

I realise 6 months have passed since I wrote the last Newsletter in March and that somehow I failed to report on the Club's activities after the Summer week in Blairmore in June. It was a cold wet Spring and some outings were cancelled but there were some Day Meets with reports written by participants which can be seen on the Club website,

The Boat of Garten weekend back in April seems like a distant memory now but although cold with snow on the tops the weather behaved and the 7 members who attended all climbed a hill on the Saturday with four heading off to the Corbett Ben Rinnes while the other three went in the opposite direction to the road between Laggan and Garva Bridge and climbed the Graham, Creag Ruadh from Spey Dam. Both groups had excellent views from the tops of their hill



View from Ben Rinnes



Loch Laggan and Creag Meagaidh from Creag Ruadh

May was not a good month but the weather behaved for the Club week to Blairmore in June. It was an area none of us had explored before and Les, Irene and Len concentrated on ticking off as many of the Cowal Grahams as they could manage while others explored the area while remaining mostly at a lower altitude although Harry managed a good day on the most Southerly of the Cowal Grahams. All of us enjoyed coastal walks, Ben More Gardens were visited and a lovely day was spent when we met up with Yvonne and had a walk exploring the South end of the Isle of Bute. One, unusual for us, aspect of the very comfortable house by the shore of Loch Long that we stayed in was that we could see the Erskine Bridge and the cranes of Greenock from the living room window! We are more used to being in the remoter parts of the NW Highlands or on an island! We watched large cruise ships and container ships going up and down the Firth of Clyde and were also on the lookout for submarines but I don't think any were spotted but there were occasional porpoises and seals in the water just across the road from the house. The next photo of most of the group shows the view and was taken in the garden and the photo beside it was taken just up the road looking up Loch Long towards the Arrochar hills. Those that follow these are labelled separately.





on Bute with Yvonne

view of Arran from Bute



On approach to the Corbett Cnoc Coinnich    Loch Fyne from lower slopes of Cruach nam Mult



There have been some good Day Meets in what, by general consensus, has not been a Summer of warm settled weather! In June a good day was spent on the Munros, An Caisteal and Beinn a Chroin which were climbed from Glen Falloch. In July Len was delighted at finally managing to tick off Cnap Cruinn, an obscure Graham just to the North of the Grey Corries and involving a long drive to the starting point near Fersit. In August Les, Irene and Catherine spent a rather grey day ticking off the Graham which is the Southern top of Shee of Ardtalnaig on the South side of Loch Tay and which misses Corbett status by about 4 metres. Recently (mid September) seven members met at Broxden for a lower level walk, as scheduled on the Meet List, and after some discussion as to the weather prospects for the day two cars set off for Comrie. The weather turned out slightly better than forecast with only one brief shower of any significance and the group set out on a circuit of Glen Lednock going up the West side on paths passing Deil's Caldron and then ascending to the Melville Monument. From there they continued up the Glen on a path to Funtulich and then returned to Comrie following paths on the East side of the Glen. The total distance was about 9 miles and all agreed it had turned out to be a good and enjoyable day.



on the An Caisteal and Beinn a Chroin Munros



on the summit of Cnap Cruinn



interesting feature of Shee of Ardtalnaig



The Glen Lednock walk

The Day Meet photos have all been supplied by Catherine who I think did well to manage to zoom in on a red squirrel in Glen Lednock!

As I round off this Newsletter I have just looked at my emails and seen that it is looking as if a group of four are planning to head off tomorrow with the intention of climbing the Corbett, Beinn Mholach, which is the hill down on the Club Meet List for tomorrow! The forecast I believe is reasonable although as with all of the past week it will be cooler than average for September. We seem to have avoided the downpours Southern England have been getting and although I have had my heating switched on every morning and evening I have had clear views of the Glenshee hills from my window each day! Hopefully members will be able to enjoy some good Autumn days amongst the hills.

Jean