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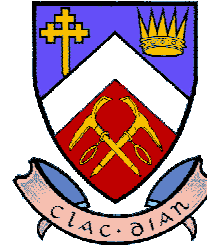


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October 2003



The Cairngorm Club

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Editor Garry Wardrope.

Clac Dian

The Newsletter of the Cairngorm Club

Club Dinner - Saturday 29 November

Our speaker at the dinner is John Mackenzie, who will be talking on the North West Highlands. He has several first ascents both in winter and summer including in winter "The Sorcerer" on Sgurr Na Fearstaig in Glen Carron and several short routes at crags near Gruinard Bay and Meall Lochan a Chleirich near Loch Maree. John Mackenzie is an author of several mountaineering guides, current president of the MCofS, and a member of the SMC. As well as being a passionate mountaineer he is interested in geology and astronomy. His books include:

- SMC guide "Rock and Ice Climbs in Skye"
- SMC guide "Skye and the Hebrides"
- Section 7 of Classic Rock devoted to climbs on Aonach Dubh and Bidean nam Bian in the Coe.

With the contrasts of sea, lochs, rock, moorland, snow and sky of the North West Highlands we are sure to have a most interesting talk for members who climb or hillwalk. This is a talk not to miss if you want to know what is happening in the North West Highlands.

Contact Neil Cromar
to book or use the enclosed booking slip.

'Easter' Meet

The Easter Meet 2004 will take place at The Inchnadamph Hotel, Assynt over the Weekend Friday 16th - Sunday 18th of April 2004. The prices are as follows :

Dinner Bed and Breakfast £31.00 per person (this a two course dinner),

Bed and Breakfast only £20.00 per person per night.

We have also been quoted £35.00 for a three course dinner + B&B option. The owner assures me that the 2 course is hearty and ample and this is our preferred option. Should we attract more than 30 members price will be reduced to £29.00 per night. Bar Meals are of course available starting at £5.25. Ann Sills the owner also provides packed lunches should you require extra sustenance on the hill.

I know it is quite a few months off but you are requested to **BOOK BY END NOVEMBER 2003** in order to avoid disappointment. The Hotel will keep all rooms exclusively for Cairngorm Club up to that date. Please contact Ann at Inchnadamph for more details at:

Inchnadamph Hotel

Assynt By Lairg

Sutherland

IV27 4HN

Telephone: 01571 822202

Fax: 01571 822203

E-mail: info@inchnadamphhotel.co.uk

Web: www.inchnadamphhotel.co.uk

Options to wild camp in the vicinity exist and The Assynt Field Centre is near (but places limited). I feel Assynt is a good location and look forward to seeing you all there. Derek Beverley.

**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)

Torridon (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

Aberdeen & St. John Mountain Rescue Association

Gill Shirreffs is currently the Club rep on the Association committee. Gill reminds all Club members that the Team hold a sponsored walk every year usually early June. Please support this and join us in the walk. More details in the next Newsletter and on the team's website www.amrt.org.uk

The Mountain Rescue Association is looking for new members either as ordinary/ individual members or corporate members. Anyone wishing to find out more about this please contact the Treasurer Malcolm Lamont or Dawn MacKinnon.

Membership

The Club is sorry to hear of the deaths of the following members: Ernle Beyts, an Ordinary Life Member since 1973, died on September 18th. The Club was well represented at his Quaker memorial meeting. Bob Ruddiman an Associate Member since 1979, William Wright an Ordinary Life member since 1950 and Charlotte Wisely an Ordinary Life since 1933.

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

Mr Neil Gauld	Transfer to Ordinary
Mr Jack Thomson	Associate
Mrs Jay A Turner	Associate
Mr Bill Stephenson	Associate
Miss Deirdre O'Neil	Associate
Mr Eddie Alaszowski	Associate
Mr Philip Hosty	Associate
Mr Greig Passey	Associate
Mr Robert McGraw	Associate
Mr George Lane	Associate
Mr Damien Scott	Associate
Mr Danny Lobo	Associate
Mr Bruce J McAdam	Associate



Club Journal

Clac Dian

Copies of the most recently published *Journal*, no. 106, were posted to all members in 2001,

and anyone not in receipt should contact the Editor, Lydia Thomson. This number is now 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 some past numbers may be obtainable from Derek, who should be contacted for availability and prices.

