiting room, or at the Kingswells roundabout.

## Carn Dearg Mountaineering Club

The Dundee-based Carn Dearg Mountaineering Club is constructing a new club hut (to replace their old one) in Glen Clova, shortly before the bridge to the car park. Since money is tight, they would be most grateful for any contributions "from £10 to £1000 (or more!)".

Contact Jim Crosthwaite on [club.secretary@carndearg.org](mailto:club.secretary@carndearg.org).

### CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for the year 2012/13 become due on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012.

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

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

Cairngorm Club Subscription rates for 2012/13 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.

## Muir

This year's work weekend will be the weekend Friday 25 to Sunday 27 May. The focus of the weekend will be seeing that the cottage and the grounds are spick and span for the 125th Anniversary "Bash" four weekends later.

The number of volunteers is as yet modest, so those free and willing to lend a hand should please let Richard Shirreffs know as soon as possible, preferably by e-mail to [huts@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:huts@cairngormclub.org.uk)

Muir is again reserved for a families week in July, the dates being from Saturday 1 July to Saturday 8 July. All interested should contact David Kirk as soon as possible – [muir-booking@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:muir-booking@cairngormclub.org.uk)

Charges remain - £5 per night for members and £10 per night for adult guests, with children under 5 accompanying a member parent going free and other children (under age 16) qualifying for a 50% reduction on the rate for their parents. Muir is also available for day use by members and their guests accompanying them, at a charge of £2.50 per person; day use should be booked in the same way as overnight stays.

## Donald Hawksworth

Many members will have learned of the death on 28 March, after a fall at his remote Donside home, of this popular member, who joined the Club as long ago as 1958. An early Munro Compleatist (no. 72, in 1967), he served as Club Librarian in 1969-70, and as the CC Journal Editor between 1969 and 1979. A longer obituary will appear in the next issue of the CCJ.

A memorial service at St Machar's Cathedral is planned for Friday 1 June.

Donald has gifted the bulk of his mountaineering books to the Club: those not wanted for the Library itself will be offered to Club Members.

## Membership News

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

Mr Ian Rattray, Dunblane,	Ordinary member since 1956
Dr Gordon Terry, Durham,	Ordinary member since 1972
Mr Donald Hawksworth, Strathdon,	Ordinary member since 1958

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

Mr Mark Wynne	Aberdeen	Associate
Mr Steve Chadwick	Aberdeen	Ordinary
Ms Lisa Draper	Aberdeen	Ordinary
Mr Chris Morrish	Aberdeen	Associate
Mr Michael Urquhart	Aberdeen	Associate



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

**Muir Cottage, 125 Anniversary Weekend, 21-25 June** (Thur - Mon nights) A weekend dedicated to celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the Club. See the lead article, the Website and the Forum for more information. A bus is to be run from Aberdeen on Sunday to enable members to attend the BBQ only.

To book accommodation at Muir, contact Marj Ewan, on [weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk).

For the overnighiter, contact Derek Beverly on [day@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:day@cairngormclub.org.uk).

General or bus enquiries should be made to Anne Pinches on [president@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:president@cairngormclub.org.uk)

**Ling Hut, Torrison, 6-8 July** (Fri & Sat nights)

A weekend at the wonderfully situated SMC Ling Hut - <http://www.smc.org.uk/Huts/Ling.php> With all of the Torrison Munros and Corbetts on the front doorstep and the north Achnashellach hills a short dander from the back door you will be spoilt for choice. To book, contact Garry Wardrope on [ctte17@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:ctte17@cairngormclub.org.uk)

**Forest Lodge Bunkhouse, Lael, nr Ullapool, 18-20 August** (Fri & Sat nights)

A weekend in this popular area with many Munros and Corbetts on the doorstep. This new custom built bunkhouse - <http://www.forestway.co.uk/> has, Munro wise, the 'Deargs' group is along the road and a short drive sees you in the Fannichs and with access to An Teallach and the other Fisherfield hills. To book, contact Colin Brown on [newsletter@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@cairngormclub.org.uk).

