



Glasgow Glenmore Club **Newsletter Spring 2009**

Editorial

With crocuses and deepest winter fighting for attention on alternate days and the skies either leaden or Mediterranean blue it is hard to get the right feel for a 'Spring' newsletter. On balance I suggest that the hills might still require a 'winter' frame of mind. Tom Patey's famous and tragic adventure took place in the middle of April !!!

Please **book** equipment if you think you would like to carry/use some.

On a lighter note, read the newsletter to the end and spend a few minutes mulling over the answers. There will be a bottle of wine for the lucky winner!

Ingrid

Programme for 2009

The full year's programme of outdoor and indoor meets is at the back of this newsletter. There are some minor changes.

Bookings will currently be taken for all meets. Please send your cheque promptly after making a booking.

All indoor meets are on Thursday evenings, starting at 7.30 pm

INDOOR MEETS ARE AT THE USUAL VENUE OF THE CLUBHOUSE OF THE HYNDLAND BOWLING CLUB IN QUEENSBOROUGH GARDENS, G12.

OUTDOOR MEETS START AT 9.30 FROM THE MEETING POINT

March **Coordinator Ingrid Parker**

Thursday 5. March **British Schools Exploring Society** **Iain Allison**

BSES Expeditions is a youth development charity which aims to provide young people with inspirational, challenging scientific expeditions to remote, wild environments and so develop their confidence, teamwork, leadership and spirit of adventure and exploration.

Tonight's speaker will tell us about the Society, its expeditions and some of his adventures during his long association with BSES as a scientific leader. Recent and current trips include Greenland, Svalbard, Amazon, Peru and Ladakh.

Sunday 15. March **Tyndrum** **OS 50**

Meet at the car park next to the petrol station.

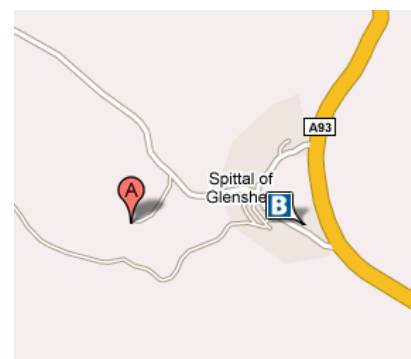
There are at least four Munros to the south west. The track to Ben Lui goes past the **Cononish goldmine!** Sounds good! Centre Gully on Ben Lui also has a reputation for avalanches. To the east there is Ben Challum and a number of Corbetts. A very little further afield are Beinn Bhreac-liath and Beinn Udlaidh, one of my personal favourites, despite its name (dark or gloomy hill). It has a remarkable line of quartz rock, which is a prominent feature of the hill. And lots more. Should be an excellent day for a modest drive.

Friday 27-Sunday 29 March **Gulabin Lodge (Spittal of Glenshee)** **OS 43**

Will we – won't we still have enough snow to go skiing? What we do have is 20 beds in Gulabin Lodge, at the foot of Ben Gulabin (806m) with all the other well known mountains nearby. There is a cluster of munros and corbetts in the direction of the *Allt Glinn Thaitmeach*, with a path for a good part of the way (subject to snow conditions).

20 beds, 4 toilets, 3 showers and all rooms have wash hand basins. We have a lounge to ourselves, which features a log fire, fully equipped self-catering kitchen. **£16.25** per person per night. Should be of the standard much talked about in the club recently!

www.cairnwellmountainsports.co.uk



Thursday 19 March The Pyrenees Oor ain Jimmy Stevenson

A favorite area for many Glenmorons, but a very special one for Jimmy and, on his last visit, a few other club members. He could probably write a pretty good guide on the area. It is, of course utterly spectacular and, as I read somewhere, features an amazing array of wild flowers and also animals. Jimmy will have spotted and captured them all! All of that, delivered in Jimmy's inimitable style and you should have a treat of an evening.

We'll be taking him for a pie and a pint beforehand – join us!

April Co-ordinator Mary Cox

Please note I'm away from 15th to 31st March

Thursday 2 April Members Short Talks and Slides

This is the opportunity for members to show their exploits old and new or just share their favourite pictures from near or far. All I need to know is what format you'll be using and whether it's 2-5 minutes of scenes or a short illustrated talk of 15 minutes max.

There will be a conventional slide projector and digital projector available. For the latter bring pictures on a USB memory stick, CD or your own laptop if you prefer.

Friday 10 – Monday 13th April Glebe Barn Hostel Eigg

We have just 22 places in this 4 star hostel on Eigg for the Easter weekend so early booking is advisable. Full details of the accommodation and facilities are on their website at www.glebebarn.co.uk. Cost of accommodation is £37.50 for 3 nights. I have booked the Sheerwater of Arisaig Marine to transport us to and from Eigg, a journey of approximately an hour as the scheduled ferry from Mallaig is not practical. We will depart from Arisaig at 18.00 on Friday and from Eigg at 10.00 on Monday.