Next Edition

Thanks to those of you who have already provided or promised articles! But there is plenty of room left for more, so please consider using the long dark evenings to write up your exploits for the enjoyment of your fellow Club members. Poems, stories, travel, nature - anything to do with the hills that we all love. You can e-mail me on lydiat@tiscali.co.uk for further information etc. I would be grateful to be notified of possible submissions within the next month, to prepare for publication. Why not give it a go?!



Lydia Thomson
Editor Cairngorm Club Journal



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
Wetterzentrale www.wetterzentrale.de/topkarten/fsavneur.html
Radio Scotland 6:57 and 17:57 daily (not Sunday)

BBC 1 'Heather the Weather' at 18:57 (approx)
SAIS www.sais.gov.uk (avalanche forecast)

Congratulations Gordon

Gordon Stalker, who has been a member of the Cairngorm Club since 1995, completed his Munros on 21st September on Ladhar Bheinn during the Club weekend to Knoydart. Gordon's round commenced in 1969 and although he has been a member of other clubs during his round (Aberdeen University Lairig club, Montrose Hillwalking club, Stonehaven Mountaineering and Hillwalking club and Stocket Hillwalking club) most of his Munros have been climbed while a member of this club

Winter Skills Training

The Club are planning to hold a Winter Skills Training Course at Muir Cottage over the weekend of 14 and 15 February. Di Gilbert has agreed to be our instructor for this. This is usually a very popular course so get your names to me early. There will be a small fee for attending which will be in line with previous years. The equipment you will need to get the best from this course are crampons, helmet and ice axe. The Club does have 5 helmets available for use so please state at time of booking if you wish to borrow one. The Club does not have crampons or suitable ice axes that members can borrow. To book contact Fred Belcher .

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 £20 priority appointments for Club members, next day appointments if booked before 12 noon.

Aberdeen
Physiotherapy
01224 626266

CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for the year 2003/2004 became due on 1st October 2003. For those paying by direct debit this should already have been collected

	2003/04
full	£18
reduced	£12.50

Reduced rate is available for members who:
live over 80km from Aberdeen; or
are aged over 65; or
are aged under 21; or
are in full-time education.

After deduction of the MCoFS affiliation fee (on which there is no reduction), the reduced subscription is 50% of the full subscription.

Zest @ Zermatt

In memory of John Elgie, a Club Meet was organised by Anne Massie in July to Zermatt, and was attended by 17 Members - Allan Adams, Kevin Bannister, Fred Belcher, Derek Beverley, Fiona Cameron, Geoff Cumming, Mike Fellowes, Neil and Gillian Gauld, Andy Lawson, Ernie Potter, Eilidh Scobbie, Gordon Stalker, Ken and Lydia Thomson, Garry Wardrope, and Kees and Hazel Witte (travelling up from Italy) - and 6 "guests" (Jon Briggs, Sandra Cumming, Anne Massie, and Bernie and Lyn of the Merseyside Mountaineering Club).

Some folk put in some pre-Meet training, Fred and Garry on part of the Haute Route from Verbier, Ken and Lydia in the Ticino Alps, Eilidh and Fiona via a trip up the Rhine. However, the serious stuff started on the Sunday with a 5500-foot ascent of the Mettelhorn direct from Zermatt by a party of half a dozen or so.

On Monday, a group went up to the Täsch Hut, from where a 3.00 a.m. reveille (and an excellent breakfast, given the hour) on Tuesday led to an ascent of the Alphubelhorn via a sharp snow arête and a steep slope up to the top(s). On the return, some relief to find that the burn near the hut could in fact be crossed; it had been impassable the previous evening. Neil meanwhile polished off the Stockhorn with Andy, Derek, Gillian and Gordon (not necessarily in that order).

On Wednesday, much excitement was caused by a rock-fall on the Matterhorn just above the Hörnli Hut, where Fiona, Eilidh, Andy, Neil, Gillian and Gordon just happened to be taking refreshment at the time. So they witnessed personally the subsequent helicopter rescue (at a cost of €500 each) of 90 or so climbers left stranded on the ridge. Further buzzing led to the re-opening of the mountain on Sunday after the fall, believed caused by the exceptionally warm conditions leading to melting of perma-frost amongst the rocks.

Clac Dian



CLUBwear

Fleeces:

Jackets £20

V Neck Pullovers £15

Body Warmers £15

New T-shirts £10

New Badges

Sweatshirts £15

Polo-shirts £15

Contact:

Andy Lawson

or

Joyce Ritchie



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Training

The Committee wish to encourage the ongoing 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.

