

NEW ROUTES

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OUTER HEBRIDES

LEWIS, Aird Mhòr Mhangarstaidh Central, Magic Geodha:

Flannan Zigzag 35m HVS **. Michael Barnard, Lucy Spark. 2 Aug 2020.

1. 15m 5a As for *Flannan Slab Left-Hand*.
2. 20m 5a Take the small slabby ramp up left and continue leftwards up the slanting crack to finish as for *Campa Crack*.

Michael Barnard notes that the difficulties on *Campa Crack* are not confined to the first 5m as the guidebook suggests.

LEWIS, Aird Mhòr Mhangarstaidh North, Painted Geodha:

Michael Barnard notes that *Gravity Man* was thought E1 5b, *The Painted Wall* and *The Dreaded Dram* both E3 5c.

LEWIS, Rubha Cuinish, Creag Liam:

Michael Barnard notes that *The Bernera Prow* was thought to be E3 5c.

Abortive Arête 20m E2 5c *. Michael Barnard, Alan Hill. 28 Aug 2020.

The arête between *Barnacle Butter* and *Conception Corner* has more protection than first impressions would suggest.

LEWIS, Ard Dalbeg, Dalbeg Buttress:

Space Truckin' 40m E4 5c ****. Michael Barnard, Alan Hill. 31 Aug 2020.

A brilliant sustained pitch linking *Neptune* with the soaring upper cracks of *Tweetie Pie Slalom*. Although the pitch contains little new ground it was thought worth recording as it opens up a lot of great climbing to those operating below

E5. Climb *Neptune* to the obvious horizontal break; handrail along this to gain the large flake of *Neptune a Calling*. Climb the shallow groove of *Neptune a Calling*, then move up to the roof. Follow *Tweetie Pie Slalom* to the top.

LEWIS, Rubha na Beirghe:

Michael Barnard notes that the lower part of *Internal Exam Crack* appears to have possibly fallen down, or the description is lacking, but either way doesn't look E1.

Blended Learning 25m E2 5c **. Michael Barnard, Lucy Spark. 31 Jul 2020. Immediately right of *Internal Exam Crack*. Climb the steep crack which widens and goes through a bulge into a V-groove.

LEWIS, Bernera, Creag nan Urrabhaichean (NB 153 378):

This west-facing crag lies across the lochan from the road junction to Tobson with nice short routes 4 minutes from the road. There is room for a car beside the first passing place south of the junction. Walk round either side of the lochan; there are stepping stones to the south of the lochan. There is a jumble of boulders below the crag so walk up to either end, not directly up to the centre.

Stand Off 9m HVS 5a *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 28 Aug 2020. Start 7m left of *Pussy Riot* below short wide crack in the upper wall. Climb up through the crack to finish up short right-facing corner.

The Riot Act 9m HVS 5a **. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 28 Aug 2020. Climb the wall to finish at short right-facing corner.

Pussy Riot 9m H.Severe. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 28 Aug 2020. Start below twin cracks. Go up then follow ledges to the left and finish at steep corner crack.

Rubber Bullets 8m HVS 5a *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 27 Aug 2020. Start as for *Pussy Riot* and climb twin cracks. There is a hold at the top to the right of the cracks.

Bernera Riots 9m HVS 5a **. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 27 Aug 2020. Climb the right-slanting crack.

Tear Gas 8m E1 5a *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 27 Aug 2020. Clamber on to the left side of the block. Climb the wall on the left to finish up a right-slanting crack.

Burning 10m VS 4c **. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 27 Aug 2020. Climb left-facing corner then the right-slanting crack.

Looting 10m VS 4c *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 27 Aug 2020. Start between two short corners. Climb the flake crack then a right-slanting ramp.

Shooting 8m H.Severe. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 28 Aug 2020. Go over bulge at right end of crag, follow the crack to finish past a heather ramp.

PABBAY, Small Buoys Geo:

Original Sink 15m E1 5b *. Ellis Ash, Niall Grimes, Nick Wallis. 22 May 2021. The arête between *Spare Rib* and *First Groove* on its right side. From the ledge, follow a thin crack then the fine sharp arête to a crux at the top. Step right above and finish up a groove.

MINGULAY, Rubha Liath, The Point:

The Gull Who Shagged Me, Chicken Dinner Finish 25m E2 5b ***. David Wood, Nathan Adam. 18 Aug 2020.

A great variation that lowers the grade but not the quality of climbing. Where the original route goes right at the crux, take the excellent handrail leading left to reach a rounded crack. Climb this directly, or more easily by stepping into a short corner left again, before following short ledges to the top.

Rubha Liath, Seal Song Wall

They Came From Above 40m VS * 40m. Pitch 1: Nathan Adam, Matthew Rowbottom 1 Aug 2019. Complete ascent: Nathan Adam, David Wood 16 Aug 2020.

Start from the triangular ledge of *Ocean Wrath*.

1. 20m 4c Climb off the ledge by a helpful but green crack on the right. Cross *Walking on Waves* and head right to reach a short corner leading to a broad bulging wall. Climb this to belay on the good ledges below the final pitch of *Spitting Fury*.
2. 20m 5a Take the obvious diagonal fault going right past two steep steps. Where the continuation goes right (loose), climb a short way up a left-leaning crack before making steep moves on the left wall to reach the top. (Topo provided.)

INNER HEBRIDES AND ARRAN**CANNA, Upper House Crag:**

Smidge 18m E4 5c ***. Jamie Skelton, Morag Eagleson. 14 Aug 2020.

Technical bridging up the left-facing corner in the dark area of rock right of *Missing the Boat*. Climb to the ledge and continue up the corner which has good gear after initial bold moves passing a rotten peg.

The Big Cat 25m E4 6a **. Jamie Skelton, Morag Eagleson. 14 Aug 2020.

An independent and more sustained start to *Aristocrat*. Start right of that route by scrambling up the middle of the rotten band to projecting nose of rock. Head up the left side of this (gear on the right side) to a roof. Move left of the roof and make tricky moves that continue up towards the top groove of *Aristocrat*.

Downsizing 15m E1 5b. Morag Eagleson, Jamie Skelton. 13 Aug 2020.

Move up onto a ledge just right of the short pinnacle of *The Privileged Few*. Climb the crack above to a ledge and easier ground.

Land of Opportunity 20m E4 6a *. Jamie Skelton, Morag Eagleson. 13 Aug 2020.

At the left end of the rotten band is a groove that leads directly towards a large diamond-shaped roof at half-height. Pass this on the right and make an insecure

stretch up to a good cam slot on the right side of the groove. Move up and back left (crux) to gain the ledge just below the top. High in the grade.

The Fortress:

Canna Believe It 25m E2 5c **. Jamie Skelton, Morag Eagleson. 15 Aug 2020. Right of *The Bastille* lies a shallow depression. Follow the twin cracks in this to reach a small roof at the end of the depression, swing round into a groove on the left and continue up to finish left of the prow as for *The Bastille*.

Canna and I'm Gonna 25m E4 5c/6a *. Jamie Skelton, Morag Eagleson. 8 Sep 2020.

Follow *Canna Believe It* to the small roof, make a tricky move right and continue up to a big flat hold just right of the prow. Make ever more committing moves along a line of holds leading diagonally leftward to edge of the prow and the top.

Andrew's Crag:

Stone Racer 22m E2 5c **. Jamie Skelton, Morag Eagleson. 6 Sep 2020.

Left of the alcove and *Remember, Remember* is an obvious right-facing corner/crack. Climb the crack and make a tricky move to gain the corner; at its top swing left and climb over a bulge to finish.

SANDAY, Sputain (NG 2674 0408):

A small protruding buttress of very compact rock with ample natural belays. The routes sit on a partly tidal ledge but can be accessed at any time in calm sea states. Approach: Head up the initial steep section of Finlay's road. Just before the first houses there is a left-hand bend in the track and a gate on the right. Head through the gate and across the fields heading to the coast, the crag protrudes out towards the sea and is easy to spot. About 15 to 20 minutes from the Sanday bridge.

