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Established 1887

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The Newsletter of the Cairngorm Club

CASC/Charity Status for the Club

At the SGM in March 2004 it was agreed to change the status of the Club to a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC), a scheme had recently been introduced by the government. The benefits of this were mandatory rates relief on property and that no corporation tax would be payable on the first £25000 of surplus whether derived from property, trading or bank interest. In addition we were able to claim Gift Aid on any donations to the Club. This was most useful as we were about to revamp Muir and were raising funds from members as well as securing grants.

In April 2015 HMRC announced that the CASC rules were going to change and that member clubs that could not meet the new requirements would cease being CASCs in April 2016. The most important of the rule changes was one requiring at least 50% of members to participate in club-organised events at least 12 times a year. We sought legal advice on the exact meaning of the new rules arguing that they should not apply to a club that did not have permanent facilities, but the outcome was that there is no way that the Club can comply with the 50% participation rule. Accordingly, as from April 2016, we are no longer a CASC.

Potentially this is going to cost the Club approximately £2000 per year in corporation tax.

One option that is open to the Club is to become a full charity. Discussions have been held with OSCR (the Scottish Charity Regulator) and others and the Club should qualify as it promotes public participation in sport and provides

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organisation of recreational activities. The advantages of being a full Charity are similar to those of being a CASC, but more so. We would be entitled to mandatory rate relief on property, no corporation tax would be payable and we would be able to claim Gift Aid on any donations to the Club. In addition, we should also be able to claim Gift Aid on membership subscriptions. This would provide a saving of approximately £4500 over the current (non-CASC) situation.

Against this has to be set the increased restrictions of being a charity. We would be limited in our actions to our stated charitable objectives. We would need to report annual accounts and activities to OSCR through its annual return and monitoring process. We would have to have Charity Trustees (from the committee) with defined legal duties. We would be limited in how we disposed of our assets in the case of dissolution (much the same as we were as a CASC).

I believe that the balance is in favour of becoming a Charity and as such we will be asking the membership at the forthcoming SGM to approve the Club becoming a full Charity.

Derek Pinches. Treasurer

Membership News

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

Gordon McAndrew	Ordinary Member since 1949
Graeme McEwan	Associate Member since 2010

(See also page 13)

The following new members have been admitted since the last newsletter

Philip Peel	London	Associate
Taranda Modestas	Edinburgh	Associate
Alan Melrose	Aboyne	Ordinary
Susan Taylor	Alford	Associate

Storm Frank

The damage affecting access infrastructure on Deeside (including the two historic suspension bridges) has been fully costed at £1.8 million and an Aberdeenshire Council has failed to secure additional funding from the Scottish Government to repair the damage. Although some damage to access infrastructure will be re-instated as a result of necessary flood-defence works, the rest (including the two historic bridges) remains unfunded, and it is not yet clear how this situation will progress.

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Please contribute to the blog and send in your photos and comments to our Facebook page. If you are a member of another group tell them about Save Bennachie, and encourage them to join the Alliance. Tell your friends about the campaign. We could use help in distributing our flyers to homes and businesses. If you have expertise which you feel could be relevant, we would be delighted to hear from you!

Links : -

Website - www.savebennachie.com,

Email - hello@savebennachie.com

Facebook - www.facebook.com/SaveBennachie/

Twitter - www.twitter.com/savebennachie

Mid-Week Walks – new coordination!

After five years of service, Arthur Dickie is standing down as the Club's MWW coordinator as from end-2016, and Marion White is taking over as from January 2017. She held the MWW planning meeting on 10 August, and has next year's schedule well in hand. Her contact details are: cttel10@clairngormclub.org.uk, If you are not on the regular MWW email list, and wish to be added, please let her know.

The walks are held on the last Thursday of every month (December being a possible exception), with a different walk organiser each time. They generally take 4-5 hours on foot, usually on easy ground (no scrambling, and not many barbed-wire fences!) 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 one of the three locations below (usually Kingswells P&R) to optimise car-sharing, or at the walk start-point, where there is usually adequate parking space, and possibly a nearby public toilet.