Glenmore Lodge

Glenmore Lodge is the sportscotland National Centre for mountaincraft, mountain training, rock climbing and ski mountaineering, amongst other things. Members may obtain discount on many of these courses by virtue of their membership (through the Club) of the MCofS. The Lodge prospectus can be obtained by calling 01479 861256 or can be accessed online at: www.glenmorelodge.org.uk.

Club-Organised Training

First Aid courses may be run when demand is sufficient. Please contact Judy Middleton to register your interest.

Mailing Lists

Important Club announcements and the Newsletter are distributed by email. Members who wish to receive these messages should send an email to: cairnngormclub-subscribe@yahoogroups.com There is also a mailing list for members: cairnngorm_club_members-subscribe@yahoogroups.com



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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

Touching the Void

Watch out for the film "Touching The Void". Several folk, among them one or two serious climbers, have been to previews of this film. It is a two hour film based factually on Joe Simpson's book. Everyone that has seen it reckons that it is an absolute must to. The first public viewing is at the Kendal Film Festival but the film goes on general release in early December at GUC cinemas. Keep your eyes open.

Fred Belcher

MCofS

Mountaineering Council of Scotland



As most of you will be aware the battle to protect the wild areas that we all enjoy so much still goes on. The MCofS is actively involved and representing all of our interests against development in areas that could be ruined forever by the various forms of "generating schemes" and other inappropriate activity. The scheme at Sheildaig has been referred to the Executive and hopefully will be turned down. Most what goes on within the MCofS you get to read about in The Scottish Mountaineer. Of course if you don't update changes of address etc to Derek Pinches, for onward transmission, you will miss out on your magazine. I think that this magazine goes from strength to strength. However remember that like this Newsletter the Scottish Mountaineer is your magazine and requires constant feedback on how you feel about it. It also requires all of us to contribute articles or anything that we feel maybe of interest so please everyone help us to continue to make our mag more popular than ever with whoever visits the mountains and wild areas of Scotland.

Fred Belcher
VP MCofS



Mid Week Walkers

This group continues to pound the ground within 1¼ hours car drive of Aberdeen. We have a total of about 50 'regulars' or 'occasionals', with about 10 to 25 on each walk. An excellent programme of walks has been arranged for 2004, so if you have just retired or are free on one or more of the last Thursdays of each month, please join us. As well as the walking the conversation is stimulating.

Jack Connell



John Muir Trust Aberdeenshire

The Club is a member of the John Muir Trust. 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 Further details are available at: www.jmt.org

On Thursday, the Riffelhorn was given a good going-over by the rockclimbers, and a glacial Gorge ditto by Kees and the ladies. On Friday, a mass assault on the Breithorn was made by no fewer than five ropes (amongst several score of others) from the Klein Matterhorn - a simple ascent but fulfilling for those new to the glacier and the 4000-metre game, and an occasion to commemorate John.

On Saturday, several ascended (some walking all the way from Zermatt and back again) the Oberrothorn for splendid views.

On Sunday, Mike, Kevin, Ernie, Garry, Geoff and Derek went up to the Rothorn hut, intending to do the Zinal Rothorn. Monday proved to have the worst weather of the fortnight, with thunder and lightning. Congratulations to those who summited at the cost of two ropes cut by rockfall.

Gordon escaped to Saastal on the same day to walk the Gspon Höhenweg, and following his example a party of 7 enjoyed the Saas Fee Höhenweg later in the week, including a plastic tunnel under a mountain torrent instead of a bridge.

By this time, some were starting to pall slightly at the sight of the Matterhorn looming over them every day. Attempts were made to escape from Mattertal and indeed mountains, firstly by Eilidh, Fiona, Fred, Allan and Fred on a cross-border shopping trip to Cervinia (returning despite storms), and then by Neil, Andy and Gillian on a day trip to Milan. However, Neil and Andy later restored standards by climbing the south-west ridge of Pollux.

Apart from the peaks identified above, many splendid walks, "balcony" and otherwise, were accomplished, often with much interest from the local fauna (marmots) and especially in the splendid flora (even though Gordon was disappointed at his first edelweiss!).

Many thanks are due to Anne for the organisation, and to Anita and her family for the lovely apartments.

DISCOUNTS

- Blacks*
- Craigdon Sports*
- Nevisport*
- Hilltrek - Aboyne*

All the above shops offer discounts to Club members on production of a current



membership card
Craigdon Sports have indicated that they intend replace their 20% discount cards with ones offering a lesser discount. Contact Adrian Scott (tel: 01224 744547, email: adrian@scotsafe.co.uk) for details.



