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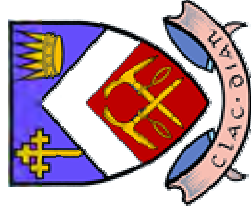
Garry Wardrope



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The Cairngorm Club
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The Newsletter of the Cairngorm Club

Congratulations

At the recent AGM of the Mountaineering Council of Scotland Fred Belcher was elected Vice President. Among his new duties he will represent the MCofS on the BMC Youth Advisory Panel!

Cairngorm National Park—Latest

The Draft Designation Order for the CNP has been published (see www.scotland.gov.uk) for public consultation until 22 August, after which Ministers will decide on the final form to be approved or rejected (but not amended) by Parliament. The DDO specifies an area much less than recommended by SNH (and the Club), e.g. excluding all the Angus and Perthshire glens, Beinn a'Ghlo and Gaick/Drumochter. Also, strategic planning is left in local authority, not National Park, hands, and Highland Region will dominate the LA members of the Park Authority. The DDO is considered grossly inadequate by Richard Shirreffs who led the Club's original CNP submission, by a joint Cairngorms Campaign/Scottish Environment LINK meeting which Richard attended, and by the Club Committee.

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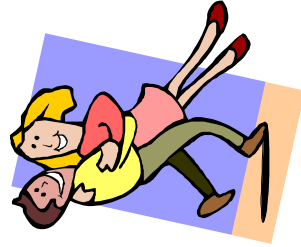
CLUB POSSESSIONS

A review is currently ongoing of the various insurance policies that the Club has taken out. In order to ensure that the cover is up to date and appropriate for the needs of the Club today, it is imperative that the list of assets and memorabilia is also brought up to date.

Any Club member who has in their possession (or knows the whereabouts of) any object, article, photograph, picture, book or other item belonging to the Club, please get in touch with the Treasurer

Cairngorm Book: *The Ecology, Land Use and Conservation of the Cairngorms*, edited by Club member Professor Charles Gimingham, has now been published by Packard Publishing, priced at £39.99 soft cover, £74.99 hard cover. ISBN 1-85341-117-5.

Ceilidh Dance



Don't miss The Cairngorm Club Annual Ceilidh Dance, **4th October**, which this year is being held at a new venue, namely The Forum, 3 Skene Terrace, Aberdeen. The band will be the ever popular Hallyrocket - stovies will be served mid way through the evening. There will be a raffle in aid of mountain rescue, prize donations very welcome, please bring them along on the night. Cost £10.00. Pay on the night by cash or cheque made payable to "The Cairngorm Club". Please contact Anne Cassidy to book.

Harvey's Maps

Stocks of the following specialist maps, on waterproof paper, are available to Club Members:

Cairn Gorm (both scales)
Ben Nevis (1:40000)
Torrion (1:25000)
Lochnagar (1:25000)
Glencoe (1:40000)
Skye (1:25000)

1:40000 £4.35

1:25000 £5.55

(P&P extra if required)

Contact

Anne Cassidy

MOUNT KEEN PHOTOGRAPHS

Colour photographs still available.

Contact

Richard Shirreffs

Aberdeen & St. John Mountain Rescue Association

The associations fundraising walk was very successful; thanks to all members who participated. The Team will be at Lonach gathering, Aug 24th, with a display and the old Donside Ambulance which has just been donated. If anyone is interested in joining as a team member they should contact team Leader Mario Di Maio or the association chairman Frank Maugham . For other information contact Gill Shirreffs .



Mailing Lists

Important Club announcements and the Newsletter are distributed by email. Members who wish to receive these messages should sent an email to: cairngormclub-subscribe@yahoogroups.com There is also an mailing list for climbers: cairngorm_club_climbers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Membership

The death has been reported of Mrs Muriel Fisher (also known as Gill's Mum) who joined the club in 1975. She was a keen attendee of Indoor meets and the Dinner and had followed Club activities with keen interest for many years. In her youth she had been an active climber in N.Wales most notably in the company of Graham Macphee.

