

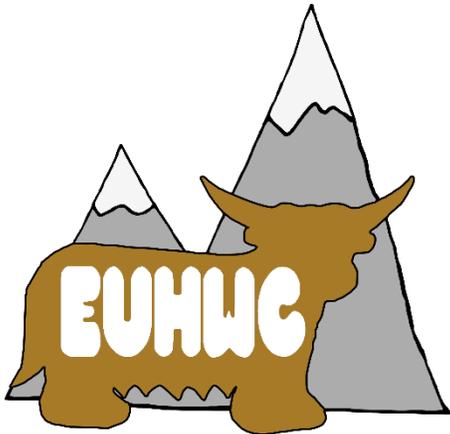


EUHWC Alumni Newsletter

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First Edition

by Callum Girdwood, Vice-President and Alumni Officer



Welcome to the first edition of the new Edinburgh University Hillwalking Club alumni newsletter. We hope to keep you informed of both what the club is doing, and any upcoming alumni events.

The club continues to be popular within the university, with membership once again growing last year, with the club having over 330 members, up by 50 on the year before.

As ever the club ventured across Scotland, and popped down to a very wet weekend in the Lake District, almost getting stuck in the December flooding. Trips to Glencoe, Kinlochleven and Ullapool in the Autumn

made for some spectacular days in the hills. Winter trips to Ratagan and Laggan Bridge gave some gorgeous winter days, and also gave opportunities for training, with Nick Carter running training on the Lagan trip thanks to St' John's Scotland.

There was of course the customary Burns' trip with all the poetry, haggis and ceilidhing that accompanies it, with the club returning to the Great Glen hostel for Burns for the first in a number of years, to the delight of the owners who had missed our piping by all accounts.

Our February Alumni to Cannich, meant a chance to say hello again to some old members, and is something we hope to build on and improve with this year's alumni trip.

Spring brought trips to Gairloch, Newtonmore, and an incredible end of year trip to Skye. Going back to Skye after a number of years, gave the club the chance to enjoy a couple of good days of weather on the Cuillin, and provided a great place to say goodbye to all the club members graduating or finishing their time in Edinburgh.

30th Birthday

This year marks thirty years of the hillwalking club, and to help mark the anniversary it would be brilliant to gather together stories and pictures from the last thirty years.

To help mark this occasion we hope to make this year's alumni trip one of the best in recent years. The trip this year will be to Glencoe the weekend of the 10th-12th March 2017.



We hope to make this trip special, and there are a number of ideas in the works, but more importantly it would be great to see as many past club members as possible. If you would like to come on the trip, the price will be our standard weekend fee of £45, and as ever will include two nights staying at Glencoe SYHA, and a meal on the Saturday night. But as an alumni trip you will not need to purchase club membership.

If you would be interested in coming on the alumni trip, or if you have any pictures or stories you'd like to share, please contact euhwcalumni@gmail.com.

More details on the alumni trip will follow by email, and also future editions of this newsletter.

Changing of the Guard

As with every year, May marked the end of last year's committee, and with it a sad goodbye to a number of people who'd been both on the committee and in the club itself for a number of years. Lucy Nunn, ended her year as president of the club, after four years on committee and five in the club, her work for the prior two years as treasurer left the club financially stable, and in a good position fund more training and equipment for members.

Also finishing their time on the committee, and in the club were secretary, Stuart North, Treasurer, Edward Tissiman, Vice-President, Simon Coffey, and Social Sec, Steph Ward. All had been long-term members of the club and committee, having given a lot throughout their time in the club.

All will be sorely missed and thanks must go out to all of them.

Alongside saying goodbye to these committee members, on Skye trip the club also found out that at the sprightly age of 70 Cliff Davies would be stepping back from the club. After years in the club, Cliff's presence and experience will be greatly missed.

2016/17 Committee

President

Monika O'Shea - Monika is a 3rd year Geophysics student from Melrose, Massachusetts.

Secretary

Rebecca Meacham - Becky is a 4th year Arts student from Macclesfield, Cheshire.

Treasurer

Adam Carnall - Adam is studying for an Astrophysics Ph. D and is from Thirsk, Yorkshire.

Vice-President and Alumni Officer

Callum Girdwood – Callum is a 5th year Mechanical Engineering student from Holmfirth, Yorkshire.

Meets Secretary

Daniel Jenkins - Daniel is a 3rd year Mathematical physics student from Kilmaurs, Ayrshire.

Safety Officer

Harry Carstairs - Harry is a 3rd year physics student from Perth.

Gear Secretary

Griffin Ernest – Griffin is a 3rd economics student from Denver, California.

Webmaster

Jonathan Osborne - Jonathan is a 4th year Mathematics student from Ullapool.

Social Secretaries

Imogen Christopher - Imogen is a 3rd year Chemistry student from Southport, Merseyside.

Rosie Callan - Rosie is a 2nd year Geology student from Manchester.

Publicity Officer

Sionyn Ford – Sionyn is a 5th Vet Student from Anglesey.

Member without Portfolio

Matt Purslow – Matt is a 3rd year Geophysics and Meteorology student, from Bollington, Cheshire.

Emma Carrol – Emma is a 2nd year Geology student from Kilbirnie, Ayrshire.

2016/17 Trips



Alongside our alumni trip, it's always great to see alumni so if you'd be interested in coming on any of our other trips this year here are the dates for your diary.

Sep 24/25: Crianlarich/Arrochar Freshers' day trips

Oct 1: Pentlands Navigation trip

Oct 7-9: Freshers' weekend trip #1, Kinlochleven

Oct 14-16: Freshers' weekend trip #2, Crianlarich

Oct 28-30: Halloween trip, Glencoe (Independent Hostel)

Nov 11-13: November trip, Cannich

Nov 25-27: Christmas trip, Braemar

Dec 3/4: December day trips

Jan 21/22: Winter Skills day trips

Jan 27-29: Burns trip, Loch Lochy

Feb 10-12: February trip, Ratagan

Feb 25/26: February day trips

Mar 10-12: Alumni trip, Glencoe (SYHA)

Mar 25/26: March day trips

Apr 7-10: Easter trip, Lledr House in Snowdonia

Apr 28-30: Exams trip, Tomintoul

May 13/14: May day trips

May 26-29: End-of-Year trip, Ullapool



2016 Photo Competition

Last year's club photo competition was as popular as ever and featured some amazing photos from across our different trips, and socials.

Landscape

Monika O'Shea



Extreme

Karl Erik-Wilson



On the Hill

Ignacio Badilla Meléndez



Off the Hill

Karl Erik-Wilson



Looking Good

Alice Burgess



As ever I'm sure that this year will bring another fantastic set of photos come May!