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**2007/08 SEASON 7**

**April 2008**

Dear Members

First newsletter since the AGM and there have been some changes on the committee. Mike replaces Eunice as Chairperson, John Berry takes over as meets contact from Heather and Jim Bunney takes over responsibility (from Cedric) for our much underused equipment. There is a proposal to dispose of climbing equipment which is rarely if ever attached to rock, so if some member particularly wishes a carabiner or a friend get in touch with Jim. Our thanks go to those retiring from the committee for their service over the past three years.

The annual subscription remains the same as it was in recent years, £12 for a single member and £22 for couples. Get your subs to Frank soon please in order to remain on the mailing list for this exciting publication.

The Club dinner was a successful evening though it could have done with more participants. Much the same could be said for the turnout at the AGM.

Could members check that the email address on the newsletter is accurate. If I have missed an update from anyone let me know. But then if I have got the wrong email address you won't be getting this request anyway. But you can't say I haven't taken all steps to alert you.

#### **2007 - 08: DAY TRIPS**

20	April	Ben More Stobinnean
15	June	Glencoe
24	August	Cruachan

Remember to contact John Berry to find out where the more informal Sunday meets are going or check your email.

Eunice did point out in her closing address to the AGM that numbers coming out of a Sunday would appear to deny the existence of the club. Come out and see old friends and even older hills.

Eunice also urged drivers to forget friendship and acknowledge the rising cost of fuel in a realistic charge for petrol.

#### **2007-08: WEEKEND TRIPS**

The intended programme is as follows:

2-5 May 2008	Inverey Cottage (Organiser: Steve Turnbull)
23-26 May 2008	Knoydart (Organiser: Sandra Owen)
26-28 September 2008	Inchnadamph (organiser Frank)
24-25 October 2008	Tulloch Station (Organiser: Eunice Coop)

Bookings: The Committee decided that, in future, weekend places will be booked for 8 beds rather than the former practice of booking 12, with the opportunity (perhaps) of increasing the number as members finally stir themselves. So if you wish to be sure of a place, get moving.

All bookings for weekend trips must now be accompanied by a £5.00 per night deposit to the trip organiser to secure a place (i.e. £10.00 for a 2-night stay or £15.00 for a 3-night stay). The reason for this change is to supplement Club funds as many hostels now require either full payment in advance or a higher level of deposit. We have to plan well in advance (sometimes over a year) to secure locations and ensure variety in the Club's weekend meets. Early bookings appreciated to give ample time to adjust numbers, if necessary. Late cancellations will have to pay full accommodation costs, unless this is waived by the hostel concerned.

## **SOCIAL EVENTS**

BBQ Thursday 26 June, possibly chez Frank as the Fay and Ian are moving on to pastures new. Our thanks to them for the hospitality they have offered for this event in recent years.

## **REPORTS**

### **Glen Clova Weekend, 15/17 February 2008 (Reporter: Jean Keddie)**

The most important factor of a week end away is the weather...and we got it right for our time in Glen Clova. We woke to a brilliant sunrise on Saturday, changing to sunny blue skies which were still sunny and blue when we left on Sunday afternoon. (There was a night in between with the usual scrumptious evening meal!)

We took full advantage of the good weather and much walking was done by everyone. Iain and John were the first to leave, up Jock's Road and then two ticks for John on Cairn Bannoch and Broad Cairn. Steve and Chris went off to Mount Battock for a Corbett tick and admitted to having time to inspect the tea shops in Brechin before returning to Glen Clova. The rest of us, Peter, Heather, Anne, Liz and Jean also headed up to the top of Jock's road. We were fairly quickly caught up by Scott who had driven from Perth that morning. From the summit of Jock's Road we went up crisp snow to Tolmount and over to Tom Buidhe. It seemed too nice to leave the plateau area early in the afternoon, so, after only a little discussion, we made our way to Mayar summit. It was fairly easy going as the ground was hard with firm snow patches easily crossed. We didn't linger for long on the top as there was a coldish wind. After a short traverse on hard snow at the top of the Kilbo path it was downhill all the way to the car park. We were pleased with a good day out and panoramic views of the surrounding hills.

Sunday was a more leisurely start, Steve, Chris and John went to Ben Tirran via Loch Warral, Iain, Anne and Jean to Ben Tirran via Loch Brandy, Peter and Heather a circuit of Loch Brandy with lunch on Green Hill. Liz and Scott had a day 17 km circuit of the Glen Prosen Hills, Cat Law, Corwharn, Cairn Corse, Milldewan, down the steep little Craig of Balloch, Macritch Hill and Creigh Hill and return to the car.

For the record this turned out to be a joint KMC, Corriemulzie Club outing with my sister Anne, Liz Bibby and Scott Peddie joining the KMC crew for the week end. We stayed at the bunkhouse at the Glen Clova Hotel