**Black Dog Meet**

**No. 268 Great Glen**

18th – 20th October 2024

**In Attendance**

Charles Alexander, David Cameron, Wull Clark, Valerie Inglis, Liz Kennedy, Lorna Smith and Tony Smith

# **Hills Climbed**

**Friday**

David, Liz, Valerie & Wull Stob Coire a’ Chearcaill (771m)

Charles, Lorna & Tony Glas Bheinn (648m)

**Saturday**

David, Valerie & Wull Meall Dearg (953m)

Charles, Liz, Lorna & Tony Beinn Bhreac (441m) &

Meall nan Ruadhag (446m)

**Weather**

Windy, wet, not quite so wet, not quite so windy, very wet, very windy, quite nice, mental.

**Notes / Highlights**

The hostel was really quiet, so even though we only had the tiny kitchen to work with it was just about manageable, if lacking in some basics. After perseverance with the drying room, the staff got the heater and dehumidifier working, so all was good in that respect.

**Friday**

David, Liz, Valerie and Wull stayed at Corran on the Thursday night to get an early start on a local Munro. However, with the forecast for gales and torrential rain, the plan changed to a more manageable target in the shape of a Corbett on Ardgour. The morning was surprisingly clear and dry, but as the day went on the weather came in, the wind picked up, the rain fell and what little views we had were soon lost. It was, however, a good choice for the conditions and still a good day out.

Charles, Lorna and Tony took a short detour up Glen Roy on the way over from Montrose. The small parking area just before the road end at Brae Roy Lodge was surprisingly almost full and we did meet a few folk whilst walking along the estate road. A mile or so after the Falls of Roy we struck straight up the easy grassy slopes to the very breezy summit, returning, after a short refreshment break on the “sheltered” side by the same route.

**Saturday**

The weather forecast for Glencoe looked promising, so David, Valerie and Wull set off for Meall Dearg, the plan being to take the route from the north. It turned out to be a really nice way onto the ridge – lovely glen, pretty waterfalls, great views and reasonable weather too. A bit boggy at the start but nothing like as bad as we had been led to believe. The ridge of the Aonach Eagach was terribly impressive as always and very atmospheric appearing and disappearing in the mist. There were a few people on it too in spite of the wet and windy forecast. We were so lucky and enjoyed good weather for a very nice day out!

Liz joined the ‘east coast crew’ for our attempt on Ben Tee from Mandally. This route involves a river ford which, perhaps predictably, proved impossible in the wet conditions. A rough tramp upstream failed to find a significantly easier crossing point, so we opted to tackle the two adjacent smaller tree covered hills (Humps) instead. We found a good, if rather wet, route though the woods to rejoin our outward track around a mile from the car.

**Sunday**

We all escaped home via the A9 due to storm warnings in the west and managed to squeeze in a wee breakfast at the Ballinluig Motogrill. Always a welcome stop.

**Next Meet**

Moffat, 15th – 17th November 2024

Organiser – Alan Sewell

*Valerie*