CULTER HILLWALKING CLUB

MONDAY WALKS

## 2022 PROGRAMME

Mon 17th Jan Culblean Hill (606m) NJ398007 **OS37 Strathdon** 12km, 400m ascent. From Cambus o May, a circuit of path and considerable heather offpath, great views. Will be changed if roads unsuitable. NJ479642 OS29 Banff & Huntly Mon 21st Feb Bin of Cullen (320m) 15km, 400m ascent. Start in Cullen at seaside carpark for a circular, including Castle Hill (motte) and viewing Cullen House for your potential retirement flat. Not Sturdy Hill (528m) NO605777 OS45 Stonehaven Mon 21st Mar 18km, 450m ascent, A circuit from Fettercairn, climbing to near Sturdy Hill (an optional extra if trig point wanted), then going NE before dropping down to pass Fasque House on return to start. Track. And a little road. Carn na Farraidh (688m) NJ114147 OS36 Grantown Mon 18th Apr 18km, 450m ascent. From outside Tomintoul, this route tracks the Ailnack Gorge before climbing offpath to Carn na Farraidh. More offpath takes us to an interesting walk by a burn (fords) before circling round to our start. Track but more of rough ground. Mon 16th May Beinn a' Chaorainn (1082m) NJ045013 OS43Braemar/OS36 Grantown 29km, 850m ascent. A distant Munro from Linn of Dee: bonus Munro of Beinn Bhreac included; track and path and considerable offpath, not too difficult. The track to/from Derry Lodge can be cycled. Mon 20th Jun Glas Maol (1068m) & Monega Hill (908m) NO166765 OS43Braemar 21km, 914m ascent. From Auchavan, Glen Isla, a circuit via Caenlochan Glen, mainly on track though with an interesting climb out of the glen. Mon 11th Jul Carn Aosda (915m) & An Socach (944m) NO133791 OS43 Braemar 21km, 950m. A 2 Munro circuit from Baddoch (other Munros also available); considerable offpath, but also some track, path. Mon 15th Aug Craigowl (455m) NO376399 OS54 Dundee 24km. 600m ascent. The Sidlaw Hills from Glamis, featuring moor and wood, a hillfort and views of Dundee Mon 19th Sep Hills of Cromdale (722m) NJ104241 OS36 Grantown 19km, 700m ascent. 2 somewhat isolated Grahams, with occasional reindeer (I've never seen them...).Mainly path/offpath, can be slippery underfoot, with some road & track. Mon 17th Oct Knockie Branar (606m) NO401928 OS44 Ballater 18km, 500m ascent. A circular from Cambus o May, to visit the Big Stane o Carn Beag (Rocking Stone)(It doesn't rock but looks as if it should). Deep heather! But also track and road. Mon 21st Nov Carn a Bhacain (745m) NJ291043 OS43 Strathdon 14km, 670m ascent. DG's favourite Nov walk, starting near Gairnshiel Lodge, we climb on track and offpath to the summit before visiting Camock Hill and descending to return along the River Gairn. Track, offpath. Mon 12th Dec Suie Hill (415m) NJ556231 OS37 Strathdon 9km, 250m ascent. From the end of the Gordon Way, a circular thru forest and farmland. Mainly track. Xmas lunch afterwards in Alford.

Note, as always, that the routes are often unreccied, the grid refs and distances etc are approximate only, the winter walks may change because of road conditions, autumn walks may change because of shooting, dates may change if I book any holidays, and any route may change when I have second thoughts....