Larven 12m H.Severe 4b. Morag Eagleson, Jamie Skelton. 10 Sep 2020.

On the left side of the main buttress is a small door-shaped cave or hole. Start just left of this, climb a short wall to a big ledge and finish up the groove above.

Tallabac 12m E4 6a ***. Jamie Skelton, Morag Eagleson. 9 Sep 2020.

Just right of the small door-shaped cave is a thin curving crack. Follow this over a small overlap until a final tricky move right can be made to jugs in a niche just below the top.

RÙM, Kilmory:

The following routes lie on the same promontory as *Double Trouble*. The first one is a real classic and a must-do for Reiff aficionados.

The Reiff Teleporter 15m E2 5b ***. Michael Barnard, Alan Hill. 22 May 2021.

The line of least resistance on the seaward face. Immaculate rock and reasonably well protected with a good selection of cams from micros to Camalot 1. Start on the left and take a right-slanting crack to the first break. Step right slightly and move up to the higher break, then hand traverse this to near the left arête. Move up, pull left onto the arête for a few moves, then pull back right to finish up the fine top crack.

Escape from the Deer Botherers 15m HVS 5a *. Michael Barnard, Alan Hill. 22 May 2021.

The corner line right of *Double Trouble*.

COLL, Creag nan Clamhan:

The rock is perfect, and the recorded routes are naturally lichen-free. Climbing might not be possible in spring because of a nest. North of the crag is a fence which leads NW towards the road. North of the fence is a short quick-drying crag that faces the main crag. 5 minutes from the road and SW-facing.

Penny Banger 7m Severe. Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 5 Nov 2020.
Start below the hanging flake crack. Go up left and climb cracks up the wall.

Jumping Jack 7m VS 4c. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 5 Nov 2020.
Climb the shallow corner just right of the hanging flake-crack.

Hogh Rocks, Beginner's Slab:

Bourbon Girl 8m Severe. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 6 Nov 2020.
Between *Izzy Whizzy* and *Battenburg Boy* with a bulge near the top.

Tiree Wall:

This is in front of the north end of The Slab. To the south is Mingulay Buttress and between them at a lower level is Black Wall.

Luxury 10m Diff. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 6 Nov 2020.
Climb a crack then flake-crack left and up.

Warmth 10m Diff. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 6 Nov 2020.
Crack to the right.

Seafood 7m Severe. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 6 Nov 2020.
The rib left of the diverging wide cracks with a step left.

Jarl 7m Diff. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 6 Nov 2020.
The fine rib right of the diverging wide cracks.

The Slogh:

Brasso 8m Diff. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 6 Nov 2020.
Start up *Bottleneck* then move left below the overhang to finish just left of *Bold as Brass*. Note: *Bold as Brass* no doubt goes diagonally right not left.

RP 8m Diff. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 6 Nov 2020.
Right of *Bottleneck* is a recess. Climb the crack to the right of the recess with an undercut start.

Brass Rubbing 8m Diff. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 6 Nov 2020.
The next crack to the right also with an undercut start.

MULL, Calgary, Dark Side:

Rendezvous 8m E1 5b *. Pete Whillance, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 2 Aug 2020.

Climb the corner crack in the yellow tower. This is well left of *Dark Corner*.

Longer 10m VS 4c *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Gridley. 12 Jul 2020.

Climb *Shorty* until just short of the easy section. Step left, climb the groove then the groove just right.

Creag na Bà (NM 402 454):

Park west of Torloisk, just east of a burn NM 403 457; room for two or three cars (or drive down the track and find somewhere off it to park). Walk down the track and take the left fork to cross a bridge above the turbine house. Then walk down to the top of the crag overlooking the burn. Less than 10 minutes.

Burnside:

The west facing walls overlooking the burn. The first route has a tree belay and the others share a stake. Short routes on perfect rock, which perhaps should have bouldering grades.

Arboretum 6m Severe *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley, Pete Whillance. 1 Aug 2020.

Start down left of the other routes. Climb the crack past a small tree.

Foot and Mouth 7m VS 4b. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley, Pete Whillance. 1 Aug 2020.

Up right of *Arboretum* is a buttress with a shelf on the left-hand side. Pull onto the nose then follow the shelf left and climb the short wall.

Highland 6m Severe *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley, Pete Whillance. 1 Aug 2020.

Climb corner cracks just right of the edge.

Belted Galloway 6m VS 4b *. Colin Moody. 13 Jul 2020.

At the left-hand side is a 4m-high oak tree; right of this is a slightly overhanging arête. Climb the arête right again.

Bovilis Huskvac 6m VS 5a *. Colin Moody, Dot MacLean. 6 Aug 2020.

Climb the bulging wall.

Little White Bull 6m Severe. Colin Moody. 13 Jul 2020.

Bridge up the fault, passing a large chockstone.

Stampede 6m V.Diff *. Colin Moody, Dot MacLean. 25 Jun 2020.

Climb the face.

Milk Shake 6m V.Diff *. Colin Moody, Dot MacLean. 25 Jun 2020

The honeysuckle finger-crack just right of *Stampede*.

Milk Marketing Board 6m V.Diff. Colin Moody. 13 Jul 2020.

Left-facing corner.

Blessed are The Cheese Makers 6m VS 4c *. Colin Moody, Dot MacLean. 25 Jun 2020.

Climb the steep crack left of the overhang.

Butter 6m V.Diff. Colin Moody. 13 Jul 2020.

Rib then groove right of the overhang.

Estuary Walls:

Between Riverside and Estuary Walls is an easy path. West-facing. Stake belay.

Suckler 6m VS 4b. Pete Whillance, Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 1 Aug 2020.

The wall just left of *Calf*.

Calf 6m Severe. Colin Moody. 14 Jul 2020.

Climb the shallow corner with thin crack.

Cows Lying Down 7m Severe *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 3 Jul 2020.

Climb the face which is slightly proud of the crag.

Heelan Coos 7m VS 4c *. Colin Moody. 14 Jul 2020.

Aim for cracks with a bulge to start.

Dragonfly Eggs 7m Severe 4b *. Colin Moody. 24 Jul 2020.

The crack left of *Curd* with an undercut start.

Curd 7m Severe. Colin Moody. 13 Jul 2020.

The left-slanting crack passing a prow.

Maverick 10m HVS 4c. Pete Whillance, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 1 Aug 2020.

Start up the rib on the left side of the large buttress. Move right and climb up left to the top.

Cattle Grid 7m VS 4c *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 17 Jul 2020.

About 30m right is an obvious corner between two buttresses.

Main Wall:

To the right is a small burn, right of which is the mostly west-facing Main Wall. The central section is steep and lacks cracks so might give some hard sport routes.

Last Roundup 10m HVS 5a *. Pete Whillance, Colin Moody. 3 Aug 2020.

Left of the central section is a slabby bay. Climb the corner-crack at the left side.

Wild West 10m HVS 5a **. Pete Whillance, Colin Moody. 3 Aug 2020.

Right of the steep central section the wall turns to face south (easy access up the cliff just before). Climb the jam-crack, on the south wall, slanting up left, then the bulging crack on the left.

Western Wall:

Right (south) of *Wild West* is a steep south-west-facing wall behind oak trees.

There is access at the left end over a boulder and a path at the right end.

Cowboy Boots 9m H.Severe 4b *. Colin Moody, Billy Hood. 18 Jul 2020.
Start at pointed block 1m back from the crag. Climb the rib to a shelf then move left, climb the bulge and finish up the grassy corner.

Rawhide 10m E1 5b **. Pete Whillance, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 1 Aug 2020.

Right of *Cowboy Boots* for 8m the cliff base is overhung; start just right of this and step onto easy rock. Climb the corner to the roof and move left to pass it. Continue up easier but poorly protected rock.

My Horse is Lame 9m VS 4c *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 2 Aug 2020.
Start 7m right of *Rawhide*. Climb the right-slanting crack just right of a very steep finger-crack.

