



Winter 2010 Newsletter

CRATHIE Opportunity Holidays

Patron: HRH The Duchess of Rothesay

**A great holiday opportunity on Royal Deeside for everyone,
with superb facilities for disabled people**

A Job Well Done

At our AGM in October Ed Bushnell, our Chairman for 13 years retired. Ed has been involved in Crathie Opportunity Holidays from the very beginning. He was one of the founding members whose hard work and dedication made sure the project got off the ground. It took five long years of fundraising to get the cottages up and fully equipped for disabled people and families to come and enjoy their holidays in Royal Deeside. The Directors presented him with a painting of the cottages. He has now passed on his role as Chairman to his Vice-Chair, Sheila Harrison.



Ed receiving a painting from Christine Sloan and Bob Webster

Golf Fundraising Day

On 16th October we had our golf fundraising day when our Patron, HRH The Duchess of Rothesay presented Ed with a photo album called A Job Well Done. It was a journal which told his story from the start of the project until the day he retired. It included all his Chairman reports and pictures from over the years. Our total raised from that day was over £4300.



Sir Marcus Humphrey, Ed, HRH Duchess of Rothesay, Sheila Harrison and Allan Fraser.

Message from The Chair Sheila Harrison

It is a privilege and an honour for me to be following in Ed's footsteps as Chair of Crathie Opportunity Holidays. Everyone here will miss his wise counsel but we shall continue to follow the path set by the Board under his leadership. As always, we shall welcome comments and suggestions from you our guests on how we can enhance your holiday experience with us. We look forward to meeting you all again in 2011 and, in the meantime, a very Happy Christmas and New Year to you all.



Short break holiday offer 4 nights for the price of 3

Give us a call or send an email to book your short break and mention that you saw this offer advertised in our newsletter.

Short breaks available from
1st November 2010 to 31st March 2011

£75 per night per cottage

Subject to availability

Refurbishment



After our golf fundraising day last October 2009 we raised enough money to refurbish Gairn. We have renewed the curtains and re-upholstered the settee and chair and have also added new light fittings and flooring. In the New Year all the other three cottages will be getting refurbished to the highest standard. We would love to know what you think of the new look when you come on holiday.

Bathroom Ceiling Track Hoists

We have now fitted overhead tracks to allow ceiling hoists to be used in the bathroom in Girnock, Gelder and Clunie cottages, thanks to a very generous donation from the late HM Sheridan, Ballater's famous butcher and from the Charitable Chiels in Ballater.

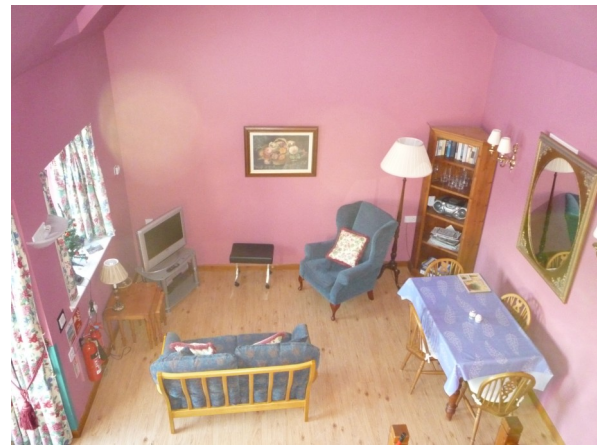


These donations also allowed us to fit a wall-mounted shower stretcher in **Gelder** cottage—it has fold down support legs and can be folded flat against the wall when not in use.



We're sure many of you have been inconvenienced by the recent weather.... but it does allow for some beautiful days.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy, Warm and Peaceful
New Year



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