Muir

Booking Secretary

Joyce Ritchie has agreed to take over the bookings for Muir. Full details in the next Newsletter.

New Year

As usual Muir is available for Club Members over New Year from 26th December to 1st January. Bookings should be made with Frances Macrae-Gibson .

Work Weekend

The annual work weekend is scheduled for 26 - 27 April. We require painters, joiners, wood stackers, plumbers and scrubbers! Contact Robbie Middleton to help.

Muir Families Week in July

Muir is being held open for Club members' families from the 2nd to the 8th July. We are happy to fill the place with Club member parents, kids and their friends. Contact Joyce Ritchie to book.

CLUB LIBRARY

The Club Library is housed in the University of Aberdeen Special Collections Library near the Kings College quad.

A selection of new and old items are brought to most Indoor Meets where members may borrow or return them. The extensive collection has items dating back to the founding of the Club and includes a complete set of Club Journals as well as more modern publications covering mountaineering and the Cairngorms. Details of the collection are available on the Club website at www.cairngormclub.org.uk/library/ or by contacting the Club Librarian Alexander Hidalgo

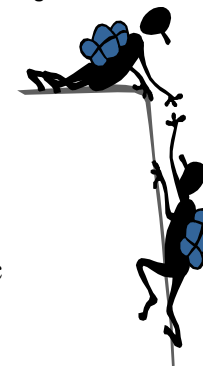
NEMT Winter Lectures

Details of the NEMT winter lectures are given below. They will be held at the Belmont Club, 218 Hardgate, Aberdeen and start at 7.30 pm. Entrance is £2.50. Further details can be obtained from their web site at; www.nemt.org.uk



12 Nov 03	Duncan Bryden	Cairngorms National Park - In the Beginning
10 Dec 03	David Craig	Landmarks: Great Rocks around the World
14 Jan 04	Alistair Beeley	Challenging Adventures in Bolivia
11 Feb 04	Kenny Kortland	Capercaillie and Scotland
10 Mar 04	Neil Cook	The National Heritage of Deeside

Climbing News



The Club's outdoor season of organised climbing has come to a close for this year. Of course we shall still be active during the winter months. The Summerhill Wall will be available to Club Members from Tuesday the 13th of January 2004, (5pm - 7.15pm) until the last Tuesday prior to "end of term" - towards the end of March, add hoc meets to the Dundee wall will also be organized as well as outdoor activities should the winter look kindly on us and produce lots of snow and ice in the hills. The summer season was well supported throughout . Apart from a few meets rained off, very few compared to a usual year, the Tuesday meets produced a great deal of activity along the cliffs between Bullars of Buchan and Newtonhill and inland at the Pass of Ballater. These were enjoyed by the many participants. There were many forays further afield with week-end trips to many parts of the coast. Lochnagar's Eagle Ridge has not seen so many ascents by Club climbers for many a year. It was an extremely active summer season for many with quite a few of the "Classic Routes in Scotland" being climbed. The most notable of these routes was The Old Man Of Hoy in Orkney. Mike Brian and Jim Woodley made a successful ascent of this sea stack which quite rightly is renowned for its difficulty throughout the climbing world.

Well folks, that's about it from me for this time. In fact that is about it from me as the Club Climbing Secretary apart from reporting the Year's activity at the forthcoming AGM. Due to other commitments within the "mountaineering scene" I find that I so often have to miss Club meetings etc through clashes of dates etc so I have decided not to stand for re-election at the AGM. I have been in the post for the past two years and feel that now is the time for a new pair of hands to continue to develop the increasing popularity of the Club's climbing activities. Thank you all for the support you have given me during my time in post. Though I shall no longer be on your Committee I shall continue to be an active participant in all things.

All those with any climbing equipment belonging to the Club please let me know what and where. More important than usual this year as I shall of course be handing this over to my successor. Many thanks.

Fred Belcher
(Climbing Activities Secretary)

Weekend Meets



Kingussie – Lairds Bothy — 15/16 November

Situated in the heart of Kingussie this is a new venue for the Club. From the Northern Corries to the Drumochter hills there are plenty of options. Contact Neil Gauld for further details.

Loch Ossian – Youth Hostel — 13/14 December

The last meet of the year, now fully booked, but there is a reserve list. Contact Andrew Lawson for information.

