

#### Black Dog Meet

**No. 245 Logierait, Perthshire**

**Friday 20th - Sunday 22th January 2023**

**In Attendance**

Charles Alexander, Gerry Feeney, Davie Cameron, Lorna Smith, Tony Smith, Val Inglis, Wull Clark, Owen Clark, James Yeats, David Mackay and Liz Kennedy.

**Routes and summits**

**Friday**

Gerry & Charles Birnham Hill (404m)

Tony & Lorna Meall na Moine (744m)

David M Ben Vrackie (841m)

Valerie & Davie C Blath Bhalg (641m)

**Saturday**

Tony, Lorna, Gerry & Charles Geal Charn (792m)

Val, Wull, Davie & Liz Creag a’ Mhadaidh (612m)

James, Owen & David M Blath Bhalg (641m)

**Sunday**

No walks en route home.

**Route Summaries**

**Friday**

**Charles and Gerry** climbed Birnam Hill. Cold bright day with good views. No snow but ground frozen hard.

**Lorna and Tony** enjoyed a fine sunny winter walk up Meall na Moine (744m), a northern outlier of the Corbett Beinn a'Chuallaich (BDMC meet 140 December 2013), from the B847 Trinafour to Kinloch Rannoch road. Hard work up though deep drifted snow which was not yet sufficiently compacted to walk 'on' rather than 'through' but the stunning views from the summit made the extra effort worthwhile.

**Val and Davie C**. climbed the Graham Blath Bhalg (641m) as a warm-up for the weekend. An absolutely glorious day without a cloud in the sky, and the surrounding bigger hills clad with snow looked very impressive in the sunlight. The snow was quite deep over the long grass and heather. Fortunately, a group of walkers had done the hard work and cut trail so their effort was greatly reduced. Great wee walk.

**David M** had originally planned to travel up to the meet late afternoon.

Given the stunning morning conditions he decided to pack his bags early and go for a short walk to enjoy the sun. He arrived in Pitlochry early afternoon and took the well-established track to the summit of Ben Vrackie. White hills, blue sky, almost no wind...what was there not to like.

**Saturday**

**James, Owen and David M** intended to climb Meall Buidhe in Glen Lyon but on checking the weather forecast they were deterred by the high winds and poor visibility. After a quick discussion they headed for the Graham Blath Bhalg about 6km North East of Pitlochry. From the car park they followed an ATV track up on to the ridgeline then followed footprints in the snow all the way to the top (*perhaps the footprints of Val and Davie? – ed).* The weather was better than forecasted, being generally clear and wind not too strong.

**Lorna and Tony** headed back to Kinloch Rannoch with **Gerry and Charles.** They walked Geal Charn (792m) using the hill track south from Tempar on the minor Schiehallion road. Like the previous day, this track was very icy in places and under deep drifted snow in others, so they made slow but steady progress in rather poor visibility to a very windy summit. After minimal debate all agreed to head back from this point rather than continue south to a second Simm as originally planned.

After consulting a collection of forecasts **Val, Wull, Davie and Liz** headed for Creag a’ Mhadaidh (612m Graham) to the north of Loch Rannoch.  The weather was very grey, but they had good visibility as they walked 8k along a snowy track before a fortunately short trudge across pathless moor to the summit.

Their walk out was straightforward, giving them a total of 18k for the day.  A good choice for the weather conditions and amount of daylight.

Logierait Lodges “offered great accommodation making a good base for Perthshire hills” so we are booking it again for same time next year.

The “Remote” meet organiser Richard was unable to attend, so appointed “on-site” meet manager Gerry. Thanks Gerry.

*Richard*

**Next Meet**

**Corran**

February 17th

Organiser Wull Clark