



## SCOTTISH ARCTIC CLUB

### Post 2010 AGM Newsletter - January 2011

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Liz Patterson and Stella Spratley*

[www.scottisharcticclub.org.uk](http://www.scottisharcticclub.org.uk)

*New members are welcome: the Club is for people of all ages and nationalities who have an interest in the Arctic, particularly if they have already been, or are planning to travel there. See the web site for an application form.*

#### Papers attached relating to the 2010 AGM:

- Minutes of the AGM held at The Landmark Hotel, Dundee 13 November 2010
- Membership Information List – Nov 2010

Last year's list has been updated to include all new members and remove lapsed and retired members. Email addresses have now been added to the list. It is hoped that this will help networking amongst members.

**Membership data may NOT be used for commercial purposes**

#### Money raised at the 2010 AGM for the Expedition Fund:

Many thanks to those who donated a total of £1263 to the expedition fund along with their subscriptions. Special thanks to Iain and Margaret Smart for a generous donation and for bringing a fine collection of arctic books to the AGM. The sale of these books raised £288. Thanks also to members who donated the splendid prizes for the raffle which raised £287, while the 'Guess the Malt Whisky' made a further £60 and sale of John Dunn's cards made £15. A total of £1913 was added to the Expedition Fund during the Supper weekend.

**42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Supper  
18th to 20th November 2011  
The Ben Nevis Hotel, Fort William  
Phone number 01397702331.  
[salesbennevis@strathmorehotels.com](mailto:salesbennevis@strathmorehotels.com)**

For 2011 we return to Fort William. The Supper will be held on Saturday 19 November 2011. The hotel has been booked for the nights of Friday 18th and Saturday 19th. Bed and breakfast - rate per person, per night in a double room is £32. There is a single supplement of £10.

SAC Secretary will circulate details for supper bookings in the autumn.

Meantime **BOOK DATES** in your diaries and **RESERVE YOUR HOTEL ROOM.**

**2011 SPRING MEET - Attadale  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

The 2011 Spring Meet of the Scottish Arctic Club will be held at Attadale Lodge near Strathcarron in Wester Ross from Saturday 7th - Saturday 14th May 2011. There are 4 self-catering cottages about a mile up the glen from the lodge with its magnificent gardens. It is a marvellous area for walking with numerous interesting tracks into the hills and lochs and across passes. There is also the garden to explore and Skye, Kintail, Applecross and even Torridon are not far away. We have booked 3 of these cottages for the week of Saturday 7 - Saturday 14 May 2011. This gives accommodation for 19 persons. It will allow us to be flexible with the length of time people wish to spend there i.e. from 2 days to 7 days and also when they wish to stay.

If you are interested in this Spring Meeting please contact:

**Kathleen Cartwright: 01389 830485, [arcturus@btinternet.com](mailto:arcturus@btinternet.com).**

### SAC Expedition Awards

Applications are invited for **Scottish Arctic Club Expedition Awards**. We favour small independent expeditions being undertaken by people under 30 years of age with strong Scottish connections. Only expeditions to the Arctic will be considered.

Applications should be submitted by 31 January of the year in which the expedition is taking place. In exceptional circumstances applications may be considered at other times.

See our web site: [www.scottisharcticclub.org.uk](http://www.scottisharcticclub.org.uk) for an application form for the Expedition fund, and for a list of previous awards.

Donations are always welcome for the Expedition Fund.

Information from Matt Tinsley:

#### 1) Digital maps of Greenland

The <http://nunagis.gl/> website is amazing!! I could probably spend a significant part of my life looking at maps of bits of Greenland through it.

#### 2) The **Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland Bulletin 21** (2010) is a

fascinating account by Tony Higgins of 'Exploration history and place names of northern East Greenland'. **Are you in it?** This is for sale or you can download the entire Bulletin (368 pages!) from [www.geus.dk/geuspage-uk.htm](http://www.geus.dk/geuspage-uk.htm)

### Talks at the Annual Gathering and Supper in Dundee, 13 November 2010

Almost 100 members and guests enjoyed these exciting presentations. Thanks to all the contributors.

#### **The Harding Ice Field, Alaska, 2010**

Banchory Academy [SAC Award]

#### **Exchange visit from Gjoa Haven school, 2010**

Fortrose Academy [SAC Award]

#### **BSES Expedition to Svalbard, 2010**

Timothy Hunter [SAC Award]

#### **The Arctic Voice Project**

Glen Morris [see [www.arcticvoice.org](http://www.arcticvoice.org) ]

#### **The Watkins' Mountains**

David Matthews

#### **Kong Oscar's Fjord, 2010**

Kathleen Cartwright

#### **Wildlife in Alaska, 2010**

Ronan Dugan

#### **Expeditions to Alaska and Greenland, 2010**

Chris Gilmore

#### **Svalbard 2010**

Maude Tiso

#### **Stauning Alps Expedition from**

**Dundee University, 1970.**John Peden

Thanks to Iain Roy for his AV expertise. It is hoped that some of these talks will be available on our web site.

Book review:

#### **Geological History of Greenland - Four billion years of Earth evolution, by Neils Henriksen**

[GEUS (2008), ISBN-13: 9788778712110]

This year Neville and I were lucky enough to be given as a Christmas present by my nephew, a copy of the recently published English edition of the Geological History of Greenland - Four billion years of Earth evolution. Written by Neils Henriksen and published by the Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland, it is a very impressive and fascinating book. It is beautifully and copiously illustrated with colour photographs, maps and drawings. It summarises the results of more than 60 years of geological investigation in Greenland and the surrounding shelf areas and is presented in a form that is suitable not only for the general, interested reader, but also for students and geologists without a specific knowledge of Greenland geology. It explains current geological concepts and theories relevant to the geology of Greenland in layman's terms and a review describes it as "one of the best books ever seen on geology for a broader public". Browsing through it made me want to return to Greenland as soon as possible with hopefully a much better understanding of the rocks and scenery. It is available from booksellers in the UK such as Amazon or you can always try to persuade a kind nephew that it is an ideal Christmas present!

**Kathleen Cartwright**

### Note from the new Secretary

A big 'thank you' to all the committee for their hard work during the year and who made the Annual Gathering and Supper such an enjoyable event. Kathleen Cartwright demits the President's office after 6 years on the committee and Iain Roy also leaves the committee. In taking over from Chris Ravey, who also leaves the committee, I will be learning on the job and I hope not to make too many errors as I get up to speed with what needs to be done when.

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