**Ratagan Youth Hostel, 21-23 September** (Fri & Sat nights)

Another weekend to the west coast staying at Ratagan Youth Hostel - <http://www.syha.org.uk/hostels-in-scotland/highlands/ratagan.aspx> The hostel gives local access to the Glen Shiel ridges along with many other Munros and Corbetts. To book, contact Bill Morgan on [meetorganiser14@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:meetorganiser14@cairngormclub.org.uk)

**Great Glen Hostel, South Laggan, 12-14 October** (Fri & Sat nights)

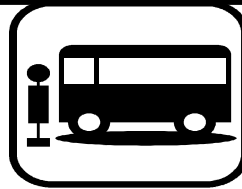
With plenty of walking, high & low level, cycling and even canoeing nearby a great location giving many options. Indeed the Hostel claims 59 Munros are within a 20 mile radius!! To book, contact Jim Bryce on [meetorganiser13@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:meetorganiser13@cairngormclub.org.uk)

**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, car and (since 2010) 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!) in the morning; departure times and the Day Meet 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 around 07:45am. On all Meets, an organised 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 2012.

**June 23/24, 2012 (Sat - Sun) Overnighiter, Shelter Stone**

As part of the 125th Anniversary celebrations of the Club, this year's overnighiter will be to the Shelter Stone, and can encompass as many of the high tops of the Cairngorms as you wish to take in. The intention would be to bivvy near the Shelter Stone getting there as you please. There will be no organized transport and you can start anytime you wish from Muir where the route sheet will be available. BBQ at 1pm on Sunday at Muir. Enquiries to Derek Beverly on [day@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:day@cairngormclub.org.uk)

**July 21, 2012 (Sat) Ben Vorlich, Loch Earn**

This meet will be to Ben Vorlich & Stuic a Chroin (weather permitting) and may take the form of a traverse from Ardvorlich to Edinample if cars and logistics allow. A 6:30am start from St Margarets. To book, contact Graeme McEwan on [meetorganiser28@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:meetorganiser28@cairngormclub.org.uk).

**August 11, 2012 (Sat) Ben Avon & Beinn a'Bhuird**

This meet will be by car (or possibly public service bus), walking from Keiloch, Invercauld, on Saturday morning, with an overnight option into Sunday, to allow an attempt on both these two major Munros depending on wishes, energies and time. Cycle in part way if you like, and/or take overnight gear and bivvy out high. To book, contact Ken Thomson on [secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk).

**September 9, 2012 (Sun) Cairngorm Traverse**

A bus share again with The Westhill Walkers. The bus departs from St Margarets School at 06.40am for a 7.00am start from Westhill Shopping Centre. Various options include Ben Macdhuil and Beinn Mheadhoin or a visit to the Shelter Stone. Return to bus by 6.15pm. Cost will be £15. To book, contact Derek Beverly on [day@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:day@cairngormclub.org.uk)

**October 7, 2012 (Sun) Mount Battock & Clochnaben from Glen Dye**

After a leisurely 8am start and a short minibus trip to the car park on the Cairn o' Mount road, a walk up Glen Dye, past the Charr bothy, will lead nicely to the foot of Mount Battock. After ascending the hill the return will be over Clochnaben. Return trip will include a stop in Banchory for 'refreshments'. Cost will be £12.50. To book, contact Colin Brown on [newsletter@cairngormclub.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@cairngormclub.org.uk).

## The Cairngorm Club Calendar of Events

## May 2012

22	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	Newtonhill North (6pm; NE Outcrops p181; LW 20:00; James Richardson; meetorganiser21@cairngormclub.org.uk)
25	Fri - Sun	<b>Work Weekend</b>	Muir Cottage - Work Weekend (Richard Shirreffs; huts@cairngormclub.org.uk)
29	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	Floors Craig (6pm; NE Outcrops p166; HW 20:00; Eddie Alaszewski; cte2@cairngormclub.org.uk)
31	Thur	<b>M/W Walk</b>	Cam Liath (9am; 43; K; Martin Duguid)

## June

5	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	Burn o'Vat (6pm; No guide; N/A; Dave Ogden; meetorganiser4@cairngormclub.org.uk)
12	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	Earnsheugh (6pm; NE Outcrops p109; HW 20:00; Dave Ogden; meetorganiser4@cairngormclub.org.uk)
19	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	Kirrie Hill (& BBQ) (6pm; Kirrie Hill Minguide; N/A; Donna Ryan; meetorganiser27@cairngormclub.org.uk)
21 - 25	Thur - Tue	<b>125 Event</b>	125 Anniversary Celebrations at Muir Cottage with Climbing at, (Sat 23rd), and an Overnighter to the Shelter Stone, and a BBQ at Muir Cottage on Sunday. (BBQ & Bus; Anne Pinches; social@cairngormclub.org.uk, Overnighter; Derek Beverley; day@cairngormclub.org.uk, Accommodation; Marj Ewan; weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk & Climbing; (The Cairngorms Guidebook Volume 1) James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
26	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	Clachnaben (& BBQ) (6pm; NE Outcrops p381; N/A; James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
28	Thur	<b>M/W Walk</b>	Spittal of Glen Muick circular (9am; 44; K; Arthur Dickie; cte3@cairngormclub.org.uk)
30	Sat	<b>Family Week</b>	Muir Cottage - Family Week (Book through Dave Kirk at muir-booking@cairngormclub.org.uk)