Cost of return trip is £30

Total cost for the weekend is £67.50 per person

Thursday 16 April Butterflies in Scotland Richard Sutcliffe

Richard is a committee member of the Glasgow and South West Scotland Branch of Butterfly Conservation www.southwestscotland-butterflies.org.uk and will talk about the species we might encounter in the areas where we walk.

May Coordinator Isobel Freeman

Thursday 7 May AGM

Your Club, your **chance** to make a difference. You will, of course, receive more information.

Friday 1 May – Monday 4 Skye OS 32 and 23 GR 489299

We are camping at Sligachan. Usually spacious. With so many members having explored so much of Skye, can I draw attention to the 'Clach Glass' ridge? It really is very pleasant. Some routes on the Cioch are also crying out for visits.

Any information on the progress of a new bridge would be useful. (Editor)

Friday 22 May – Monday 25 Ullapool OS 19 and 15

Camping. I think it's signposted. This campsite has quite exceptional views.

There are two potential 'compleations'. Dave Watson plans to finish his munros that weekend in Assynt and Chris Everett on An Teallach. Keeping the best for last !!!

One of the reasons for the switch is that Ullapool is having a music festival during the first weekend.

June Co-ordinator Jon Barnes

Friday 19 June – Sunday 21 June Steall Hut, Glen Nevis OS 41 GR178683

A marvellous location in upper Glen Nevis, surrounded by fantastic hills, from the Ben, the Aonachs and the Grey Corries on the north side of the glen to the Mamores on the south side. Complete the whole circuit in 24 hours (Tranter's round) and you will become famous – and save yourself the cost of a night's accommodation. The hut is comfortable but basic (sleeping platforms but no mattresses), so bring all your food, a sleeping mat and a sleeping bag. It is reached by walking up the gorge from the car park at the end of the Glen Nevis road (ca 4 km). Finally, one crosses the river by the dreaded wire bridge (slightly tricky with a heavy pack). The cost is £8 per person for the two nights; the hut only takes 15, so book soon.

Mountain Bothies Association (MBA)

MBA Winter 2008 Newsletter

As well as all the latest news on bothy conditions, renovations and work parties, this Newsletter also included some comments on the last AGM at St. Boswells, including a number of interesting and amusing photographs taken there.

MBA Situations Vacant included: General Secretary, a few members for the Director of Projects group (entailing Health and Safety procedures) and still a few bothies requiring Maintenance Organisers, Any volunteers.....?

Good photographs of bothies, for use in 2009 Christmas Cards and Calendar for 2010 would be most welcome.

Other contributions included a long but very witty poem about midges at the Cam Ban renovations and an interesting article giving a new slant on Scott's fatal expedition to the South Pole and possible reasons for the eventual outcome of the expedition

This Newsletter also included a personal appeal from Michael Tunney, who had a near fatal fall on Beinn Achaladair, but was saved by Oban and Arrochar Mountain Rescue Teams. He is proposing to complete the "Scottish 4000ers" on a sponsored route in May 2009 from Aviemore to Fort William and hopes to raise a large sum in aid of these two teams, to whom he owes his life. Any donations would be welcome, but sponsor sheets are available or any offers of help can be made to:

michael.tunney11@btinternet.co.

The above Newsletter is available on loan from the Club Librarian, Connie Thomson.

Website

First step toward Content Management System: there is now a committee group email address: committee@glasgowglenmore.org.uk .

There has also been a change in the organisation of the Club Group Address. John has explained it all, but to most of us it makes no difference at all.

Miscellaneous Information (sent to me for GGC attention)

The various pieces of information that have come my way since the last newsletter have been circulated. I also try to have hard copies available in a Reading Folder at indoor meets.

Short General Knowledge Quiz (rainy day? Eve at a hostel? Pub?)

1. How long did the Hundred Years' War last?
2. Which country makes Panama hats?
3. From which animal do we get catgut?
4. In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
5. What is a camel hair brush made from?
6. The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
7. What was King George VI's first name?
8. What colour is a purple finch?
9. Where are Chinese Gooseberries from?
10. What is the colour of the black box in a commercial airplane?

There is a prize of a bottle of wine.

Answers on paper or e-mail. Winner will be announced at AGM.

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List of Outdoor and Indoor Meets

Note: All indoor meets held at clubhouse of Hyndland Bowling Club **the**

OUTDOOR MEETS	INDOOR MEETS
March (Ingrid Parker) 15 Tyndrum 27-29 March Glenshee, Gulabin Lodge 20 places	5 British Schools Expedition Society (BSES) 19 Pyrenees – Jimmy Stevenson
April-EASTER EIGG(Mary Cox) 10-13. Eigg Bunkhouse 22 places	2 Members' Short Talks and Slides 16 'Butterflies in Scotland' Richard Sutcliffe
May (Isobel Freeman) 1 -4 Skye, Sligachan Camping 22-25 Ullapool Camping	7 AGM
June 19-21 Steall Hut	