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, so please feel free just to turn up, 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 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) now calls in at the P&R, as does the X18. Service 11 no longer operates to Kingswells during the day.

Save Bennachie Campaign

(The following comes from the NEMT newsletter)

The Save Bennachie Alliance is spreading the word about proposals for the A96 and the importance of preserving the landscape of Bennachie.

In line with Scottish Government policy of dualling routes between Scotland's largest cities, Transport Scotland is currently progressing the programme to upgrade the A96 to dual carriageway standard by 2030.

Of the four routes being considered near Inverurie, two would impact upon Bennachie and surrounding areas. Details of the routes along with a map can be found on our website. Route B and especially Route C would have a devastating impact upon the foothills of the Bennachie Massif. Whilst 2030 might sound far away, in fact the decision on the choice of route around the Inverurie area will be taken in a little over 2 years time.

Formed in December 2015, the Save Bennachie Alliance is working to protect and defend Bennachie and its environs from any encroachment by the new A96 dual carriageway. Whilst respecting the decision to dual the A96, we aim to demonstrate, through positive means, the reasons why it would be wholly inappropriate to site it near Bennachie, whilst highlighting the massive opportunities which could be created by siting it to the north and east of Inverurie.

Our strategy is to work positively with all parties associated with Bennachie and the Aberdeenshire area to influence as best we can any decisions in relation to the final routing of the A96. Amongst others, we are talking to community groups, business associations, stakeholders and interest groups. We have submitted our Preliminary Report to the Minister of Transport. Whilst talking to politicians of all parties at local and national level, our campaign is strictly non political and will last till the route is chosen. We will not stall or delay the implementation. Full details of our rationale can be found on the website.

The Save Bennachie Alliance comprises an ever growing band of individuals and groups joining forces to stand up for Bennachie. We have held two very well attended public meetings and at the time of writing over 600 people have signed up to receive our Newsletters through our website, with over 2000 'liking' us on Facebook. The Alliance dimension is a vital aspect of the campaign. We are both delighted and extremely grateful to have the support of the North East Mountain Trust as a member of the Alliance, along with the Bailies of Bennachie, the Mountaineering Council of Scotland and local community groups. The more groups we have signed up and supporting the campaign, the more we will be listened to. That's why we are very keen on continuing to expand the membership of the Alliance.

What can you do to help?

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Willie Robb Bequest Update

Willie Robb died tragically in Oct 2012, and the Club benefited in his will from a bequest of £40336. An additional £797 was forthcoming in June 2016 once certain financial paperwork had been dealt with.

As you know, the Club consulted widely with members as to what this money should be used for, and the two projects getting the most support were a replacement bridge over the river Dee close to Derry Lodge and a second wood enclosure in Glen Ey at Altanour. We were "gazumped" over the bridge by Scotways who produced a secondhand pylon that could be used as a quick temporary measure. Our understanding is that NTS now intend to make this a permanent installation with upgrades to the abutments and handrails. The Altanour wood project did go ahead, and in 2015 a sum of £11400 was spent on enclosing two suitable areas at the ruined lodge for regeneration to occur.

After Storm Frank in January, the Club were in contact with NTS as it was known that much damage has been sustained by the estate including a number of bridges being swept away. Some of these are apparently covered by insurance but some are not. The footbridge over the Linn of Quoich close to the Punchbowl had been hit by the floods, and after an engineer's inspection was deemed to be unsafe and requiring replacement and was subsequently closed. This was considered to be a suitable project for Willie's money, and after some discussion it was agreed that the Club would contribute the sum of £25000 towards a replacement bridge.



On a bright day at the end of June, the Club President (James Friend) and Treasurer (Derek Pinches) travelled up to Braemar, and presented a cheque for £25000 to David Frew, the Manager of the NTS Mar Lodge Estate.

Deeside Way Extension

Early discussions are taking place over an initial first-phase project to link Braemar with the Keiloch Car Park at Invercauld via the existing Lion's Face path. Route choice and landscape issues are being examined with involvement from SNH to agree a suitable line.