The following new members have been admitted since the last Newsletter:

Mr Jonathan Hoare	Ordinary
Dr. Jean G Robinson	Associate
Mr. Jeff Knowles	Associate
Mr David Ogden	Associate
Mr. Jim Woodley	Associate
Ms Claire Naisbitt	Associate
Ms Beatrice Cavadino	Associate
Mr James A Hirst	Associate
Mrs Jane Davidson	Associate
Mr Tony Craigie	Associate
Mrs Angie Craigie	Associate
Mr John Perrow	Ordinary



Copies of the recently published *Journal*, no. 106, were posted to all members last year, and anyone not in receipt should contact the Editor, Lydia Thomson, This number is now being made available for sale in local bookshops etc.

Anyone wishing to purchase extra copies should contact Derek Pinches, Treasurer/Membership Secretary (details on back page), with payment of £3.50 per copy, to include postage (cheques to "The Cairngorm Club").

Copies of past (most recent) numbers (excluding no. 100) may be obtainable from Derek, who should be contacted for availability and prices. Members are also invited to contact him if they have a copy of no. 100 (so that we can arrange to have it photocopied) or copies to dispose of, details can then be posted on the Club website, or printed in future editions of the Newsletter.

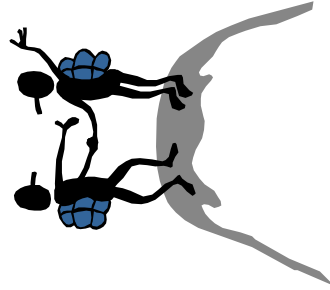
Harold Watt, a distinguished Club member, is seeking (and is willing to pay for) the following numbers of the *Cairngorm Club Journal* for his collection: nos. 1, 6, 11, 13, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26 and 38; also title pages for Volumes I, II, III and IV. He has spare copies of nos. 94, 95, 96 (3 copies), 97, 98, 100 and 101, and is willing to make these available free.

The Club Library, housed in the University of Aberdeen Special Collections Library near the Kings College quad, holds a complete set of Journals, as does Aberdeen Central Library. To avoid damage to the very early issues, the Editor has photocopies of nos. 1, 2 and 3 and will be happy to reproduce these, on request.

Articles and Photographs Wanted!

News, stories, reports and photographs are all needed for the Club Newsletter and Club Website. Longer articles may be published in the Club Journal with a summary in the Newsletter and on the Web. If you have any material, or photographs of Club activity that I can use please get in touch. Thanks in anticipation.

Garry Wardrope
Newsletter Editor



Grey Man of Ben Macdhui

Speakeasy Productions in Perth are currently working on a new series called "Mysterious Scotland" which will be broadcast on Scottish and Grampian television early next year. It will take a serious look at mysterious events from ancient places to sacred sites, hauntings and tales of myth and legend. The stories will be told using a mix of atmospheric filming, interviews and voice-over. Told in both Gaelic and English, the series will give a real feel of the mysteries that pervades so many parts of Scotland.

They intend to do a piece on the Grey Man of Ben Macdhui and are looking for people that they could interview for the series.

Anyone who can help with this is invited to contact Colin J Monk, Researcher at Speakeasy Productions on 01738 828 524.



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Reiff Weekend

Club members are heading to Achitribuie (On the west coast just north of Ullapool - grid ref. NC026083) on the weekend of 23rd - 25th August, camping at the campsite at Achnahaid. There will be plenty of opportunity for climbing and/or walking and there is a Dance on the Friday night in Coigach Community Hall at Achitribuie, with the band Dochas playing.

Those wishing to attend should meet at the dance or campsite. Contact Anne Cassidy for further information.

While Richard will be drafting a Club response, the Committee asks all members to add a personal comment to the enclosed part-letter, and to send it to one or more MSPs. It is understood that a groundswell of public opinion stands a good chance of persuading Ministers to alter the DDO.



“The ITALIAN Job 2”

MerseysideMC/Cairngorm Club
Joint Meet March 2002.

The following report by Brian Newton relates to a meet in March where members of both clubs headed to Italy for some skiing.