It's John Wayne 9m VS 4b. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley, Pete Whillance. 1 Aug 2020.

To the right is a grassy gully. Start 6m right of the gully, climb an awkward block then the corner-crack past the roof.

The Broch:

A V.Diff was climbed right of *Niche Crack* by Colin Moody around 2000.

Creag an Eoin:

Five Mile Rule 12m H.Severe *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 2 Jul 2020.
A crack left of *Pinnacle Crack*.

Creag an Eoin South:

The following routes are two minutes' walk south from the other routes on the crag marked as Creag an Eoin on the map. Look out for the occasional loose hold especially at the finishes.

Goose-step 10m VS 4c. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 3 Jul 2020.
Start near the left side of crag. Climb up to platform then up jam-cracks.

Grey Goose 8m VS 4c *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 3 Jul 2020.
A few metres to the right climb two cracks, a prominent crack and a shallow corner-crack just left.

Goose Bumps 8m VS. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 3 Jul 2020.
Just right climb cracks up the left side of a pillar where the crag changes direction.

Goose Grass 8m VS. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 3 Jul 2020.
Climb the recess round to the right.

Gander 8m VS *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 3 Jul 2020.
Twin cracks just right.

Goose Fat 8m VS *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 3 Jul 2020.
The crack up the left side of the rib.

Creag Mhòr (NM 467 393):

This long crag consists of a series of buttresses starting south of the houses. The rock is very rough, like gabbro, and there is probably a lot of bouldering potential. The earlier routes were not recorded so the crag was forgotten about and missed out of the guidebook. The first two routes overlook the burn at the left end of the crags.

Access There is a car park near the high point of the road to Ulva Ferry from Salen, where a track leads up to an aerial NM 469 396. Walk west down the road for 100m then head downhill to the crag, crossing the fence. 10 minutes.

Second Round 12m HVS 5a *. Colin Moody, Paul Gillies. 21 Apr 2014
Climb up to the cracks on the right-hand buttress (just right of the main rib) then step left and continue up.

Rowan Rib 8m V.Diff. Colin Moody, Calum Black. 1999?
There is a rowan tree to the right. Start just right of the tree and climb the rib.

Left Flake Crack 6m V.Diff. Colin Moody. 1999?
About 10m right is a flake; climb the left side.

Right Flake Crack 7m V.Diff. Colin Moody. 1999?
Climb the right side.

Further right the crag forms two tiers.

Upper Tier:

Big Drop 6m VS 4c. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 27 Sep 2020.
Climb the short steep crack above *Chalky Wall*, so not a good solo.

Detached Flake 6m Severe. Colin Moody. 1 Jul 2020.
The flake is left of *Ivy Chimney* with a steep start.

Ivy Chimney 7m V.Diff. Colin Moody. 1 Jul 2020.
The chimney left of the old ivy, a bit hollow on the right.

The Move 7m HVS 5a. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 9 Aug 2020.
Round to the right is a corner-crack with a wide bulging crack to start.

Fish Box Corner 7m Severe. Colin Moody, Martin Kafka. 7 Jun 2020.
Climb the corner crack at the back of the bay.

Lower Tier:

Block Wall 8m VS 4c. Steve Kennedy, Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 27 Sep 2020.
Start left of *Chalky Wall*, climb up to a right facing corner crack then follow it.

Chalky Wall 8m HVS 5a *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley, Steve Kennedy. 27 Sep 2020.
A nice line following a right-slanting crack with edges to the right.

Scruffy Left Corner 8m H.Severe. Colin Moody, Calum Black. 1999?
A reasonable route up a left-facing corner crack just right of *Chalky Wall*.

Return 8m E1 5b *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 25 Sep 2020.
To the right is a buttress then a wall with a steep crack. Climb the steep crack.

White Van Man 8m HVS 5a *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 9 Aug 2020.
Round right again climb the wide crack in the right-facing corner.

Rose Crack 8m VS 4c *. Colin Moody (back rope). 19 Jun 2020.
To the right is a curtain of ivy. Climb the crack just left of the ivy, with surprisingly varied moves. Probably will need some pruning before climbing.

White Streak 7m E1 5b *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 25 Sep 2020.
Climb the thin crack in the white streak.

Still 7m HVS 5a *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley, Steve Kennedy. 27 Sep 2020.
The bulging recess and crack above.

Oak Rock:

Oak Tickler 7m Severe *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 2 Jul 2020.
Climb to the corner, follow this to the top then move left and finish. Nice climbing, probably unprotected.

Shelf Rock:

Tiny Rowan 7m Severe *. Colin Moody, Calum Black. 1999?
Climb the bulge then follow the groove.

Shelf Rib Left 9m VS 4b. Colin Moody, Martin Kafka. 7 Jun 2020.
Start up *Shelf Rib* then move left and climb the other rib.

Shelf Rib 8m VS 4b *. Colin Moody, Martin Kafka. 7 Jun 2020.
Climb the rib left of the shelf.

Shelf 7m HVS 5b. Colin Moody, Martin Kafka. 7 Jun 2020.
Climb up to the shelf at the right side of the buttress, gain the shelf then the top using a small loose flake.

Overhang Rock:

Ferry Crack 9m HVS 5b *. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 27 Sep 2020.
The crack on the left of the overhang, going up slightly left.

Fishnish Time 7m Severe 4b. Colin Moody, Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley. 27 Sep 2020.
The last ramp on the right-hand side of the buttress.

Tram Lines 7m V.Diff *. Colin Moody. 26 Jul 2020.
Right of Overhang Rock is an easy angled buttress with twin cracks up high. Climb onto the shelf then continue up the scoop just left of the twin cracks.

Bus Lane 7m V.Diff *. Colin Moody. 26 Jul 2020.

Climb onto the shelf and climb the scoop just right of the twin cracks.

Acharonich Crag (NM 471 395):

This is the name given to the crag on UKC with *Locals Don't Wave* E2 5c. Going from Salen to Ulva Ferry. Just before the high point on the road are some boulders above the road and a cliff below. Park at the old quarry just west of the boulders. Walk back to the cliff below the road, less than 5 minutes.

Free of Tourists 10m V.Diff. Colin Moody. 7 Jun 2020.

A burn runs down the west end of the crag; part of it runs down the face and part runs down a slanting gully. Climb the slanting gully over a chockstone, drought conditions being helpful.

Locals Don't Wave 15m E2 5c. Paul Bedford, Rebecca Edwards. 5 May 2018. Start in an obvious recess 4m left of the fence line. Climb broken rock past a sapling into a broken crack. Step left onto a small ledge under a bulge. Make a strenuous move over the bulge. Continue direct up the delicate slab.

Stac Liath, East Face:

Two routes not far right of *Let There be Light*. Left to right, same lower-off.

Ant Attack 12m 6a *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley, Pete Whillance. 31 Jul 2020.

Formic 12m 6a. Colin Moody, Pete Whillance. 3 Aug 2020.

Caigeann Mhòr:

Neither 15m VS 4b *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 9 Jul 2020.

A line just right of *Clegs Then Midges*.

Fionnphort, Fidden, North-West Face:

A nice slab of pink granite that gets the sun from early afternoon is seen on the approach to the other routes. The original routes were given bouldering grades; most were cleaned, led and given alternative grades in 2020. Protection can be poor.

Dead Tree Groove 8m V.Diff. Colin Moody. 21 Jul 2020.

Start left of the dead tree at the left end of the crag. Move up right and climb the groove above the tree.

Another Rat 8m Severe. Colin Moody. 21 Jul 2020.

Climb the groove right of the dead tree.

Post 9m Severe. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 10 Jul 2020.

Left of the pink slab is another slab; climb the left-hand line.

Passing Place 8m V.Diff *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 10 Jul 2020.

The right-hand line.

Small Rat 7m Severe. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 10 Jul 2020.
Climb the discontinuous crack-line between two grassy cracks.

Big Vole 8m Severe *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 10 Jul 2020.
The line just left of *Black Streak*.

