**Black Dog Meet**

**No. 252 Tyndrum**

**21st – 23rd July 2023**

**In Attendance**

Charles Alexander, David Cameron, Owen Clark, Wull Clark, Valerie Inglis, Liz Kennedy, Richard Marwood, Ruth Marwood, Alan Sewell, Lorna Smith, Tony Smith, James Yeats

# **Hills Climbed**

**Friday**

Alan Beinn nan Lus (709m) and Meall Garbh (701m)

Tony, Lorna & Charles Stob Creagach (906m)

**Saturday**

Owen & James Beinn a'Chochuill (980m) and Beinn Eunaich (989m)

David Ben Oss (1028m)

Tony, Lorna & Charles Beinn Chuirn (880m) and South top (773m)

Alan Stob Mhic Bheathain (721m)

Valerie, Wull & Liz Beinn nan Aighenan (957m)

**Sunday**

Tony, Lorna & Charles Creag an Lochan (840m)

**Weather**

The weather was dry and sunny with clear views on the lower hills, some clouds around on the Munros during the morning and cold for the time of year.

**Notes / Highlights**

This was the club’s first visit to the By The Way Hostel at Tyndrum. Mixed experiences and mixed feelings about a return visit. Very limited area of comfortable seating, some of us had old style mummy sheet sleeping bags, which are pretty unhygienic really, and the toilet roll and dispensers were pretty abysmal. Other than that, the facilities were fine and although really busy with campers, hobbit houses etc, the hostel itself was quite peaceful.

**Friday**

**Alan:** I climbed Beinn nan Lus (709m) and Meall Garbh (701m) from Inverawe. The forecast all week had been sketchy which nearly put me off going for these hills. However blue skies and a cooling breeze made the 40km plus round trip almost enjoyable. Stunning views and a couple of eagles made for a memorable day. For anyone interested in doing these hills, a new hydro scheme has been installed on the Allt Hallater and a path makes access on to Beinn nan Lus easier. Likewise, there is now a better track on the south side of Glen Kinglass which makes for faster bike access up the Glen.

**Tony, Lorna, Charles:** Parked just off A85 about 5 ml east of Crianlarich at the start of a good forestry track which provided easy access to our target hill. A warm and sunny afternoon made for rather slower going than anticipated but we were rewarded with fine views of the adjacent Ben More and Stob Binnein.

**Saturday**

**Owen, James** - We set off from the Castle Farm parking area and headed up the track towards Beinn a'Chochuill after 3.75km we turned left up the grassy slope to the ridge. Unfortunately, we encountered cloud at around 950m so no views from the top. From the top we walked east down the ridge and up onto Beinn Eunaich, by now the cloud cover had cleared, form here we headed south down the ridge back to the car. The weather was dry with the early cloud clearing by midday.

**David** – I did Ben Oss (109m) on its own, in low cloud and no rain to speak of, but it was around.

**Tony, Lorna, Charles** - Unusually we were able to walk directly from the hostel, crossing the railway to follow the forest road through to join the Cononish mine road. About a mile beyond the farm we took a direct and steep grassy route to the south top and thence easily to the main Corbett summit. For our return route we took a line just west of the Eas Anie waterfall (very little flow) to rejoin the main track. Another fine day despite the early forecast of heavy rain.

**Alan** - I climbed my final Ardgour Graham Stob Mhic Bheathain (721m) by cycling up Glen Scaddle. The restrictions on the Corran ferry fortunately didn’t cause me any issues, however, the queues were horrendous in the afternoon heading for Ardgour. The track up Glen Scaddle has been improved since my last visit, but only half way up the glen. Dumping the bike at Tighnacomaire the walk up to the summit was uneventful but the views again were stunning.

**Richard, Ruth** - Ruth having sustained recent injury to her foot, Richard and Ruth avoided the high mountains. Instead they cycled a traffic-free 5hr return trip on Cycle Route 78 on the West coast north from Benderloch, enjoying some fresh Cullen Skink at Port Appin. A sea swim at Tralee bay at the end of the day.

**Valerie, Wull, Liz** – We decided to try our Munro from the south instead of the usual route from Glen Etive. It was a beautiful route, with some stunning scenery, but it was a long walk in, which was obviously much longer on the way out. The hill itself was rough and trackless, but with good visibility was easy to navigate. The final ridge was windy and really quite cold, but we hunkered down off the summit and had a bite to eat with views out to sea and all round the coastal hills. Would recommend the route, but it is a long walk – 31km in total.

**Sunday**

**Tony, Lorna, Charles -** An easy couple of hours directly up from a small car park to the north of Lochan na Lairige on the Lawers mountain road.

Good weekend with lots of ticks all round – the achievement ticks and not the blood suckers!

Thank you 😊

**Next Meet**

Ratagan, 18th – 20th August 2023

Meet organiser – Tony Smith

*Valerie*