Teams met up at Stansted in the early hours and with characteristic cunning evaded detection and slipped out of the country unnoticed. At Treviso, we split up, and grabbed our patriotic red/white & blue “Spirito de Puntos” (sadly no Minis were available). The drive to our chosen action area was uneventful, avoiding possible Mafia attacks by taking back roads & narrow mountain tracks usually associated with goats. Our base was to be a safe house at La Val, in the Alta Badia (Sella Ronda)

Charlie Croker skilfully organised the party into groups for intensive training, some needing, and getting, more attention than others, if you see what I mean. ... This involved fitting long curly pieces of wood/plastic on our feet, then sliding about in a fluffy white stuff, sometimes

going “A over Ts” and all this under blue skies and the powerful Italian sun. In contrast to the serious nature of the training, all this seemed to make people smile and laugh a lot, particularly in the evening after consuming glassfuls of the local fruit juice. In the days that followed, we went further and further afield as the training advanced. However we noticed certain members of the local Mafioso on our tails and trying to keep pace with what was now a very proficient band. Needless to say, with Croker in charge, they failed miserably.

Inevitably, time ran out and having completed our mission, it was time to return to base. With difficulty, we squashed the Puntos into the back of the bus, and, keeping our heads down, slipped across the border, smugly satisfied to have taken some of the best skiing of the year from right under their noses. “ang on a bit, io’ve got an idea..... – Bridger.

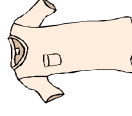
The teams:

MMC – Richard Dickinson, Paul Williams, Chris Minnett, Pete Smith,
Bill Sutherland, Don Brookes, Brian Newton, guests: Alex Newton & Jeff Pritchard

CC – Anne & Liz Cassidy, Zoe & Tom Sokec, Emily Gamble.

There have been a couple of noteworthy changes to personnel on the Council. John Donahue has stepped down from the Presidency after four years and is replaced by Pete Hill. Roger Wild is now the Mountain Safety Advisor.

Fred Belcher



CLUBwear

Polo-sweatshirts £17
Sweatshirts £15
Polo-shirts £15
T-shirts £9
Climbing vests £7
Enamel stickpins £4
New Badges

Contact:
Gill Shirreffs

New items

coming soon
Fleeces
T-shirts
And more!

Climbing News

I could say that the season started with "a bang" but that is probably being a bit facetious about an incident that could have had a totally different outcome. Many thanks to all of you for your help and support at the time and to all you many well wishers that gave moral support during the following days. I am pleased to say that whilst not yet back to full fitness I am back out climbing again.

Apart from me giving everyone cause for concern the season has gone quite well so far. The numbers of people coming along on Tuesday evenings has been consistantly good. The number of people coming along for a "climbing experience" as well as those already

possessing the necessary skills and subsequently applying for membership has been encouraging. Apart from our usual Tuesday evening forays there has been a trip to the Peak District where war was waged with true grit!

Fred Belcher
Climbing Sec.

Editors Note

The incident referred to Fred's fall from the top of a route on Deceptive Wall in April of this year. Thankfully no serious injuries were incurred.

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 £18 priority appointments for Club members, next day appointments if booked before 12 noon.

Aberdeen
Physiotherapy
01224 626266



MCofs

Whilst everything appears much quieter at the moment with the general furore about access and legislation having moved into a different phase the MCofs continues to monitor the proceedings and try to ensure that all those who partake in outdoor activities will continue to have the freedom to do so. This does involve a great deal of time and a continuous presence as the legislation goes through the committee stages.

The National Outdoor Centre at Ratho should open its doors to us all later this year. There are currently discussions taking place for a permanent exhibition area on the Scottish Mountaineering Scene. If this comes to fruition our Club will be involved and represented there.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

At last year's AGM the state of the Club finances was discussed and it was approved that the subscription rates for both Ordinary and Associate Membership should be increased as follows:

	2001/02	Increase	2002/03
Full	£14	£2	£16
Reduced	£9	£4	£11

Reduced rate is available for members who:

- live over 80km from Aberdeen
- are aged over 65
- are aged under 21
- are in full-time education.