Black Streak 8m VS 5a **. Ole Kemi. 28 May 2016.
Follow the streak, thin climbing to a small crack (cam) then easier above.

No Colour Wall 8m E1 5a **. Ole Kemi. 28 May 2016.
The fine wall to the right, climbed without using holds on other routes.

Field of Cracks 8m VS 5a *. Ole Kemi. 28 May 2016.
Climb cracks.

Another Colourless Wall 8m E1 5a **. Ole Kemi. 28 May 2016
Climb the wall without using holds on other routes.

High Crack 8m VS 5a *. Ole Kemi. 28 May 2016.
Gain and climb the crack on the right.

Right Crack 9m V.Diff *. Ole Kemi. 28 May 2016.
Climb the left-slanting crack to the easy-angled slab. There is a good belay crack well up on the right.

Right Wall 7m Severe 4c *. Ole Kemi. 28 May 2016.
The crack to the right has a thin start.

ISLAY, Geodha Uamh nam Fear, Fin Wall:

Eagle Arête 15m Hard V.Diff. 15m. Nicholas Hurdall Smith, Paul McWhinney. 24 Sep 2020.

The arête which forms the left side of the wall. Step under a large prow to the left of *Above the White*, climb up with the prow on your right, and swarm up the ridge above it in an exhilarating position, keeping to the arête.

Am Burg Defile (NR 192 648):

The main defile between Am Burg and the mainland links to another, shorter, defile running in from the west, thereby isolating the stack. On the landward side of the latter defile is a striking slim corner with a wide, slabby, left face. The rock in this area is often covered with a fine film of dust, effectively eliminating what little natural friction the rock has. Dry conditions are therefore essential for climbing, and mid to low tide is best.

Slate Modern 13m E3 6a *. Graham Little (unseconded). 10 Jul 2020.
Climb the desperate corner for 3m (crux) then move left onto the slabby face. Climb it and then easier, slightly vegetated, rock above. The only good belay is about 30m back from the top of the crag. NOTE: a well inflated fishing buoy is an essential bit of kit – required as a launch-pad to reach the first hold! The route was practised on a top-rope.

South-West of Saligo Bay:

The coast to the south-west of Saligo Bay holds a number of short but good meta-sandstone walls. To access them go through the gate just south of Saligo cottage and walk along the coast.

A distinctive prow of banded rock lies on the coast at NR 203 661, seaward of where a small burn hits the shore. Mid to low tide required.

Jugular 4m Severe **. Graham Little. 8 Aug 2020.
Climb the steep prow on generous holds.

Choker 4m Severe *. Graham Little. 20 Sep 2020.
Climb the steep banded face on big holds.

Jammed Log Geo (NR 202 660):

This atmospheric narrow geo holds a clean little south-west-facing wall with a collection of enjoyable lines. It can be accessed from the head by scrambling over a boulder at a constriction. It is a mid- to-low-tide venue. The routes are described from right to left, as approached. (Topo provided.)

Flogged 6m 5a *. Ryan Little, Graham Little. 19 Sep 2020.
After scrambling over the constriction boulder there is a nose of rock on the right where a little gully joins the geo. Climb the awkward nose and slabby rock above to a bollard belay.

Boulder Rib 5m Moderate. Graham Little. 13 Jul 2020.
Start on a large, flat boulder and climb the rib to the right of the groove demarcating the right side of the clean wall.

Logged On 5m Difficult *. Graham Little. 13 Jul 2020.
Climb the wall just left of the groove described above.

Logarithm 5m V.Diff *. Graham Little. 13 Jul 2020.
Climb the wall to the right of the slight step in the wall.

Logged Off 6m V.Diff *. Graham Little. 8 Aug 2020.
Climb the edge of the slight step in the wall.

Driftwood 6m 4c **. Graham Little. 8 Aug 2020.
Start at the very end of the low intrusive dyke and climb the clean face.

Loggia 5m 4c. Graham Little. 8 Aug 2020.
Step left from the start of the previous route, move up and take a diagonal crack to a ledge just below the top.

Black Boot Block (NR 201 659):

Just landward of a squat pinnacle at NR 201 659 is a boot-shaped block of dark, slaty rock. It is backed by a sinister pool of brackish water.

Instep 4m 4c *. Graham Little. 8 Aug 2020.
A direct line to the left of centre.

Backstep 4m 4b **. Graham Little. 8 Aug 2020.
A diagonal line to the right of centre.

The Amphitheatre (NR 201 660):

A quite remarkable natural amphitheatre lies to the north of Squat Pinnacle at NR 201 660 complete with stage, stalls and circle. The right flank (looking up) of the amphitheatre is, in part, undercut with a big roof. There are four bouldering-type routes, described from left to right. First ascent of all routes by Graham Little on 20 Sept 2020. (Topo provided.)

Stage Fright 3m 4c *. A strenuous pull over.

Act One 4m 5a * Fingers in pockets!

Curtain Call 4m 5a **. Layaway and pray!

Standing Ovation 5m 5a *. Pull up on a quartz pocket, step left and finish straight up (easier without the step left).

The slabby wall further right gives a couple of short, pleasant, lines at around Difficult standard.

ARRAN, Cir Mhòr:

Kev Howett notes that pitch one of *Insertion Direct* has been described incorrectly in the past. A revised description follows:

Insertion Direct 95m E5 **. Mark Charlton, Kevin Howett. 6 Jun 1986.

Incredibly bold padding at the limit of adhesion, with the sting in the tail. Start about a metre to the right of a broad crack which is about 8m right of *Hammer*.

1. 50m 5c Climb straight up a steep slab to an overlap. Surmount this, then climb direct passing through a diagonal quartz line of pockets (unfortunately no protection) into a scoop in the centre of the slab. Climb this, and as it steepens teeter up and right to under the roof above. Hanging belay.

2. 25m 4c Gain the big corner on the left and exit the roof at its top onto slabs. Head up and left to belay below a steep wall under a massive roof.

3. 20m 5c The bulging wall contains a large pocket. Gain and pull past it and smaller pockets above to swing round the edge and climb upwards onto the very edge of the ridge. Head up to join *South Ridge Direct* after pitch 7. Follow this to The Terrace.

SKYE THE CUILLIN

SGÜRR SGÜMAIN, West Face:

In April 2021 a worryingly large flake on pitch 4 of *Sunset Slab & Yellow Groove* caused a team to back off.

SRÒN NA CÌCHE, Cioch Buttress:

Crembo Cracks, Pitch 3 Variation 35m E1 5b **. Michael Barnard, Alan Hill. 9 Aug 2020.

A fine pitch, low in the grade. Traverse right from the belay and climb thin flake-cracks just left of the arête to reach a ledge. Step right around the arête and go rightwards up a ramp to gain and follow a left-trending fault. Continue up to join *Cioch West*.

SGÜRR MHICCHOINNICH, North Face:

Mongoose Direct 195m VIII,8 ****. Jamie Skelton, Tim Miller. 10 Feb 2021. A brilliant and sustained winter route based on the summer line and taking the main corner feature up the centre of the cliff. In good conditions useful ice forms on the right wall of the corner on pitch 1.

1. 45m Tackle the steep layback crack for 25m to the first sloping shelf (possible belay). Continue by the corner line before crossing a thin slab left to belay (made easier with snow and ice build-up on the slab).
2. 40m Climb the right wall of the corner by a steep crack. Move back left into the corner, which is followed to a ledge (20m). Head across the ledge to an easier groove (*Dawn Grooves*) and climb this till 10m below the obvious overhung corner ahead and belay.
3. 45m Move up to the base of the corner and climb this with poor feet (crux) to a niche on the left (possible belay). Climb the overhanging chimney above for 15m and belay on a big shelf below a chimney.
4. 50m Climb the tight chimney to an overhang then traverse out left. Move up and right and climb the final awkward corner.
5. 15m Easy scrabble to the top.

