 **Black Dog Meet**

**No. 241 Arran**

**23 – 25 September 2022**

**In Attendance**

Charles Alexander, David Cameron, Wull Clark, Valerie Inglis, Liz Kennedy, John McGill, Alan

Sewell, James Yeats and Rachel Yeats

# **Hills Climbed**

**Friday**

Al Cioch na h-Oighe (661m), Mullach Buidhe (819m), North Goatfell (818m) and Goatfell (874m)

David, Liz, Valerie & Wull Mullach Buidhe (721m)

Charles, James & Rachel Goat Fell (874m)

**Saturday**

Al Beinn a Chliabhain (675m) and A’Chir (745m)

James, Liz, Valerie & Wull Beinn Tarsuinn (826m), Cir Mhor (799m) and

 Caisteal Abhail (859m)

Charles & Rachel Laggan Circuit

**Weather**

Friday was good with a wee shower, but Saturday was perfect in every way with clear blue skies, sunshine and a cool breeze.

**Notes / Highlights**

**Friday**

**Al**

After ticking off half a dozen Grahams in the Cowal peninsula on the way to the Claionaig ferry, I arrived on Arran mid-morning on the Friday. I headed around to Glen Sannox and had a nice scramble up Cioch na h-Oighe, over Mullach Buidhe and North Goatfell then on to Goatfell itself. I headed back via The Saddle and down Glen Sannox. Fantastic views all day.

**David, Liz, Valerie & Wull**

We got the early ferry from Ardrossan and drove round to Pirnmill to climb the only Graham (Mullach Buidhe) on the island. It had been brilliant sunshine on arrival in Brodick, but the other side of the island was in mist on arrival. Fortunately, it quickly cleared and ended up a lovely day. It was a smashing wee hill, with some really interesting terrain and great views. Thoroughly recommended.

**Charles, James & Rachel**

We climbed Goat Fell from the Wineport Bistro car park following the well-defined tourist path. Many people were encountered on this very popular walk. The weather was clear and bright with one heavy short shower on the return.

**Saturday**

**Al**

 I headed down to Glen Rosa with the rest of the team. Going our separate ways I headed over Beinn a Chliabhain before heading around to traverse A’Chir. The scramble along the ridge was brilliant with the summit block being trickier than I had expected, and with the rope the Le Mauvais Pas was easily dispatched. I headed back down via Fionn Choire and Glen Rosa. Again the weather was fantastic and the views stunning.

**James, Liz, Valerie & Wull**

We had just the best day on the traverse of the three Corbetts (missing out Goat Fell). Thanks to Al we left one car at the end of the walk and Al took us all round to the start at Glen Rosa. The five of us all set off together and then Al headed off to more exciting terrain whilst we headed up to Beinn Nuis on our way to our first Corbett. The hills on Arran are magnificent – ridges galore and incredible views all around. It was surprisingly quiet considering the fact that it was the September weekend, and we only saw a handful of people all day until we got to the third Corbett when we saw a few more folk. We by-passed the A Cir ridge (surprising how little trodden the path appeared) and the Witch’s Step but still enjoyed the full beauty of the ridges on the Arran hills. Not sure I’d give our choice of descent a gold medal, but it didn’t spoil the day.

**Charles & Rachel**

We set off from the bunkhouse at 12pm and walked a clockwise route of the Laggan Circuit. The first half of the walk was along the shoreline with some easy scrambling in places.
We met a couple walking in the opposite direction to us and the gentleman turned out to be a distant relative of Charles’s!
We walked past the Cock of Arran and Ossian’s cave and turned inland when we reached the derelict cottage at Laggan. After a short, but steep climb the path evened out and we climbed back over the hill before our descent back down to Lochranza.
We had great views as it was a beautiful Autumnal day.

Thank you 😊

*Valerie*

**Next Meet**

Boat of Garten, 21 – 23 October, 2022

Meet organiser – James Yeats