After deduction of the MCofs affiliation fee (on which there is no reduction) the Reduced Subscription has been maintained at 50% of the Full Subscription. Subscriptions for the year 2002/2003 become due on 1st October 2002. For those paying by Direct Debit this increase in the Subscription will be implemented automatically.

Weather



- Mountain Call 0906 850 0442 (East)
- 0906 850 0441 (West)
- Climb Line 09001 654 669
- Mountainline 09001 200 807 (same as above)
- Met Office 09003 444 900
- Lairig Club www.abdn.ac.uk/student_societies/lairig/weather/
- Internet portal
- Radio Scotland 6:57 and 17:57 daily (not Sunday)
- 19:57 Sunday (approx)
- BBC 1 'Heather the Weather' at 18:57 (approx)
- SAIS www.sais.gov.uk (avalanche forecast)

Ski Touring Weekend

Dave Kirk is arranging another Cairngorm Club Ski-Touring weekend based at Muir on the 21 - 23 of February 2003. Please give him a call on if you would like to come along.

Informal advice will be available and if enough people are keen, tuition could possibly be arranged.

The area is superb for ski-touring with everything from the beginners slopes at Glen Shee to classic ski-touring, over the area's Munros. If you don't ski-tour but would like to try, equipment hire is available, from Braemar Mountain Sports 013397 41242. They hire Nordic skis (ones with free heels at all times), and Alpine touring gear (heels are locked down for descending).

Finally, although it's a ski-touring weekend and we are trying to develop this, people wishing to hillwalk or climb are welcome too.

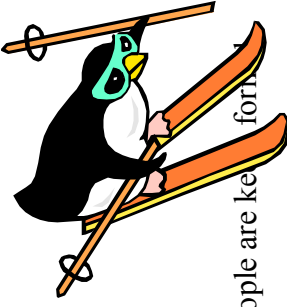
Munroist List

To register completion of a full round of Munros or Corbetts members should write to David Kirk who is "Clerk of the List" for the SMC. Please enclose a SAE for your certificate.

David Kirk
Greenhowe
Farmhouse
Banchory-Devenick
Aberdeenshire
AB12 5YJ

Alpine Meet 2003

In the very early stages of planning is a proposal for a Club Trip to the Alps in July 2003. It is envisaged that the accommodation will be in the vicinity of Zermatt. Based in this area there is something for everyone. Fairly easy going walks, more serious walks, snow plods ascending 4000 metre peaks, glacier travel, climbing 4000 metre peaks including the Matterhorn, everyone's tastes can be catered for in this region. Providing that there is sufficient interest the plan is to rent a chalet for the period. There is also the cheaper alternative for those that prefer to camp as there are good camping facilities in the area. Will anyone that is vaguely interested in taking part in such a trip please inform any member of the Club Committee so that the level of interest can be evaluated prior to pressing ahead with the project.



John Muir Trust Aberdeenshire

The Club makes a donation to the John Muir Trust on an annual basis and have become members.

Any Club members interested in joining a work party or organising a group to visit or spend a working weekend at a JMT property on Skye or Knoydart should contact George Cruickshank

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 details are available at:
www.jmt.org/

The National Trust
 for Scotland

The Club have 5 membership cards for the NTS that may be borrowed by members. Contact Anne Cassidy

Westhill Walkers have invited Cairngorm Club members to join them on their Bus meet (Jock's road) on 1st September. Any member interested should contact the Brian Davey for further details.

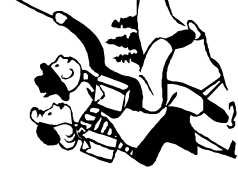
Spean Bridge - "Easter" 2002

About a dozen of the less stalwart members met in the Spean Bridge Hotel for the "Easter" Meet on the weekend of 5-6 April.

The weather was almost unbelievably good, and the combination of blue skies, little wind and snow-capped summits actually enticed people up several of the obvious hills round about (though not the Ben?), including some useful Corbetts. However, one less than youthful member was found snoozing gently by the roadside, having been there apparently almost all day.