Michael Barnard, Doug Bartholomew and Graham Wylie repeated *Hanging Slab* on 15 Aug 2020 and thought it merited E2. Below is a new description and possibly an improved version of the climb:

Hanging Slab 180m E2 **

This route takes the slab above the overhangs left of *Exiguous Gully*. Scramble up the belay on a large block at the base of the gully.

1. 45m 5b Traverse left and move up through the right end of the bulging wall to gain the slab. Go up to good nut runners then step down leftwards, then boldly left along the slab until possible to move up and left to gain a right-trending crack or groove. Climb this, moving right near the top, and continue up to belay above the centre of the traverse.
2. 15m Walk left to belay below a slightly right-trending crack.
3. 30m 5b The innocuous-looking crack.
4. and 5. 90m Continue more easily to the top.

COIRE A' GHRUNDA, Sròn na Ciche, South Crag:

Moonrock 110m (to Pinnacle Rake) VS 4b *. Steve Kennedy, Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 19 Sep 2020.

The leftmost of the obvious corner/groove systems on the face right of *Trap Dyke Route*. Start on Stony Rake above and left of *Hell-Broth* below a roof with a groove running up its right side. Not to be confused with a smaller roof just below.

1. 55m Climb the steep slabby wall just right of the roof and continue up the groove above to a grassy recessed area which is climbed by cracks on the right.
2. 55m Continue up cracks and grooves to reach the large recessed area near the left end of Pinnacle Rake. A finish was made by traversing horizontally left along the rake to reach the upper section of Stony Rake (easily descended to the base).

Hell-Broth 140m VS 4c **. Steve Kennedy, Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 15 Aug 2020.

The next left-facing corner system between *Moonrock* and *Wytches' Brew* (SMCJ 2019).

1. 50m Start close to the foot of Stony Rake, directly below the line of disjointed corners about 15m left of the start of *Wytches' Brew* and just left of a grassy ledge. Climb slabs directly, crossing parallel faults, to the initial corner and continue in the corner line above to a ledge.
2. 55m Continue up a slab leading to a pale left-facing corner then take a fairly direct line up easier ground via corners and cracks.
3. 35m Finish by scrambling up and rightwards to reach Pinnacle Rake above *White Slab*.

Smitch 30m VS 4b *

Steve Kennedy, Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 15 Aug 2020.

The bold rounded arête left of *Smidgen* (SMCJ 2019). Start up the arête, moving temporarily onto the slabby left wall at about mid-height, to reach a ledge below a bulge. Surmount the bulge and continue to a further ledge and possible belay. An alternative block belay and abseil point is located about 10m to the right near the end of the ledge.



Steve Kennedy on the FA of Jupiter (EI,5b), Coire a' Ghrunnda. See SMCJ 2020, p. 156.
Photo: Colin Moody.

BLÄBHEINN, Winter Buttress:

Vaccination 40m IV,4 **. Ian Hall, Katharina Lenz. 6 Feb 2021.

The blocky right-facing and right-slanting corner on the buttress above *Escape From Colditz*. Approach via the ledge above *Escape From Colditz* or as a continuation from that route. The corner contains four bulges, of which the third is the crux. The bulges are all well protected and give tremendously satisfying climbing. Chockstone belay immediately above the final bulge.

SKYE SEA CLIFFS & OUTCROPS**STAFFIN, Southern Cliffs, Tempest Buttress Area:**

Andy Moles comments that the 'easy gully' approach to Tempest Buttress has a bad step which is manageable with care, but the traverse is extremely dangerous. He reversed it having abseiled the wall and was able to stay on the rope, but wouldn't dream of doing it unroped. Access has to be by abseil, but there are no stakes in situ at present (or they have disappeared under the heather) and no other anchors. He recommends two stakes as the turf is only a couple of feet deep.

Northern Cliffs, Staffin Slip South:

Agent Cooper 35m E3 5c ***. Douglas Sutton, James Sutton. 14 Jun 2020.

The crack between *Captain Patience* and *Glorious Five Year Plan*. Climb the crack to where it pinches out, and move left to gain another crack which opens up just when you need it. Getting established in the left crack is the crux.

KIMALUAG AREA, Balmacquien:

Demijohn 15m Severe. Nicola Bassnett, Roger Brown. 20 Sep 2020.

An abseil gains the stance of *Golf Girl* to give this pleasant, consistent route. Follow the rightwards-slanting groove and blunt arête to good belays on the ledge. The name commemorates exactly 50 years of climbing by John Holden, of the Penrith Mountaineering Club, and was a simultaneous synchronised project with his long-awaited repeat ascent of *Flying Buttress* at Stanage – a situation that was determined by Covid restrictions.

RUBHA HUNISH, Meall Deas:

Michael Barnard notes that pitch 1 of *The Knowledge* was thought solid HVS (perhaps even low E1), so the combination mentioned in the guide would not be possible at VS, and really is not as good as just climbing both pitches of the route.

The Black Book 65m E3 ***. Michael Barnard, Alan Hill. 19 Sep 2020.

Two quality pitches. Pitch 1 follows the topo line on p.118 'Skye Sea Cliffs and Outcrops' for *The Knowledge*, which does not fit the description for that route (but the line is correct on the p120 topo). Start 5m right of the most direct groove line to the chimney, below the next cracked groove right of it.

1. 40m 5a Move up to climb using a combination of the crack in the groove and another crack in the column just left of it, and continue through the break in the overhangs as for *The Knowledge*.

2. 25m 5c The left crack, passing an old in situ nut (crux).

Ice Cream and Jellyfish 90m E3 **. Michael Barnard, Alan Hill. 18 Sep 2020.

1. 55m 5b Start as for *Minch and Tatties*, but then step left and go up to climb the centre of three cracks right of a square-cut roof, pulling into the right-hand one above its vegetated section. Continue more easily, traverse left to a slight rib and make thin moves up this, then boldly up to below the headwall. Move up and left to belay as for *The Knowledge*.

2. 35m 5c Move up to below the left crack, then traverse right to climb the right one (slightly easier but more sustained).

Michael Barnard notes that the top pitches of *The Black Book* and *Ice Cream and Jellyfish* take the parallel hanging cracks mentioned in the description for *The Knowledge*. They are excellent jamming pitches and would be well worth abseiling in to do in their own right. Take at least two Camalot 2 and 3 for either, and at least one Camalot 4 for *Ice Cream and Jellyfish*.



Colin Moody on the FA of *Glue Cuts* (E1,5b), Bornešketaig, Skye. See SMCJ 2020, p. 157.
Photo: Steve Kennedy

Bornesketaig, Organ Pipes:

Falling Time 22m HVS 5a *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley, Steve Kennedy. 23 Aug 2020.

The crack approximately 5m left of *It's a Shame* starting from a large block and with a small overhang low on the right.

Andy Moles suggests *Power to Believe* is E1 5b **.

Bornesketaig, Gully Walls:

Ghost Net 16m E2 5b. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 30 Aug 2020

Twin cracks right of *Glue Cuts* to the same lower-off.

Box of Frogs 16m E1 5b ***. Colin Moody, Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley. 30 Aug 2020.

Perhaps 10 to 15m right of *Ghost Net* are obvious striking twin cracks, just right of a squat pillar. Climb these cracks finishing on the left-hand crack.

Creelman 18m HVS 5a **. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 6 Sep 2020.

Located about 50m west of Poly Wall on a projecting spur about 15m left (east) of a disintegrating basalt pinnacle. Climb twin cracks on the left side of the spur, moving into the right-hand crack below a small overhang in the upper part to finish at a lower-off.

Andy Moles offers the following opinions on grades and stars of recent routes: *Tripoli* E1 5b ***, *Polysexual* E1 5b **.

NEIST POINT, Upper Cliffs, Gritstone Reminiscence Buttress:

Callum Johnson notes that *Seven Days* (SMCJ 2014) is very good and worth three stars if not four!

Stone Wall Buttress:

Twegolapps Direct 20m VS 4c. Nicola Bassnett, Roger Brown. 8 Jul 2020.

Start as for *Twegolapps*, then take the left-hand crack at the V. Step left onto the buttress, to follow the crack to a steep awkward finish left of the groove of the original route.

