**Black Dog Meet**

**No. 270 Braemer**

13th - 15th December 2024

**In Attendance**

Charles Alexander, David Cameron, Owen Clark, Wull Clark, Gerry Feeney, Valerie Inglis, Liz Kennedy, Richard Marwood, Peter Robertson, Lorna Smith, Tony Smith, James Yeats and Rachel Yeats

# **Hills Climbed**

**Friday**

Charles, David, Gerry, Liz & Valerie Morrone (859m)

Lorna & Tony The Knock (355m) and Creagh Phiobaidh (449m)

**Saturday**

All Sgor an h-lolaire (544m) and Creag nam Ban (527m)

**Weather**

Very cold, some freezing clag on Friday on Morrone, but otherwise clear and bright – just what you need for a winter meet in December.

**Notes / Highlights**

Great to be back at Rucksacks for our annual festive weekend and communal walk and dinner on the Saturday. The AGM and planning of the meet list for 2026 took place on the Friday night.

**Friday**

The Morrone team all met at the hostel in the morning for a late morning start to climb the Corbett just at the back of Braemar. There was some residual frozen snow and ice around on the tracks but nothing requiring ice axes or crampons. It was super cold though - a biting wind towards the summit and on the descent down to Auchallater. I think we were all glad to get back down for a heat in the hostel, or a visit to the coffee shop for some of the group.

Tony and Lorna, after reccying the start point for the Saturday walk, climbed a couple of Tumps – fine little hills with good views from the latter.

**Saturday**

The group walk started at a parking area in the woods just off the B976 in between Crathie and Ballater. It was a grand walk, initially on a track through the forest, and then onto the hillside. Although nothing much in the way of tracks, the going was easy and navigation straight forward. Good to be out together on our annual communal walk.

**Sunday**

We all went home.

**Next Meet**

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Organiser – Valerie Inglis

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