The hotel was good and welcoming. However, the split between Impetunious Youth in the Roy Bridge hostel and the more senior members in the hotel did suggest that next year we might look for somewhere more all-accommodating. For example, we might take over a (nowadays well appointed) youth hostel *en bloc*, or use next-door facilities of different standards, as at the successful (but slightly wetter) Glen Elchaig meet in November 2001. If you know of somewhere suitable, please contact a Committee member.

Ken Thomson



Training

The committee wish to encourage the ongoing learning and acquisition of hill walking and mountaineering skills, particularly where they relate to helping novices or leading others in the hills. Assistance with funding for such courses may be available from the Club; members wishing to avail themselves of this should apply to the Club secretary (Anne Cassidy) with details of the course and its cost in advance of the training being undertaken.

First Aid Training

The Club has put some forty members through mountaineering first aid training over the last three years. The committee wishes to maintain this as a regular facility within the Club. Judy Middleton is co-ordinating the course. Anyone interested (including those needing to renew their certificate) should contact her.

Glenmore Lodge

Glenmore Lodge is the sportscotland National Centre for mountaineering, mountain training, rock climbing and ski mountaineering, amongst other things. Members may obtain

discount on many of these courses by virtue of their membership of the MCoFS (through the Club.) The Lodge prospectus can be obtained by calling 01479 861256 or can be accessed online at:

www.glenmorelodge.org.uk.

Barbecue 19 June

This was the usual success, in balmy but non-midgey weather out at Templars, where we welcomed some new members. Many thanks are as ever due to *chef* Neil Cromar and his several helpers, who this year included not only Brian Davey slaving over the firebars and the usual group of "salad ladies" but also some "brawny young climbers" (according to our *petite* Secretary) who helped with shifting the heavy gear.

KJT

The **Scottish Wildlife Trust** has organised a sponsored "**Conquer a Corbett**" event on 24th August.

Those wishing to take part or sponsor the event can get more information from their fundraising hotline (tel: 0131312 4714) or at www.swt.org.uk

Muir

The week beginning 5th July 2003 has been put aside as a Family's Week. This has been popular in the past and was suggested at the AGM.

Weekend Meets

Laggan — 3/4 August

A popular venue giving easy access to the Monadhliath Mountains, the Drumochter Hills and Crag Meagaidh. The bunkhouse situated just outside the village of Laggan (Glenbogle in the TV drama 'Monarch of the Glen') on the A899 boasts all the usual facilities including an outdoor jacuzzi. The weekend coincides with the Lagan Summer Ceilidh Dance, 8.30 pm in Laggan Hall with Ian Cameron's Band. Bunkhouse places are limited now however camping may be available at Inverhavon campsite 8 km away. Members should contact Derek Beverly for further information.

Onich — 21/22 September

This is a three day meet over the 20th, 21st and 22nd. We shall be based at Onich in the Alex Macintyre Memorial Hut. The hut sleeps a total of 16 and has all the usual facilities. This location is ideal for Glen Coe, Glen Nevis, Ardgour and the Mamores. An inclusive price for the three nights stay which will include a communal meal on Saturday is £15.00 per person. There is no reduction in price for those only requiring two nights accommodation. Those intending to travel and have not as yet reserved a place on this fantastic offer better hurry as ten places have already been reserved. Contact Fred Belcher

Elphin — 26/27 October

This is the new SMC "Naismith Hut" just north of Ullapool. Providing alpine-style sleeping for 10 this location is ideal for Ben More Assynt and the Corbetts Suilven, Canisp, Cul Mor and Quinag some of the finest hills in Scotland. There is some excellent climbing in the area as well (its only 33 km from Reiff). For further information and to book contact Eilidh Scobbie.

Indoor Meets

The venue for Indoor Meets has moved to the Mannofield Cricket Club (Morningside Road, off Great Western Road), this new venue allows a reduction in price along with improved facilities. The first meet of the year on October 9th is, as always, the members night. Here members, old and new, are invited to bring along slides of their endeavours over the previous year (or further back if they have not been shown before) to share with us all. It may be possible to arrange facilities to show electronic images (taken by digital camera) members who would like to do this should contact Neil Cromar to discuss their requirements.

