

# **Black Dog Meet**

No. 223 Glen Esk

Saturday 22nd May 2021

## **In Attendance**

Charles Alexander Richard Marwood Lorna Smith Rachel Yeats Mike McLaggan Alan Sewell Tony Smith James Yeats

Jane Blues (guest) + "Buster" (the dog)

### **Mountains Climbed**

All

Creag na h-Iolaire (Hill of the Eagle) (454m)

### **Weather**

Breezy, cool and bright with passing rain/hail showers.

### **Notes / Highlights**

The drive up the glen involved dodging floods and a fallen tree as well as the usual pot holes – perhaps the flooding should have warned us what was to come!

From Tarfside car park we headed up the good track towards Baillies (farm). Easy going until we reached the Water of Tarf which, given the recent heavy rain, was running very high. Mike, Alan and Charles set off upstream to find a better crossing whilst Richard, and then others, decided a direct approach was best, despite the inevitable wet feet.

The six then took a direct route following the fence to the summit expecting to find the others already there. But no and after what seemed like a long wait we began to wonder if we needed to launch a search party. However all eventually gathered safely at the summit to welcome me to my final Angus hill. Following the Water upstream had proven difficult over rough, steep and wet ground. We will know next time and all returned by the more straightforward 'direct' route.

### **Next Meet**

Corran, 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> June. Organiser is Charles Alexander. Fully booked. *Tony*