Muir Cottage – Burns Supper — 24/25 January

An evening of good food, drink and usually impromptu entertainment. Places for this meet are always quickly taken so if you are interested contact Fred Belcher for further details.

Laggan – Potteries Bunkhouse — 28/29 February

A popular venue giving easy access to the Monadhliath Mountains, the Drumochter Hills and Creag 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. Members should contact Jean Robinson for further information.

Cannich – Backpackers Bunkhouse — 20/21 March

The Glen Affric, Mullardoch and Glen Strathfarrar hills are all within easy reach of this hostel which offers excellent accommodation in twin rooms at very reasonable rates. Contact Andrew Lawson to book.

Indoor Meets

The venue for Indoor Meets is the Mannofield Cricket Club (Morningside Road, off Great Western Road). The price of £2.50 includes tea or coffee and biscuits. With ample parking and a large room for the presentations this is an excellent venue. Members are welcome to use the bar facilities before and after the talks in the comfortable lounge area.



Mid-week (Thursday) walks (details on previous page)

The meeting points (all car parks) are listed below. Please arrive promptly at the meeting points. On some occasions these arrangements will change, so please contact one of the organisers if you are in doubt or need further information. Circular walks are annotated C, point to point as AB.

Code	Location	Grid ref.
KF	Kirkhill Forest	855113
RD	Riverside Drive	928036
CW	Countesswells	870045
P	Persley	910093

For the latest details, see the Club website at:

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

Bus Meets



Bookings must be made to the Bus Meets Secretary. 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 Bus Meets Secretary for reduced price details.

The descriptions given are not exhaustive, and members may take any route they desire. 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.

Strathdon to Ballater—Sunday November 9th

Traverse from Strathdon to Ballater via the Graham "Mona Gowan" (749m) and the Corbett "Morven" (871m). Morven is the prominent haystack-shaped hill which rises abruptly from the farmlands of Cromar. As an outlier of the higher hills, it often carries patches of snow and is well seen from Deeside. In 1859 it was climbed by Queen Victoria who described the view from it as "more magnificent than can be described". The name Morven, which is derived from the Gaelic for a 'great mountain', is often used in Ossianic legend to describe the Highlands or that part of the Highlands with the greatest number of remote peaks.

Gordon Way—Sunday December 7th

This section of the Gordon Way traverses Bennachie giving you the chance to cover all the tops in one day without a long walk back to your starting point.

Lochnagar—Sunday January 11th

Time to work off the excesses of the Christmas season. The traditional Club New Year meet, always popular, with options to climb Lochnagar or simply take a stroll around Loch Muick.

Ben Lawers—Sunday February 8th

As with the meet last February this is a mini-bus meet. This format will allow those on the bus to change the final destination if the weather so dictates. The planned area for the meet will allow the traverse of the Tarmachan Ridge or a traverse of Ben Lawers itself. Places are limited to book early to avoid disappointment.

Mount Keen or Loch Lee Hills—Sunday March 7th

Heading South of Aberdeen these hills have many interesting features, from the Water of Mark to ascending the most Easterly Munro with plenty of other options in between.

Ben Avon or Beinn a' Bhuird—Sunday March 28th

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 (walk type; departure time; map sheet; departure point; organisers; contact details)

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

NOVEMBER

9	Sun	Bus Meet	Strathdon to Ballater (7.00 am; 37; 329105 to 371956; 8hrs; Ballater; £17.60)
12	Wed	Indoor	Jason Currie - Climbs in the Bolivian Andes (7.30 pm; £2.50)
15 - 16	Sat	W/E Meet	Kingussie - Lairds Bothy (Neil Gauld)
25	Tue	Climbing	Dundee Wall (Details on the Club website)
26	Wed	AGM	Mannofield Cricket Club (7.30 pm)
27	Thu	MW Walk	Glen Tanar (C; 9.15 am; 44; CW; Ian Lowit)
29	Sat	Dinner	Northern Hotel - John McKenzie - The North West Highlands (6:30pm for 7:00; £26.00)

DECEMBER

7	Sun	Bus Meet	Gordon Way (8.00 am; 37,38; 547230 to 699215; 7hrs; Inverurie; £17.00)
10	Wed	Indoor	Ros Grant - Arctic Odyssey (7.30 pm; £2.50)
13 - 14	Sat	W/E Meet	Loch Ossian - Youth Hostel (Andy Lawson)
30	Tue	MW Walk	Persley - River Don - Beach (C; 9.15 am; 38; P; Charles Gimmingham)

