

**Black Dog Meet**

**No. 216 Corran**

Friday 14th - Sunday 16th February 2020

**In Attendance**

Charles Alexander Valerie Inglis

David Cameron Alan Sewell

Wull Clark Lorna Smith

Gerry Feeney Tony Smith

Liz Kennedy James Yeats

# **“Mountains” Climbed**

**Saturday**

Lorna, Tony & Gerry Druim na Birlinn (206m) and An Torr (102m)

Tony Cuil Cheanna (95m) and

Druim nan Sleibhean (125m)

**Weather**

The outstanding event for the weekend was storm Dennis. The associated strong winds (forecast to 100mph on higher hills) and heavy rain precluded any ventures onto higher hills.

**Notes / Highlights**

# Given the weather forecast it is not surprising that plans for significant hills were quickly changed and Janey & Mike, who were due to attend, did the sensible thing and stayed at home.

On Friday Val, Davie, Liz and Wull had a low level walk. They went for a 5.5 K wander up Glen Righ from the Inchree car park then turned back along the track. The weather was a wonderful mix of rain, sleet and hail all driven up the glen by a rather stiff breeze.

Alan had a good workout on the climbing wall at Brechin Campus where he met Fiona O'Neill and her brother, before driving across. The rest of the party travelled directly over to Corran.

Saturday:-

Val, Davie, Liz, Wull, James and Charles walked from a well laid out parking area at Fassfern up Gleann Suileag on mainly forest tracks to the Glensulaig bothy. The bothy was dry and stocked with firewood, candles and some basic food essentials. The shelter offered a welcome respite from the wind and rain while a snack was consumed. Return was by the same route and by this time the river was a raging torrent. The walk was mostly sheltered in the trees but the last bit was exposed to Dennis. This route offers a good track approach to Meall Phubuill, apart from a steepish ascent for the last 1.5 K.

Alan had a good day at the Ice Factor National Ice Climbing Centre at Kinlochleven where he climbed on the self-belaying routes and on the bouldering wall.

Tony, Lorna and Gerry had a nicely sheltered walk, apart from the summit itself, from Inchree. This was followed by coffee at The Clachaig and, once the path was correctly located, a stroll up the adjacent knoll, reportedly the least interesting hill in Glencoe. After lunch back at the hostel Tony ventured out again for another couple of local tops.

We all spent the rest of the afternoon in the cosy comfortable hostel lounge, except for supporting the local economy by a trip to Fort William to purchase wine and a warm jacket and another trip to Balachullish to buy other supplies. A further attempt to support the local economy was thwarted as the bar across the loch did not open till 4pm. The ferry crossing was very smooth considering the wind strength.

Everybody just headed home on Sunday because of Dennis.

With the high demand for popular hostels, and the need to book early, a provisional meet list for 2021 was drawn up. Corran was booked for February 12th and June 25th. The meet list will be circulated separately.

**Next Meet**

Tulloch, March 6th to 8th. The meet organiser is Wull Clark.

*Charles*