

**Black Dog Meet**

**No. 214 Braemar**

**Friday 13th – Sunday 15th December 2019**

**In Attendance**

Charles Alexander, David Cameron, Wull Clark, Owen Clark, Gillian Clark, Gerry Feeney, Valerie Inglis, Liz Kennedy, Richard Marwood, Peter Robertson, Alan Sewell, Russell Shanks, Lorna Smith, Tony Smith, James Yeats, Rachel Yeats

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**Hills Climbed**

**Friday** Charles & Gerry Creag nan Gabhar (834m)

**Saturday** All Carn na Drochaide (818m) and

 Creag a’Chleirich (650m)

 Peter Jock’s Road

**Sunday** Alan Morrone (859m)

**Weather**

The weather was kind to us for December. Windy and cold on Saturday, but clear and dry and a bit wet on Friday.

**Notes / Highlights**

We returned to Braemar for the 3rd time for the club’s Christmas meet. Perfect venue for cooking the communal dinner and for listening to the band.

Gerry and Charles were the only ones to walk on the Friday, on a local Corbett, and were the only ones to need the drying room over the weekend. All but Owen, Gillian and Peter arrived on Friday and preparations for Xmas dinner commenced.

It had been agreed to hold the AGM that evening as most of the club members would be present. Tony gave his report as Secretary providing all the club stats, and Gerry provided his report as Chair, announcing that he was stepping down from his role. Charles provided his treasurer report and also announced he was stepping down. Rachel, who is an accountant to trade, volunteered to take over the Treasurer role, and I was nominated as Chair. There were no objections (not voiced anyway) and the new committee was now in place.

On Saturday we had our annual communal walk and we all car shared round to Allanaquoich and the start of Carn na Drochaide. It was a good walk, perfect for the time of year, with not much snow to speak of, and the route made easier by the new bridge that had been put in place, after the old one was taken out a few years ago.

The Christmas celebrations started back at the hostel with mulled wine and mince pies and after showers everybody mucked in preparing veg and arranging and setting the tables.

Peter, Owen and Gillian all arrived in time for dinner and Kate from the hostel joined us too. We had an additional guest, courtesy of Tony and Lorna, in the shape of a life-size Lurch - who stood in the corner flashing and looking festive. He was good company – didn’t eat much and kept quiet. A perfect companion!! And he managed not to get arrested for the flashing!

Dinner was great, and many thanks are extended to the chefs – to Wull for the soup and to Tony and Lorna for main courses and loads of pre-planning and preparation. I made some desserts which seemed to go down well too. Altogether a veritable feast!

The resident band, Al and Richard, played a fine repertoire, with club members joining in on percussion and attempting to sing along. Many thanks to the band for the entertainment. I believe they have since separated and subsequently reformed. We look forward to Christmas 2020 and their comeback gig!

Thanks again to everybody who took part in the prep, the service and importantly the washing up. Without everybody taking part, it wouldn’t have been the success it was.

### Next meet

Crianlarich 17th to 19th January – meet organiser David.

*Valerie ☺*