Poverty Point, North End:

Italian Arête 18m E2 5b *. Mike Mason, Lucy Spark. 14 Oct 2020.

Below the upper part of *Italian Job* is a blank wall and large flat platform. Use the left arête of this wall to gain the same finish as *Italian Job*.

Poverty Point, Boulder Cove:

Tim Miller and Andy Moles repeated *The Poverty Trap* and felt it was hard 6a and solid E4 **.

Vagrants 25m E5 6a **. Andy Moles, Calum Muskett. 15 May 2021. The nicely featured wall between *Rhubarb Crumble* and *The Poverty Trap*. Start just left of *The Poverty Trap* and swing out left to jugs. Move up boldly but easily, then step right into a niche. Climb directly up via a layback flake and small groove (good

cam on the right between these) to gain a tiny ledge. Make a blind crux reach to gain the hanging flake above, and climb this to reach a big flat hold. Step left to finish. Take a selection of micro gear.

Urchins 25m E1 5b *. Calum Muskett, Andy Moles. 15 May 2021.

Towards the right side of the wall, just right of a steep and blanker section, is a shallow right-facing corner. Climb up a big flake to gain the corner, and follow it to a ledge. Finish more easily up the crack above. Good climbing in the lower half, but a bit boomy.

Otter's Arcade 30m E2 5c *. Andy Moles, Calum Muskett. 15 May 2021.

The main corner at the right end of the wall, just left of the tunnel through the headland. A crux layback section at two-thirds height is the highlight. Prone to being greasy. Top out with care, and belay well back on the grass ridge.

The Bays:

Callum Johnson notes an ascent of *Freeze Dried*, which was thought to be E3 5c.

Callum Johnson notes an ascent of *Hot Blast*, which was probably E4 and would be **** if topping out onto the ridge didn't involve pulling on a few loose blocks (much easier climbing by this point). The rest of the rock on the route is very good. Recommended gear: 1 x BD#0.3-1, 4 x BD#2, 2 x BD#3, 2 x BD#4, set of wires, 8 extenders, some alpine draws. The two stakes described in the guide for the descent are only just OK. They can be backed up with a couple of wires 15m higher up the slope. An 80m rope would be enough to descend the ridge to the top of the crag. A further 35m abseil gains the ledges below the routes.

Andy Moles notes that a rockfall appears to have removed the top of the route *Trilobite Groove*, and possibly *Agfa* as well.

South of the Steps, Pinnacle Flake Area:

Bartizan 30m E4 6a *. Jamie Skelton, Morag Eagleson. 9 Jul 2020.

A striking line up the middle of the pinnacle which is slightly let down by friable rock. Tackle a low crux and hopefully gain juggy pockets on the wall left of the crack. Carry on until standing on the big hollow block in the middle of the crack (bold). From here climb direct or go out left and back right again. At the summit continue as for *Golden Flake*.

Bartizan Arête Finish 30m E4 6a *. Jamie Skelton, Morag Eagleson. 9 Jul 2020. From the hollow block at half-height move right into a hand crack and continue up the arête in good position to the top.

Power Bells 30m E3 5c ***. Jamie Skelton, Morag Eagleson. 9 Jul 2020. A well protected test of jamming just right of *Bluebell Groove*.

Jamie Skelton notes that *The Old Man and the Sea* (SMCJ 2017) should be 28m not 18m.

RAASAY – ARNISH and TORRAN, Little Diabaig, Near Dome:

Lizard 10m Severe 4a. Jack Copland. 25 Apr 2021.

Climb the twin diagonal slanting cracks just right of *Tooth Fairy*. Some thin feet

in the middle, but good hands and protection throughout. Finish on good jugs over the top.

Caravel 12m Severe. Jack Copland, Patricia Carvalho, Steve White. 25 Apr 2021.

On the approach to Little Diabaig (from Ocean-Going Cliff), a fine strip of Lewisian Gneiss marks the left side of the natural corridor up towards Little Diabaig's Near Dome. This is the first route here, with plenty of potential for more routes. The climb starts at the obvious protruding prow. A high step as first move gains the prow to easier ground above. Follow the crack right of the triangular block at half-height.

NORTHERN HIGHLANDS NORTH

ARDMAIR, Dancing Buttress:

Just Add Lib, Direct Finish 35m 10m E1 5c. Andy Moles, Tom Powell. 23 Aug 2020.

From the arrival point on the Dance Floor, move up directly (as for *Primitive Dance*). Make a steep pull into a groove on the left, and follow this to a careful heathery exit.

Beast Buttress:

Michael Barnard notes that where the holds turn to slopers near the top On the *Western Skyline*, reaching right into *Neart nan Gaidheal* to avoid the slopers makes the route a very good E2 5c pitch.

Big Roof Buttress:

Optical Delusion 25m E5 6b *. Ian Taylor, Tess Fryer. 27 Sept 2020.

Climb the wall right of *Tunnel Vision* to a small roof and make a hard move up a disappointingly holdless groove, to gain good holds above. Swing left and follow a flake to a rest below another roof. Move very awkwardly left until able to bridge out into *Tunnel Vision*, then pull back right and climb a thin crack to a ledge (optional belay). Finish up a short corner.

KEANCHULISH, Camas an Lochain Crag:

Fly with the Wind 30m E2 5b/c **. Callum Johnson and Tom Shaw. 18 Sep 2020.

Start between *Keanchulish Crack* and *Slotting the Eunich* at a thin crack (about 1m right of the left arête of the front of the buttress), climb direct up the crack to join *Slotting the Eunich* where it traverse in from the left. Climb up flakes following a small right-facing corner and continue direct. Cross *Keanchulish Crack* before that route pulls into the V-groove, move right along a wide break then pull up to climb sensationally up the left-hand side of the upper arête via breaks, briefly moving onto the right-hand side, before pulling back left and surmounting the final steepening by a crack and block.

The Tides of Time 18m E3/4 5c ***. Callum Johnson, Tom Shaw. 18 Sep 2020. Climbs the arête between *Tricky's Route* and *Carefree*. Low tide required. Start directly beneath the arête. Climb thin flakes and pocketed breaks (crossing the

barnacled traverse break of *Carefree*) to gain cracks on the left-hand side of the arête, climb these on improving holds until they join the arête at 10m. Finish easily up the right-hand side of the arête.

Skimming 6m Severe 4b. Callum Johnson. 18 Sep 2020.

Just south of the descent and left of an overhanging wall is a corner with cracks and flakes. Gain the corner by a tricky step then continue steeply on good holds.

Callum Johnson notes that he was unable to locate *Scary Jellyfish* (SMCJ 2019) and believes there to be some confusion. There is not a north-facing wall right of *SAF Route*, so assume a misidentification of the chimney mentioned in the guide as *SAF Route*, which would mean that *Scary Jellyfish* actually takes the existing line of *Tricky's Route*, which would fit the description.

SGÜRR AN FHÌDHLEIR:

South Buttress 100m III,4. Dan Moore. 3 Jan 2021.

Climbs the ridge overlooking *South Gully* on the small buttress south of the main wall. Start left of the gully and climb steepening turf until possible to move onto the ridge overlooking *South Gully*. Continue up this and tackle the summit tower direct (crux – also possible to walk into the gully at this point). (Topo provided.)

Iain Young offers an improved description of the classic *Direct Nose Route*:

Direct Nose Route 365m HVS ***.

The base of the buttress is very broad and broken, so the lowest rocks and the crest are hard to define. Look for a line of grassy grooves that slant up the centre, heading slightly rightwards. At the base of these on the left (looking up) and directly below two triangular overhangs, is a clean slab. Start at the base of this slab. You can tell people have been this way before, but it's not a path.