JANUARY

11	Sun	Bus Meet	Lochnagar (7.00 am; 43; 310851; 7.5hrs; Ballater; £17.80)
14	Wed	Indoor	Keith Milne - Himalayan Climbs (7.30 pm; £2.50)
24 - 25	Sat	W/E Meet	Muir Cottage - Burns Supper (Fred Belcher)
29	Thu	MW Walk	Kirkhill Forest (C; 9.15 am; 38; KF; Peggy & Jack Connell)

FEBRUARY

8	Sun	Bus Meet	Ben Lawers - Mimibus meet (7.00 am; 51; 608378; 7-8hrs; No meal; £10.00)
11	Wed	Indoor	Geoff Stone - St Kilda World Heritage Site (7.30 pm; £2.50)
14	Sat	Winter Skills	Winter Skills training - Muir (Fred Belcher)
26	Thu	MW Walk	Hill of Fare (C; 9.15 am; 38; CW; Lydia Thomson)
28 - 29	Sat	W/E Meet	Laggan - Potteries Bunkhouse (Jean Robinson)

MARCH

7	Sun	Bus Meet	Mount Keen or Loch Lee Hills (7.00 am; 44; 447804; 7.5hrs; Edzell; £17.80)
10	Wed	Indoor	Alastair Beeley - Ascent of Mera Peak (7.30 pm; £2.50)
20 - 21	Sat	W/E Meet	Cannich - Backpackers Hostel)
25	Thu	MW Walk	Braes O'Gight (C; 9.15 am; 30; P; Ruth & Peter Ward)
28	Sun	Bus Meet	Ben Avon or Beinn a Bhuird (7.00 am; 43; 166930; 8.5hrs; No meal; £10.00)

April

16 - 19	Fri	Easter	Inchnadamph Hotel (Derek Beverley)
24	Muir Work	Volunteers to help maintain Muir wanted - (Robbie Middleton)	
29	Thu	MW Walk:	round Ballater (C; 9.15 am; 44; CW; Ken Mills; 01224 314077)

MAY

1 - 3	Sat	W/E Meet	Mull - Arle Farm Lodge (Marjory Ewan)
27	Thu	MW Walk	North of Cruden Bay (AB; 9.15 am; 30; P; Ruth Payne)

JUNE

19 - 20	Sun	W/E Meet	Glenmore - Glenmore Lodge MCoFS AGM (Neil Gauld)
24	Thu	MW Walk	Mona Gowan (C; 9.15 am; 37; CW; Eva Foubister & Morag Watson)

JULY

2	Fri	Other	Families Week - Muir available for families this week. (Joyce Ritchiem)
10 - 11	Sat	W/E Meet	Ben Alder Area - Backpacking / Cultra Bothy (Derek Beverley)
16	Fri	Climbing	Climbing instruction available at Muir and BBQ. Details TBA
29	Thu	MW Walk	Mount Battock (C; 9.15 am; 44; RD; Isobel Paton & Margaret Brooker)

AUGUST

7 - 8	Sat	W/E Meet	Ben Nevis - C.I.C. Hut (Andy Lawson)
26	Thu	MW Walk	Craig Leek (C; 8.30 am; 43 44; CW; Ruth Payne)

SEPTEMBER

18 - 19	Sat	W/E Meet	Arrochar - Ardmay House (Garry Wardrope)
30	Thu	MW Walk	Cairn Leuchan/Am Mullach (C; 8.30 am; 44; CW; Peggy & Jack Connell)

OCTOBER

23 - 24	Sat	W/E Meet	Bridge of Orchy - Glencoe Ski Club Hut (Ian Bryce)
28	Thu	MW Walk	Bennachie (AB; 9.15 am; 38; CW; Evelyn Massie & Hella Alexander)

NOVEMBER

13 - 14	Sat	W/E Meet	Glen Feshie - Mill Cottage (Fred Belcher)
24	Wed	AGM	AGM - TBA

25	Thu	MW Walk	Cairns of Balmoral (C; 9.15 am; 44; CW; Elizabeth & James Friend)
27	Sat	Dinner	Dinner - TBA

DECEMBER

11 - 12	Sat	W/E Meet	Aberfeldy - The Bunkhouse (Geoff Cumming)
30	Thu	MW Walk	Kerloch (C; 9.15 am; 45; CW; Jay Turner)