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Meet Report: The Pottery Bunkhouse, Laggan, 13th & 14th February

Contributed by Barry Tindell

The Pottery approached faster than I expected so I hadn't really made up my mind what I wanted to do, so the Thursday before nearly ended in a melt-down. I hadn't been near a hill since Boxing Day and knew I was unfit so didn't want to take on anything too much but Jim Donald soon changed that Creag Meagaidh it was or wasn't whatever way you want to look at so me and new Jim headed up to the car park and waited for ambitious Jim to arrive. There's not much more to say about the day without the use of a few swear words so I'll leave it at that. Afterwards I faced my next challenge the 20 mile round trip for a bottle of Irn Bru. Friday night was quite enjoyable never seen so many people have so much fun with plastic cups [*the mind boggles!*].

Saturday morning started in disaster, I forgot my bread to make my lunch so back on the road again sixteen mile round trip this time to be met by the lonely shopkeeper from chewing the fat, went in for 8 rolls and came out needing therapy, anyway back on track lunch made, packed and ready to go when Olly arrived. Disaster number two struck when approaching the car park for the hill I realised I forgot my boots so after a few swear words Olly kindly drove me back for them. Geal Charn what can I say - enough to put someone off hill walking for life if that was someone's first munro. I'd bet they never would climb another, a long boring cold slog and zero visibility thrown in as a bonus, thank Christ that one's ticked off.

Back at the bunkhouse it was a quiet night for me and headed to bed early as I had to leave at 6 to make my work on the Sunday morning, not the best weekend so far but still better than a weekend in the ghetto.

Stuart Malpas – back on the hill !!!

By Dave Paton

Longtime members may remember someone in the club called Stuart Malpas. Newer members will know him from his mythical status (started by Stuart himself by the way).

It is with some excitement that I have to report that Stuart climbed a hill (actually 2) on Sunday 8th February. This is the first time he has been spotted on a hill since the Wales meet. Could we be seeing more of him?

Joking aside it was good to see Stuart out again.

After consulting the weather forecast, the East seemed to offer the best in the way of sunshine, so we opted for a fairly easy day in Glen Shee. The targets were Creag Leacach and Glas Maol. So not a tick for either of us!



It proved to be an excellent choice as we had a short but glorious day of sunshine on snow.

Hopefully the pictures capture some of this.



2015 Meet Dates

Jan 9 th /10 th	Calluna, Fort William
Feb 13 th /14 th	The Pottery Bunkhouse, Laggan
March 13 th /14 th	Ling Hut, Torridon
April 10 th /11 th	Muir of Inver, Braemar
May 1 st /2 nd /3 rd	Station Bunkhouse, Plockton
June 5 th /6 th	Ariundle Centre, Strontian
July 10 th /11 th	Strawberry Cottage, Glen Affric
August 7 th /8 th	Glenbrittle Memorial Hut, Skye
Sept 4 th /5 th	Sail Mhor, Dundonnell
October 2 nd /3 rd	Inver Croft, Achnasheen
November 6 th /7 th	Mill Cottage, Feshiebridge
December TBC	Christmas Meet, tba

[Cross Country Skiing in Finland]



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