1. 60m 4b Climb diagonally right across the slab, move onto turf and then follow the grassy grooves, with occasional rock, to belay on a large block on a terrace.
2. 55m 4b Above is a large protruding block with the continuation of the grassy grooves to its immediate right. Follow these grooves to belay.
3. 50m 4b Follow the line of grooves, with more rock climbing, to belay below slab dotted with light grey lichen, the 'First Pale Slab'.
4. 30m 4a Continue in the line of the grooves, passing rightwards past a prominent overhang, to belay on blocks festooned with ancient tat under another roof.
5. 15m 4a Traverse left, beginning with a line of turf at hand height, on insecure slabby footholds left to belay on a large block on the crest. This is the 'Hansom Cab' stance. There is protection to be found on this traverse, but a confident second will help.
6. 40m 5a Now the good rock climbing starts. Above is a bulge above a steep, cracked slab. Climb to the bulge, pass this on the left, then climb the wall above just left of the crest to belay on a fine ledge.
7. 15m 4c Above is a clean rib, with cracks on its slabby left side and a grassy groove left again. Climb the cracked slab to belay on another ledge.
8. 15m 5a Above is an old ring peg in an alcove; ignore this, step just right and make a hard move up onto the slab, go up cracks to another ledge, then move left to belay at a notch on the crest, or continue the first few metres up the next pitch and belay on a little ledge.
9. 25m 4c Step right and surmount the overlap by two old peg runners. Climb

the cracked slabs above just right of the arête, which steepen, to gain a small ledge and belay in a fine position.

10. 20m 5a More cracked slabs lead to a short wall climbed by finger cracks. (A tricky pitch but there's a secret.) Belay below an obvious V-groove above.

11. 40m 4c One tricky move in the V-groove quickly leads to easy ground. Run it out to belay in a fine position on the shoulder.

180m of scrambling lead to the summit.

CAIRN CONMHEALL, Acheninver Pinnacle:

Mistdemeanour 105m Severe. Chris Dickinson, Anna Guy. 15 Aug 2020.

Start on the leftmost (western side) pillar of rock on the main tier.

1. 40m 4a Climb the fine 'laid back' pillar on the left edge and continue by cracks in the centre to easier ground.

2. 40m Step right and climb continuous rock, occasionally loose, to reach a horizontal ledge. Follow this to a huge belay boulder platform on *Acheninver Pinnacle Original Route*.

3. 25m 4a Climb a vertical crack up a steep perched pillar just left of the crest to gain a huge belay boulder. Finish up the arête above to the summit.

BEN MORE COIGACH, Fred's Crag:

Fred's Crag is the obvious, grooved cliff that you can see on the left looking up the line of the Garbh Allt. In addition to the three new routes mentioned here, *Right Said Fred* was repeated and thought to be worth two stars. The crag has great climbing in a beautiful setting. The gully between the crags provides an easy descent. (Topo provided.)

Yabba Dabba Doo 30m VS 4c *. Iain Young, Kenny Brookman, Simon Osborne. 1 Sep 2020.

This route takes the blunt arête forming the left edge of the main crag. Start up the initial bulge and then climb directly up the rib to belay on the huge block on top of the crag.

Boss Bird 35m HVS 5a *. Kenny Brookman, Simon Osborne, Iain Young. 1 Sep 2020.

Five metres right of *Right Said Fred* is a short, shallow, left-facing corner. Climb this then to a ledge at 5m, then head directly up the cracked wall above trending left at the top and finish up a short slab.

Wilma 40m Severe. Iain Young, Simon Osborne, Kenny Brookman. 1 Sep 2020. Takes a line on the slabby crag just to the right of Fred's Crag and mentioned as being more obvious on the approach in 'Northern Highlands North'. Start on the right, just left of a heather-topped pillar leaning against the slab and climb directly to a right-to-left-trending weakness; follow this to its end, then climb directly to the top.

CÙL BEAG, Lurgainn Slabs:

Friends Galore 12m VS 4c **. John Mackenzie, Neil Wilson, Ian Douglas. 15 Aug 2020.

Left of *Rogue Ripple* is another flat-faced buttress with a prominent steep left edge. Climb the near-vertical left edge directly for maximum enjoyment. The best of the Lower Tier routes by far.



*John Mackenzie on the FA of Rogue Ripple (E1,5b), Middle Tier, Cùl Beag.
See SMCJ 2020, p.159. Photo: Andrew James.*

Friends in Need 20m Mild Severe *. Neil Wilson, Ian Douglas, John Mackenzie. 15 Aug 2020.

This takes the arête of the rib left of *Friends Alone* directly and pleasantly.

Absent Friends 20m HVS 5a *. John Mackenzie, Ian Douglas. 15 Aug 2020.

This is the leftmost and scruffiest looking rib but is better than it looks. Start in a hollow below the rib and climb steeply to gain a shelf. Climb the wall above via a flake and stand on this to exit up a rippled slab on the left which has a juniper and grass finish.

Misanthrope's Groove 85m HVS 5a **. Stephen Venables, John Mackenzie, Ian Douglas. 24 Aug 2020.

A fine route that takes the crack-lined groove cutting through the big roof left of the *G.F.C.* Good protection and positions and some very pleasant climbing.

1. 35m Climb the slab as for *Breakout* and *Breakthrough* but move up and right to belays by a juniper ledge.
2. 20m Climb the cracks, crux, to the big roof and break through this on great holds and position to belay below a short steep V-groove.
3. 30m Climb the short V-groove to the slab above. Follow the shallow groove to a prominent triangular overhang, step up right over this to climb to the top. Good thread belays at the top of the *G.F.C.* (Topo provided.)

Tarantula Assault Course 10m Severe. Rosie Rothwell, Joseph Barlow. 19 Sep 2020.

Approximately 50m right of the *Paper Tiger* lies a short wall split by a crack. The crack has a horizontal break running just above half-height. Start on a platform at the base of the main crack and climb it direct. The name of the route comes from the number of large spiders encountered on the route. (Topo provided.)

Smiling Buttress 75m HVS 5a **. Andrew James, John Mackenzie. 30 May 2021.

This is the narrow buttress on the left of the Top Tier, left of the crack of *Breakthrough*. It has an enigmatic yet alluring stone smile created by a curved concave smooth section. Due to the overall steepness of the ground below the crag, there is considerable exposure right from the start.

The excellent second pitch is protected by smallish cams. The climb starts up a slope from the main slab reached by a grassy corner. The start of the climb is right of a steeper section where a corner with a heather patch has a small clean ledge at the base.

1. 20m 4a From the little ledge climb into the corner on the right and exit more awkwardly to a very constricted semi-hanging stance directly below the crack of *Breakthrough*.
2. 20m 5a Climb the horizontal ripples left of the edge and move up left, skirting 'the smile' and climb up the middle in a great position to a surprise crevasse at the top. Belay on the far left side of this.
3. 35m 4b Climb up then slightly right past a triangular block without using it. Move up a slab above and step right into a block-topped corner. Climb this or easier, step right and up to the same place. Move left into a rather grassy groove and so to the top.

Sunset Ridge 60m Moderate to Difficult. Andrew James, John Mackenzie. 30 May 2021.

Above the Top Tier and on the left is a disjointed ridge which is open to variation and with much scrambling. If a midway crack and the top tier are taken directly then some climbing can be had on excellent rock.

STAC POLLALDH, No 1 Buttress:

Michael Barnard notes that *Non Compos Mentis* & *Felo de Se* as suggested (SMCJ 2015) make a good consistent combination, perhaps worth ** overall. Pitch 1 is 45m.

Pinnacle Basin:

Pollaidh Peapod 15m E2 6a. Michael Barnard, Alan Hill. 25 Apr 2021.

Immediately right of The Irascible Porcupine pitch 1. A classic piece of climbing, with the crux arriving at a similar point as on its more famous namesake. Take care with some blocks near the top.

No 3 Buttress:

Michael Barnard notes that the *Jamalamadingdong* wall actually lies here, just right of *Summer Isles Arête* and near *Outrageous Fortune*. For such obvious cracks, the description is rather confusing. The wall would be better described as having two main crack-lines, with *Jamalamadingdong* taking the left one and Highland Spring starting up a short crack just to its left. *Jamalamadingdong* was thought ***, one of the best single-pitch lines in the area.