Altanour Survey

During the weekend of 23-25 July 2016, Eric Jensen, Lydia Thomson and Hazel Witte carried out a baseline botanical survey of the two Altanour enclosures, so that the results can be used to assess future changes as regeneration takes place. In the variety of habitats, quite a large number of plants were identified, and a full list is planned for the next issue of the Club Journal, or can meantime be obtained from Hazel.

For Sale

One pair 12-point Salewa crampons with straps and rubber point guards, almost unused. If interested, please contact the Secretary (see back page).

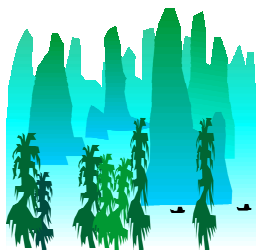
Ruth Payne

The Club's Honorary President has been awarded the National Trust of Scotland Gold Award for her amazing 40 years of volunteering service to the Trust. Ruth was presented with the Award by the NTS Chairman, Sir Moir Lockhead, at Drum Castle in June. She has served on both the Trust's Council (three 5-year terms), and its Aberdeen & District Members' Centre committee (as both Vice Chair & Chair). She was also a founding member (in 1982) of the Grampian Conservation Volunteers. All this of course pales in comparison with her 50 years' membership of the Club, during which she has served on the Club Committee no fewer than seven times!

Lunch & Danders

The next Lunch and Dander will be on Tuesday 1st November, meeting at the the Waterside Car Park, Newburgh at 10:30am, with lunch at the Newburgh Inn at 12:30pm. Please advise Ruth Payne by Sunday 30th October, if you would like to join the lunch gathering.

There is another Lunch and Dander on Friday 20th January, meeting at the Drum Castle Car Park at 10:30am, with lunch at the Mains of Drum Garden Centre at 12:30pm. Please advise Ruth by Wednesday 18th January, if you would like to join the lunch gathering.



Muir Cottage

The May work weekend was a great success, the weather was good, 19 folk were very very busy, and all the jobs on the list were completed. Next year the work weekend is scheduled from Thursday the 25th to Sunday the 28th of May. Muir had a steady stream of visitors this summer and the mountain bikes are in good order. All booking information is on the web at <http://www.cairngormclub.org.uk/muircottage/muircottage.htm> or contact David Kirk directly at muir-booking@cairngormclub.org.uk.

Muir is looking for a mower and strimmer! In the past the grass around Muir was kept short by the deer, but as a result of the deer numbers going down, the grass at Muir has now to be cut quite frequently. It would be ideal to have a mower and strimmer at Muir. I wonder if you have an unused electric mower or strimmer in good working order sitting in your shed available for Muir. You can contact Kees at huts@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.

Deaths

Gordon McAndrew (Com 55-58 60-63, 1949, Ordinary Life)

This longstanding member, who kept up his Club contacts despite living in Edinburgh for many years, died on 1 July 2016. We extend our condolences to his wife Leonora (1987, Assoc) and his family.

Graeme McEwan (2010, Assoc)

Graeme died on 16 August 2016, aged 49. He caught the Munro bug from fellow-postman Derek Beverley, and got to the top of about 60 Munros despite a knee injury and then cancer.

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 £30 (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

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.

Dolomites Meet September 2016

Nine people including seven members attended this meet at Cortina, where excellent weather – mostly sunny, and not too hot - was enjoyed almost all the time, except when 3 arrived on the bus from Venice in a downpour.

Several vie ferrate were climbed, mostly by organiser Rod Campbell and Mark Peel. Others made good use of the extensive network of buses, lifts and paths (and cafes/rifugii) in the area.

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>

Mountaineering Council of Scotland

As members may have noted in the *Scottish Mountaineer* magazine, the MCoS is re-styling itself as "Mountaineering Scotland", apparently to keep up with its ClimbScotland initiative (though the BMC has backtracked on its "Climb Britain" proposal). At its AGM on 24 September, its staff and Directors described a number of its activities: a short report is available from the Club Secretary. Despite an adverse vote by the Club (and some scepticism elsewhere), its subscription rates were raised for the first time since 2012, mainly to cover additional staff and youth climbing costs as well as some lower income streams: this will be reflected in next year's Club demand.