Mid-week (Thursday) walks.

The usual meeting point is the forest walk car park at Countesswells (CWCP), opposite Loanhead Equestrian Centre, grid reference NJ870045 or River Dee Car Park (RDCEP) - contact John Gibson for the location. On some occasions these arrangements will change, so please contact the organisers if you are thinking of joining them or need further information.

For the latest details see the Club website at:

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

The Cairngorm Club

Details of Meets 2002, issued July 2002.

Bus Meets

Bookings must be made to the Bus Meets Secretary with cheques made out to "Graham Ewen" and crossed "No. 2 A/C". Members under 21, in full-time education or holding a UB40 can attend for half price.

Where shown, prices include a meal. Those requiring a vegetarian meal should indicate this on the booking form. Those not wishing the meal or not using the bus should contact Graham for reduced price details.

The descriptions given are not exhaustive and members may take any route they desire, and other drop-off / pick-up points are possible - ask on the bus. However, members are reminded that they are responsible for their own and their guests' safety, for ensuring that they and their guests are properly equipped for whatever they undertake, and for ensuring that what they plan can be accomplished in the time available having regard to the conditions.

Car Meet - Glen Lyon area—Saturday July 27th (Note: Not the 20th as previously)

A chance to get further afield than is possible with the bus this meet offers the opportunity to do the Munros: Carn Gorm, Meall Garbh, Carn Maig and Meall na Aighean or the Corbett Beinn Dearg. Slightly further west along the glen the Munro Meall Buidhe and the Corbett Carn Chreag can be ascended. Members should meet at Riverside Drive, Old Bridge of Dee in time for cars to leave at 7.00 am. Contact Ken Thomson for car-sharing and other details.

Auchallater to Glen Muick—Sunday August 25th

Starting in Glen Clunie south of Braemar, we will head along Jock's Road for the first few kilometres, then the choice is yours. Continue by Jock's Road to ascend Tolmount and Broad Cairn or strike west along the White Mounth path allowing ascents of Carn an t'Saigairt Mor, Cairn Bannoch or Lochnagar to be made. For the less enthusiastic, continue down by the Dubh Loch path.

Cairngorm Traverse—Sunday September 15th

This annual outing is always popular, with the BBQ at the Shelter Stone a welcome stop. Several routes are possible, ranging from the long walks through the Lairigs to traverses over the high tops of Cairngorm and Ben Macdui. Details of possible routes are available on the Club website and will be circulated on the bus. There is no formal meal on this meet but the bus will stop in Braemar for a pint, and there will be time to eat here for those that wish.

Glen Esk to Glen Clova—Sunday October 6th

Heading for the Inn at Clova, the Corbett of Ben Tiran is the most notable summit on this traverse. Other possibilities include visiting Balnamoon's cave or exploration of the upper corries of the glen with the Falls of Unich and Damff worth visiting. The tea at Dykehead is always something special before the journey back to Aberdeen

Key to calendar overleaf:

Bus Meets (departure time; map sheet; grid reference of drop-off and pick-up points; meal location; cost)
Indoor Meets (start time; organiser; cost)

Weekend Meets (organiser; contact details) Further details on next page.

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

Climbing (meeting time; co-ordinator; contact details)



The dates of the July car meet and the December bus meet have changed since the last Newsletter