## July

3	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	Pass of Ballater (6pm; NE Outcrops p388; N/A; Ross Littlewood; meetorganiser31@cairngormclub.org.uk)
5	Thur	<b>Lunch &amp; Dander</b>	Scolty Car Park at 10:30am and lunch at Milton of Craithes at 12:30pm (Ruth Payne)
6	Fri - Sun	<b>W/E Meet</b>	Ling Hut, Torridon (Garry Wardrope; cte17@cairngormclub.org.uk)
10	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	Arbroath Sea Cliffs (& Smokies) (6pm; NE Outcrops p450; HW 18:30; Eddie Alaszewski; cte2@cairngormclub.org.uk)
17	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	Craig Stirling (6pm; NE Outcrops p171; LW 18:30; Amanda Lyons; meetorganiser32@cairngormclub.org.uk)
21	Sat	<b>Day Meet</b>	Ben Vorlich (Loch Earn) (7am; 51&57; 633232; 8hrs; N/A; car; Graeme MacEwan; meetorganiser28@cairngormclub.org.uk)
24	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	Clashrodney - Cairnrobin (6pm; NE Outcrops p106; HW 17:00; Chris Wilson; meetorganiser30@cairngormclub.org.uk)
26	Thur	<b>M/W Walk</b>	Duffdefiance, Glen Buchat Lodge Circular (9am; 37; K; Arthur Dickie; cte3@cairngormclub.org.uk)
31	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	Whisky Cliff (6pm; NE Outcrops p43; LW 18:00; Andy Guthrie; meetorganiser26@cairngormclub.org.uk)

## August

7	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	Fulmar Wall (6pm; NE Outcrops p219; HW 16:30; Marjory Ewan; weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk)
11	Sat	<b>Day Meet</b>	Ben Avon & Beinn a' Bhuidr (7am (Aberdeen); 36 (except start); 189912; 9hrs (Sat.); car; Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
14	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	Clashrodney North - Mincer Cliff (6pm; NE Outcrops p100; LW 17:00; Marianne James; meetorganiser23@cairngormclub.org.uk)
18	Fri - Sun	<b>W/E Meet</b>	Forest Way Hostel, Lael, nr Loch Broom, Ullapool (Colin Brown; newsletter@cairngormclub.org.uk)
21	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	Long Slough (6pm; NE Outcrops p52; LW 21:30; Andy Guthrie; meetorganiser26@cairngormclub.org.uk)
28	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	North Doonies Yawn (6pm; NE Outcrops p48; LW 17:00; Donna Ryan; meetorganiser27@cairngormclub.org.uk)
30	Thur	<b>M/W Walk</b>	Mona Gowan (9am; 37; K; Brian Davey)

## September

4	Tue	<b>Climbing</b>	Souter Head (6pm; NE Outcrops p67; LW 21:30; James Richardson; meetorganiser21@cairngormclub.org.uk)
9	Sun	<b>Day Meet</b>	Cairngorm Traverse (6:40am; 36, 43; 989063; 8hrs; £15; coach; Derek Beverley; day@cairngormclub.org.uk)
13	Thur	<b>Lunch &amp; Dander</b>	Kemnay Square Car Park at 10:30am and lunch at the Kemnay Church Centre at 12:30pm (Ruth Payne)
21	Fri - Sun	<b>W/E Meet</b>	Ratagan Youth Hostel (Bill Morgan; meetorganiser14@cairngormclub.org.uk)
27	Thur	<b>M/W Walk</b>	Clochnaben (9am; 45; K; Mike Forsyth)

## October

7	Sun	<b>Day Meet</b>	Mount Battock and Clochnaben via Glen Dye. (8am; 45; 649867; 7hrs; £12.50; minibus; Colin Brown; newsletter@cairngormclub.org.uk)
12	Fri	<b>W/E Meet</b>	Great Glen Hostel, South Laggan (Jim Bryce; meetorganiser13@cairngormclub.org.uk)
25	Thur	<b>M/W Walk</b>	Kildrummy (9am; 37; K; Lydia Thomson; librarian@cairngormclub.org.uk)