Night Hikes

Following on from the three previous night hikes to Bennachie, Clachnaben and Millstone Hill, Benn Hitchen is to organise another for Tuesday 15th November 2016. This will be a walk up Brimmond Hill. More details on the Forum and the Club Website.

Journal Jottings

As part of the process of taking over the reins of the Club Journal, I am immersing myself in its history by starting at the Beginning, turning every page and reading at least one article per edition. It is a most enjoyable task. Thus far I have covered 10 six-monthly editions spanning 1893 – 1897. Already several features stand out:

1. Throughout this period, under the editorship of Alex Inkson M'Connochie a very high standard of informative, descriptive and humorous writing is maintained. So, for example, in *The Horizon from Ben Muich Dhui*, Volume II, No 10, p 244, Alex Copland writes, "But for the sounds of the rushing waters of the Luibeg, and the tinkling and purling of mountain rills hastening to join it, nature seemed sunk in repose, with the stars keeping night watch from above. In the blue sky over the ridge of Cairngorm of Derry a large planet blazed, and the spangled heavens were strewn with innumerable scintillating stars." What an inspiration to pack a night sack and head off!
2. Each edition contains 3-4 illustrations, some B&W photographs, others delicate and fine engravings and some wonderful line and colour drawings. The volume quoted from above has a magnificent outline drawing insert of the horizon from Ben Muich Dhui from west to north, 90 to 180 degrees which took months of repeated journeys to complete, as well as evocative and clear photographs of Lochan A' Chait, Beinn Mheadhoin, Duglen Bothy Beinn A' Bhuid, and Corour Bothy. All of this before snap and shoot digital cameras.
3. As well as making for a good read, most editions contain several informative lists or glossaries. Volume X has 2 such lists – flora of the Lawers range and a list of Mountains and Hills within the radius 88 and 180 degrees of the Cairn summit of Ben Muich Dhui which accompanies the line and colour drawing insert.

The quality of these Journals is a little intimidating, and in the days before the plethora of available mountain literature and pre-internet pictures, lists, routes, advice and correspondence they must have served as a most invaluable and valued source of information for Club Members.

As a Club we continue to value the printed word. So I invite you to clean your quills, sharpen your HB pencils, get your camera lens in focus, dip your sable brushes and let me know of your ideas for Issue 112.

Jean G Robinson, Journal Editor.

Norman Robertson (Honorary Club member, 1978)

In June, Norman was found by his GP in a comatose state at his Inverey cottage, and had to spend several weeks in Aboyne Hospital. Both he and his wife Beth (who suffered a heart attack in spring) have recovered somewhat, and are now in a nursing home near Torphins.

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, Broombank, Kinellar, Aberdeen. AB21 0TL
Email apinches14@gmail.com Please send a cheque payable to Anne if you would like a copy sent out. 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.

Anne Pinches

CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for the year 2016/17 became due on 1st October 2016. For those paying by Direct Debit this was collected automatically on 1st 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

Winter Skills - An Instructor has been arranged to provide winter skills training to coincide with the Newtonmore weekend meet on the 11/12 February. Topics covered will depend on the wishes of the group but will likely cover such things as moving on snow and ice, ice axe arrest, winter navigation and avalanche awareness. Cost will be £40 each for 2 days of training (plus your accommodation - book separately). This is an ideal introduction to the winter hills or for those wishing to consolidate skills.

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, I'll be in touch once there are enough names with some suggested dates.

The Club supports other training such as Mountain Leader, Navigation and Rock Climbing by providing grants to members. Applications should be made to the Committee.