JULY	
Sat	6 - 8 W/E Meet Overnighter - Glen Affric - Camban Bothy (Derek Beverley)
Tue	9 Climbing Alligator Ridge/Red Wall (6.30 pm; Garry Wardrope)
Tue	16 Climbing Meikle Partans/Fulmars Wall (6.30 pm; Fred Belcher)
Tue	23 Climbing The Grap (6.30 pm)
Thu	25 MW Walk Boig Pressendye - Broom Hill - Lazywell. (9.00 am; 37; CWCP;
Sat	27 Car Meet Glen Lyon Area. (7.00 am; Bridge of Dee; Contact Ken Thomson)
Tue	30 Climbing Red Edge/Spike Wall (6.30 pm; Anne Cassidy)
AUGUST	
Sat	3 - 4 W/E Meet Laggan - Potteries Bunkhouse (Ceilidh on Saturday night) (Derek Beverley)
Tue	6 Climbing Peel Slough (6.00 pm; Major Ewan)
Tue	13 Climbing Rocky Crags (6.00 pm; Fred Belcher)
Tue	20 Climbing Deceptive Wall (6.00 pm; Garry Wardrope)
Fri	23 - 24 Climbing Reiff - Camping meet - Ceilidh on Friday night. (Anne Cassidy)
Sun	25 Bus Meet Auchallater to Glen Muick (7.00 am; 43,44; 156882 to 310852; 7.5hrs; Ballater; £16.00)
Tue	27 Climbing Boltshuegh/Dykes Cliff (6.00 pm)
Thu	29 MW Walk 69917 Glenskinnan - Kerloch - Hare Hill - Pitreadie Farm (no dogs please) (9.00 am; 45; CWCP;
Sun	3 Isobel Paton & Margaret Brooker)
SEPTEMBER	
Tue	3 Climbing Newtonhill Harbour Wall (6.00 pm; Anne Cassidy)
Tue	10 Climbing Long Slough (6.00 pm; Major Ewan)
Sun	15 Bus Meet Cairngorm Traverse - Glenmore to Linn of Dee (7.00 am; 36,43; 989061 to 062897; 9hrs; no meal; £13.20)
Tue	17 Climbing Souter Head (6.00 pm; Mike Brian; 01224 590461;
Sat	21 - 22 W/E Meet Onich - Alex Macintyre Memorial Hut - Onich (Fred Belcher)
Tue	24 Climbing Boltshuegh/Dykes Cliff (6.00 pm; Fred Belcher)
Thu	26 MW Walk Glen Esk (Milliden) Blackcraigs - Mount Ean - Bennycray - 541836. (9.15 am; 45; RDCP;
Peggy & Jack Connell)	
OCTOBER	
Fri	4 Indoor Ceilidh Dance - with Hallyrackeet ceilidh band (details on page 6)
Sun	6 Bus Meet Glen Esk to Glen Clova (7.00 am; 44; 446803 to 326731; 7.5hrs; Dykehead; £17.00)
Wed	9 Indoor Members' Night. (7.30 pm; Mannoifield Cricket Club)
Sat	26 - 27 W/E Meet Elphin - SMC Hut (Eilidh Scobbie)
Thu	31 MW Walk Clachaben Map 45 (9.00 am; ; CWCP; Isobel Paton)
NOVEMBER	
Sun	3 Bus Meet Ben Rinnas (8.00 am; 28; 289356 to 272432; 7hrs; Aberlour; £15.30)
Wed	13 Indoor TBA. (7.30 pm; Mannoifield Cricket Club)
Sat	16 - 17 W/E Meet Cannich - Bunkhouse (Stan Urbaniak)
Sun	24 Bus Meet Linn of Dee and Ceilidh - Dance (8.00 am; 43; 62897; 6.5hrs; Braemar Golf Club; £16.00)
Wed	27 AGM Mannoifield Cricket Club
Thu	28 MW Walk Easter Balmoral Glen Gelder - Gelder Shiel - Little Conachcraig. (9.00 am; 44; CWCP;
Elizabeth & James Friend)	
Sat	30 Indoor Dinner (Jarvis Aberdeen Hotel, 338 Great Western Road Aberdeen)
DECEMBER	
Sat	7 - 8 W/E Meet Loch Ossian - Youth Hostel (Joyce Ritchie)
Wed	11 Indoor TBA. (7.30 pm; Mannoifield Cricket Club)
Thu	19 MW Walk Crathes Castle trails possibility of lunch/afternoon tea locally. (9.00 am; 38; CWCP; Ruth & Peter Ward)