Selection from 2018 -2021 Includes the Covid years and the joys of 2018-19

December delights in late 2021

'Probably my best December hill day ever'. Off at dawn, back at dusk, sunshine and cloud inversion on Ring of Steall.







A stunning day on D Gully Buttress & Curved Ridge







Autumn 2021 maintenance at Huts and views

A delight to meet up with members again at our huts. Some of the views interesting! Blackrock water 'cleaning' and the sunset.





Milehouse views and growth





Spring and into summer 2021

More lockdown, but after the end of April we had limited use of our huts to members and out came the cameras. Tower Ridge from CIC Hut and looking back to the view.





Last Graham from Helmsdale Aonach Eagach on Open Meet -





Spring & Summer 2020

Did Covid-19 Lockdown and restrictions deter us? No way! Some members could walk onto hills or green spaces. Others inspected local maps, found hitherto unknown trig points, carved bears, bluebell woods and more in urban areas.

Once we were able to travel, wild camping provided 'away' accommodation - low level, with bikes, or high on the Cairngorm plateau. Then it was on with our usual activities: walking, scrambling, climbing.

Remote camp for early start to Beinn Bhreac.

Scrambling on Lurcher's Crag, from Milehouse





Later our huts opened for Members - with Mini Meets.

Opinan slabs near Ronnan and



blue sky near Ronnan on Mini Meet



A stunning Skye Meet at Coruisk, Sept 2019 (Pre-Covid now!)

Where to go from Coruisk? Up the Dubh slabs of course and onto the ridge.





Arran early May 2019

Stunning clear views if a touch chilly on the summits - those glorious ridges from the north. Then the way ahead via the sweep left then right... into the distance.





The purists on the A'Chir ridge ...blue sky ... Scotland at its best.





Alps summer 2018

Over the years the Club had a variety of Alpine meets. This summer we were at Saas Grund. Initial acclimatisation included; walking to the Britannia Hut, up to Hohsaas 4,000 m peak trail, the Jegihorn klettersteig - all over 300 m, and some cragging at Zum Kapellenweg.





Other routes included: the walk/scramble to the Mischabel Hut for the Ulrichshorn (3925m); the traverse of the Weissmies (4023m) in perfect conditions, see photo; towards the Allalinhorn (4027m) by the Hohlaub glacier and back to Britannia Hut; the klettersteig on the Mittaghorn added to the fun. A later trip to Allalinhorn summit. In-between, some multi-pitch routes near SAAS Almagell; walked nature trails; cragged at the amazing Feechi gorge only 10 minutes walk from the campsite; and 2 who had bikes did cycle runs. Enjoyed by members, prospectives and friends alike.

Easter on Skye 2018 - more winter than spring

Various hills climbed in snow conditions on Friday by members 'on the way' north. Saturday, two members set off for a Graham on the Trotternish ridge and enjoyed the views. A larger group traversed over Belig to Garbh-bheinn with mixed rock and hard snow, crampons essential. While two others investigated ice climbing conditions.





On the Sunday, a group traversed Glamaig from the north meeting others coming up over Beinn Dearg Mhor. Two members climbed up to Sgurr nan Gillean with its interesting 'mixed rock and snow' scramble to the summit.

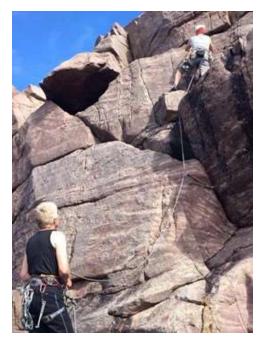
Three ice climbers went up Nicholson Chimney (III, alt leads) W ridge to Sgurr nan Gillean and down via SE Ridge returning in the dark, see photo to right (or below for mobile phone screen). A great Easter Meet.

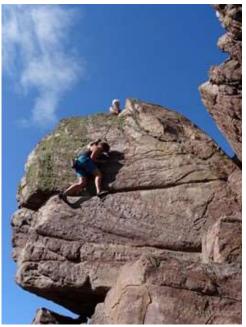
Ronnan Cottage August 2017

The climbing from Ronnan can be superb -

On Friday two members tackled Baosbheinn, while another went up Beinn Airigh Charr, with a river crossing giving pause for thought - but where there is a will there is a way! Three others went in search of rock to climb, eventually climbing Neptune's Wall at Slaggan (Gob a' Gheodha).

More members arrived on Friday night. On Saturday a keen climbing party set out for Slaggan cliffs (at Gob a' Gheodha) again, this time by the lovely walk in from Mellon Charles. Five climbed all day in glorious sunshine at Atlantic Avenue and had a go at anything between Diff and E1 (the former soloed, the latter on a toprope, and the in between in the usual manner). Those who had long walks on Friday opted for a gentler time, and walked over from Slaggan spending the afternoon sunbathing. The icing on the cake (for some) was a swim at Slaggan Bay.





On Sunday with indifferent weather, some made an ascent of Meall a'Ghiubhais. While others set off for the through walk from Gruinard Bay to Loch na Sealga and back along the Gruinard River. Two managed a few routes at Jetty Buttress.

Rum in May - and the Cullin ridge

Members arrived on the afternoon of a heat wave at 26 C, so opted for a cooler late pm walk to Barkeval to view the Rum Cullin ridge, <u>read more....</u> (and see slide show).