To book or register your interest in any of the above activities please contact: Garry Wardrope on email day@cairngormclub.org.uk. (Full contact details on the back page)

Indoor Meets

By the time this reaches you David Jones will have presented his talk on Munro bagging in Red Socks. The remainder of the programme is as follows:

2015

Wed 7th Dec - Stephen Willis, Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels

2016

Wed 11th Jan - Members' Night, Members bring along a small selection of their photos

Wed 8th Feb - Innes Ewen, "The Uplands of Mar". **(note - 19:00 start)**

Wed 8th Mar - TBC

The Indoor Meets continue to be held at the The Sportsman's Club, 11 Queen's Road, Aberdeen AB15 4YL. The Club is opposite the Youth Hostel and has a large monkey puzzle tree in the front garden! Car parking is available at the rear of the building in the evening. The cost is £3.00 which includes tea/coffee and biscuits. All meetings (with one exception) start at 7.30 pm.

A Completion

Club member Alex Barbour completed his round of the Munros on Toll Creagach in Glen Affric, with a group of friends, in late August.

Congratulations to Alex who joins a select number of Club members also on the list of compleaters.

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



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

The Ladies Scottish Climbing Club hut appears in lots of calendar photos nestling under the Buachaille and is handy for the many Munros and Corbetts nearby as well as climbing on some classic routes. To book, contact Sue Chalmers on email at vp@cairngormclub.org.uk

2 - 3 December, The Climbers Hut, Riasg, Roy Bridge (Fri & Sat nights)

Riasg ('The Boggy Place') is situated in the village of Roybridge, on the A86 about 20km from Fort William. It is in an excellent location for Ben Nevis and the major climbing centres of the West coast of Scotland. Glen Coe is 35 minutes drive and even Skye and the Cairngorms are accessible from here. To book, contact Jim Bryce on email weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk

21 - 22 January 2017, Muir Cottage, Burns Supper Weekend (Fri & Sat nights)

Celebrate Robert Burns with some traditional Scottish food, drink and possibly music. Over the weekend you could also tackle some Munros, Corbetts, skiing or ski touring as well as your haggis, neeps and tatties. To book, contact Anne Guha at meetorganiser39@cairngormclub.org.uk

10 - 11 February, Newtonmore Bunkhouse (Fri & Sat nights)

Third year running for this popular bunkhouse, location and meet, with hills galore in all directions at least as far as Spean Bridge, Glenmore and Drumochter. The whole hostel (www.highlandhostel.co.uk) has been booked, sufficient for up to 12 people, but further accommodation is available nearby. Garry Wardrope has booked a Winter Skills instructor for the Saturday and Sunday: see Training item on page 11 of this Newsletter. To enquire, or to book a place, email Ken Thomson (see back page for contact details).

10 - 11 March, 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 Sue Chalmers on email vp@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 Winter 2016/17.

November 6, Culardoch

The minibus meet will depart St Megs at 7am. It is hoped to traverse this popular Corbett and depending on the conditions we may continue to the Corbett Carn Liath. After the walk we will be eating in the Braemar Golf Club. Cost is £12.50 (bus only). To book, contact Derek Beverly on email meetorganiser16@cairngormclub.org.uk

December 11, Glenshee

The planned route – relatively short and easy, and suitable for a short December day, with a "late" start (see below) – is from the Spittal of Glenshee Hotel up to Ben Earb (801m) to the southwest, and then along the ridge to the northwest, descending eventually to Glen Lochsie for the walk back via the "railway" to Dalmunzie House and the Spittal. According to WalkScotland, "a fine upland walk with stunning views east and west". But participants can de-bus at the Cairnwell for higher-level routes ending up at the Spittal. Cost is £12.50. To book, contact Ken Thomson at secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk. For a long lie-in, we will start from St. Margaret's at 8.30 am.

January 8, Lochnagar

Our annual outing of the new year to Glen Muick where the president's party will ascend Lochnagar. There are many alternatives including the other Glen Muick Munros, Corbetts, walking back to Ballater or simply a walk around the loch itself. Afterwards we will return to the Burnett Arms for High Tea. The coach will depart St. Margaret's at 7am. Cost of the bus £15, High Tea £13.25. To book contact Garry Wardrope on email day@cairngormclub.org.uk.

