

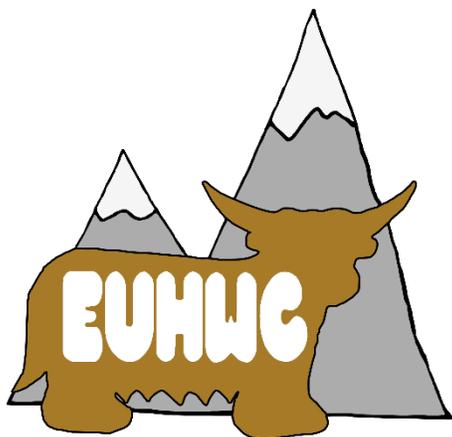


EUHWC Alumni Newsletter

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New Year, Same Club

by Callum Girdwood, Vice-President and Alumni Officer



Firstly, a belated Happy New Year, and a belated Merry Christmas from EUHWC, the joys of fifth year engineering have rather delayed me with the club's second newsletter. Hopefully 2017 will be another great year for the club, and all our members, past and present!

Already this academic year the club has been hugely popular, we've run more trips to bigger hostels, and have got more members on board than ever before.

As ever the year began with our new members' day trips, which once again saw the club take coach loads of new hillwalkers to the

Crianlarich Hills and Arrochar Alps. Crianlarich proved a very challenging day out with the Scottish weather doing its best to scare away new members, with torrential rain and high winds. Thankfully the weather relented for the Arrochar trip. But despite the different conditions both days were well received and saw members return on future trips having enjoyed their introduction to the club.

Despite the torrid weather on the daytrips, October saw two hugely popular new members' weekend trips to Kinlochleven and Crianlarich, though thankfully much better weather this time for the latter.

In November the club hosted a talk by Will Copestake – with around 100 people attending, both club members and guests from other Edinburgh clubs – a great was had by all. Will told us about his adventure circumnavigating Scotland by kayak, and completing a winter ascent of all the Munro's cycling between them. He is currently completing a round of the Corbetts and welcoming people to join him, so check him out!

November and December also saw club trips to Cannich, and latterly a very successful Christmas trip to Braemar. Where in the club's

age old fashion all enjoyed the Saturday night gift giving from Santa!

Already in 2017 the club's been to Loch Lochy and Ratagan, though it's fair to say winter has been rather disappointing in Scotland this year. January's winter skills daytrips spent half the walk searching for the smallest snow patch to practice ice axe arrests, but still a good time was had by all!

With our alumni trip approaching, and trips to Snowdon and Ullapool still to come, I'm sure many adventures await still!

30th Birthday

As announced in the previous newsletter to celebrate the club's 30th Anniversary, we are having an alumni trip to Glencoe SYHA on the 10-12th March. We currently have 30 alumni signed up, but places still available so get in touch!

With alumni coming from across the UK (and Europe, wouldn't be right without Arnaud coming of course!), it should be a great trip, and chance to see a lot of old friends.

So why not sign-up and come along! The trip is the standard price of £45, and as alumni you do not need to buy membership. As with all trips we will be cooking a meal on Saturday

night, but to mark this occasion we hope to make it a bit more special than normal. If you would be interested in coming on the trip please contact euhwcalumni@gmail.com.



Even if you can't come on the trip it would be great to hear your memories of the club, so if you have any pictures or stories to share from the club's history please get in touch through euhwcalumni@gmail.com.

Mountain Rescue Fundraiser



As part of our efforts to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the club, we are organizing a fundraiser for Scottish Mountain Rescue. We are timing this to coincide with the alumni trip, with the idea that even if you can't come along on the trip, you can get involved.

Our aim is simple, get as many people as possible; where-ever they may be, out in the hills at the same time!

All we ask is that you grab and summit photo and send it to us, whether it be atop Arthur's Seat or K2, and make a donation to Scottish Mountain Rescue through the justgiving page

we will be setting up. We will then be sharing everyone's exploits through the club and also Sport's Union. We're also aiming to run some prizes for categories such as furthest from Edinburgh.

This event also forms our contribution to the Sports Union's wider alumni activities, with many clubs running events during March.

We have been donated some awesome prizes by the likes of Rab and Nordic Outdoors, and hope to raise as much as we can for Mountain Rescue.

So get on board, find our Facebook event (QR code below) and our JustGiving page online!



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.

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



Some of Our Adventures So Far this Year!

Fresher's Week

The club once again climbed Arthur's Seat en masse during Fresher's Week this year.



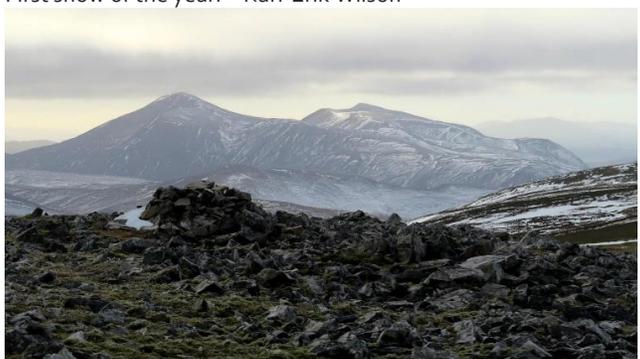
Kinlochleven Fresher's Weekend Trip

Jan Ditzen on the summit of Ben Challum – Callum Girdwood



Braemar Christmas Trip

First snow of the year! – Karl-Erik Wilson



Mountaineering Scotland Student Scrambling Weekend

A number of club members attending this weekend, learning scrambling skills – Rebecca Meacham



Ceilidh!

As ever ceilidhs continue to be a (wild) part of the club's social scene, with social secretaries Rosie Callan and Imogen Christopher running a very successful one in October. – Karl-Erik Wilson



Ratagan

A group on the South Shiel Ridge – Adam Carnall



With plenty more trips still to come I'm sure more epic photos will follow!