February 4, Callater

Another Saturday minibus meet, we will ascend to the White Month by Jocks Road. Conditions permitting we will then ascend the Munros Tolmount and Tom Buidhe. The minibus will depart St Megs at 7am, cost £12.50. To book contact Garry Wardrope on email day@cairngormclub.org.uk.

February 25/26, Snow hole - Winter Overnighter

Becoming a regular winter meet we plan to overnight somewhere high in the Cairngorm Mountains, where will depend on the snow. This is car meet with departure time and location agreed by those attending. To register an interest contact Garry Wardrope on email day@cairngormclub.org.uk.

October 2016			
18	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
25	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
27	Thur	M/W Walk	Morven (9am; 37; K; Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
November			
1	Tue	Lunch and Dander	Waterside Car park, Newburgh at 10:30am with lunch at the Newburgh Inn at 12:30pm (Ruth Payne)
1	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
6	Sun	Day Meet	Culardoch (7am; 36 & 43; 232938 or 188913; 7hrs; £12.50; minibus; Derek Beverly; meetorganiser16@cairngormclub.org.uk)
8	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (James Hirst; 01561 378355 climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
9	Wed	AGM	Club SGM & AGM at the Sportsman's Club, 11 Queens Road, Aberdeen (Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
11	Fri	Weekend	Blackrock Cottage, Glencoe (Sue Chalmers; ctte11@cairngormclub.org.uk)
15	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
15	Tue	Night Walk	Brimmond Hill (Benn Hitchen; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
18	Fri	Dinner	Hilton Double Tree Hotel (Benn Hitchen; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
22	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
24	Thur	M/W Walk	Hill of Fare (9am; 38; K; Judy Middleton; meetorganiser19@cairngormclub.org.uk)
29	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
December			
2	Fri	Weekend	Riasg, Roy Bridge (Jim Bryce; weekend@cairngormclub.org.uk)
6	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
7	Wed	Indoor	Stephen Willis - Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels (Benn Hitchen; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
11	Sun	Day Meet	Spittal of Glenshee Area (8.30am; 43; 10970; 6hrs; £12.50; minibus; Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
13	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
15	Thur	M/W Walk	Balmoral Cairns (9am; 44; K; Mike Forsyth)
20	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
27	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
January 2017			
3	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
8	Sun	Day Meet	Lochnagar (7am; 44; 311852; 7hrs; Cost TBC, see Forum etc; Coach; Garry Wardrope; day@cairngormclub.org.uk)
10	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
11	Wed	Indoor	Members Night (Benn Hitchen; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
17	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
20	Fri	Lunch & Dander	Drum Castle Car Park at 10:30am with lunch at the Mains of Drum Garden Centre at 12:30pm (Ruth Payne)
20	Fri	Weekend	Muir Cottage, Burns Supper (Anne Guha; meetorganiser39@cairngormclub.org.uk)
24	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
26	Thur	M/W Walk	Donmouth including the Diamond Bridge (9am; 38; P; Arthur Dickie; meetorganiser35@cairngormclub.org.uk)
31	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
February			
4	Sat	Day Meet	Callater (7am; 43 & 44; 155882; 6hrs; £12.50; minibus; Garry Wardrope day@cairngormclub.org.uk)
7	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
8	Wed	Indoor	Innes Ewen—The Uplands of Marr (7pm start) (Benn Hitchen; social@cairngormclub.org.uk)
10	Fri	Weekend	Newtonmore Bunkhouse, inc. Winter Skills (Ken Thomson secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
14	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
21	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)
23	Thur	M/W Walk	Kincardine O'Neil (Ken Thomson; secretary@cairngormclub.org.uk)
25	Sat	Day Meet	Snowholing—details to be posted on the Forum and by Yahoo email (Garry Wardrope; day@cairngormclub.org.uk)
28	Tue	Climbing	Indoor Climbing at Transition (James Hirst; climb@cairngormclub.org.uk)