Moving right from the *Jamalamadingdong* wall, the next small buttress is easily identified by a small pinnacle at its base. It features a fine crack with a rightward kink past a bulge.

Who Shot Fardel's Bear? 10m E1 5b. Alan Hill, Michael Barnard. 25 Apr 2021. Left of the curving crack is an easier groove. Climb the jamming crack left of this.

Wild Beaver 15m E2 5c **. Michael Barnard, Alan Hill. 25 Apr 2021. The curving crack; easy up to the kink and much trickier above!

Magnum O'Puss 15m VS 4c. Alan Hill, Michael Barnard. 25 Apr 2021. The crack right of the above has a difficult start and some suspect rock near the top.

Consider the Lillies lies more like 100m right of *Summer Isles Arête*, not 40m. Just left of that wall is a smaller tower with a fine curving flake-crack on its front face.

Sunday Service 20m HVS 5a **. Michael Barnard, Alan Hill. 25 Apr 2021. The wide flake-crack (large cams required).

Saturday Sun 20m VS 5a. Michael Barnard, Alan Hill. 24 Apr 2021. Move up to below the flake-crack, then traverse left to climb a corner crack. Finish up the arête.



Michael Barnard on the FA of Beggar's Bouquet (E2 5b), Stac Pollaidh. Photo: Alan Hill.

Schrödinger's Goldfish 15m Severe 4b *. Alan Hill, Michael Barnard. 25 Apr 2021.

Around the corner to the left, climb twin cracks near the right edge (the 'other side' of *Saturday Sun's* corner-crack), moving left into another crack once past its vegetated section.

Consider the Lillies was thought E1 5b *, and the crux is definitely before the top ledge (the final flake-crack around on the right is about 4a).

Beggar's Bouquet 25m E2 5b *. Michael Barnard, Alan Hill. 24 Apr 2021.

Start down and right of the right-hand crack in the *Consider the Lillies* wall. Move up to the crack, step left into the left one and climb this to the top ledge. Continue up the crack above.

REIFF, Roinn a' Mhill, Bouldering Cliff:

Frog Arête 15m E6 6b/c. Callum Cunningham. Sep 2015.

The arête right of *Toad in the Hole* climbed direct.

Rapacious 20m E6 6b. Iain Small, Murdoch Jamieson. 3 May 2014.

Start up *Crack of Desire*, *Direct Start* then break out right to climb the wall, by hard moves, to gain the big break below a roof. pull through the roof and move up on undercuts until along move right gains a jug on the arête. Micro cams in small flake below. Make committing moves up the arête and pull left to a hidden pocket to finish up arête.

The Point:

Routes are from right to left, starting just after *First Twin*. (Topos provided.)

Second Twin 4m H.Severe. Rory Brown, Emma Atkinson. 11 Aug 2020.

The wall between *Pollock Shuffle* and *First Twin* with some great pockets.

Pollock Shuffle 4m Diff. Emma Atkinson, Rory Brown. 11 Aug 2020.

Immediately to the right of the 'deep wide crack descent' is a faint arête. Climb the featured arête through a mini sentry box low down.

The next routes are on the wall between *Treat* and *OH Crack*.

On Point 8m V.Diff. Rory Brown, Emma Atkinson. 11 Aug 2020.

To the left of *Treat* the next wall is quite featured but has a distinct right-slanting crack or ramp line starting about one-third height. Climb directly to the start of the crack or ramp and then follow it on great holds. Lots of seaweed on the starting footholds.

On Point Direct 7m Severe. Rory Brown, Emma Atkinson. 11 Aug 2020.

Start up *On Point* but continue straight up the wall where it goes right.

C Rack 7m Severe 4b. Rory Brown, Emma Atkinson. 11 Aug 2020.

Left of *On Point* is a short crack set in a very thin groove. Climb this to the big horizontal break and then finish straight up.

A Roof 6m VS 5a. Rory Brown, Emma Atkinson. 11 Aug 2020.

To the left of *C Rack* climb a steep flake-crack that leads to a small roof. Pull through this to an obvious jug and head direct to the top

The next routes are on the north-facing wall with *Minkie*.

Point Scoop 5m H.Severe 4c. Rory Brown, Emma Atkinson. 11 Aug 2020.

The scooped wall to the right of *Rampline* with a tricky start and a sloping finish.

Horizontal Happiness 10m VS 4c. Rory Brown, Emma Atkinson. 11 Aug 2020.

Start up the *Rampline* to the second big horizontal break. Hand traverse this all the way left to finish up *Nanny State*.

An Stuir, Sugar Kelp Bay:

Furbelows Holdfast 10m Severe. Alan Hill, Michael Barnard. 27 Sep 2020.

The next crack left of *Sugar Plum*.

Boring Piddock 10m Very Difficult. Alan Hill, Michael Barnard. 27 Sep 2020.

From the base of *Guttie Groove*, step up and traverse right to climb the bottomless groove around the arête.

The Talus Man 10m HVS 5a *. Michael Barnard, Alan Hill. 27 Sep 2020.

From the base of *Guttie Groove*, climb a steep left-trending crack to gain a hanging slab. Continue up the slabby wall above.

The Wondering Albert Ross 6m Severe. Alan Hill, Michael Barnard. 27 Sep 2020.

A short vertical crack in the centre of the wall left of *The Talus Man*.

The Hipster 10m HVS 5a. Michael Barnard, Alan Hill. 27 Sep 2020.

Around the corner left of *The Wondering Albert Ross* is a fine easy cracked slab. Around the next corner is a steeper black slab. Climb steeply up the right side of the slabby wall.

Do You Have a Licence for that Minke? 10m Difficult *. Alan Hill, Michael Barnard. 27 Sep 2020.

The next feature left of *The Hipster* is a fine left-slanting hanging groove.

All Things Nice 10m E1 5a *. Michael Barnard, Alan Hill. 27 Sep 2020.

Starting a few metres left of *Do You Have a Licence for that Minke?* climb a short left-slanting groove to its top, make a long reach for a ledge then pull up right to finish on the arête.

The following routes are described from right to left. (Topo provided.)

Don't forget the Cam 9m Severe*. John Higham, Kenny Brookman. 2 Sep 2020.

Above the pool and to the right of the alcove mentioned in *SMCJ* 2019, a broken crack-line splits the wall between a slab and some overhangs. Climb this.

Take a Cam 9m H.Severe. John Higham, Kenny Brookman. 2 Sep 2020.

Climb the right-hand side of the deep corner that lies directly above the pool.

Devil's Apron 8m VS 4b. Iain Young, Simon Osborne. 2 Sep 2020.

To the left of the alcove is short wall broken by a central overhang cut by a prominent crack. Gain and climb the crack.

Around the corner to the left is a crack-seamed slab where the two most prominent cracks provide enjoyable routes.

Left-Hand Crack 6m, V.Diff *. Kenny Brookman, John Higham. 2 Sep 2020.

Right-Hand Crack 6m V.Diff. Kenny Brookman, John Higham. 2 Sep 2020.

Impostor 8m Diff. Iain Young, Simon Osborne. 2 Sep 2020.

The little gulch running past the slab mentioned above ends in a steep-looking crack corner. Climb this, much easier than it looks.

Wheat Puffs 9m Severe. Kenny Brookman, John Higham. 2 Sep 2020.

To the left of *Impostor* is a short wall right of a deep gulch and wide crack. Climb the wall over a small bulge.

The rib to the left of *Impostor* was soloed by Iain Young at about Diff.

Slabby Ramp 8m V.Diff *. Simon Osborne, Iain Young. 2 Sep 2020.

Around the next corner is a steep wall split by an overhung slabby ramp. Gain and climb this. Excellent.

Sea Belt 8m HVS 5b. Iain Young, Simon Osborne. 2 Sep 2020.

Left again is a short slab topped on the left by a V-shaped, overhung alcove. Gain the alcove and make a tricky move to turn the lip.

Iain Young notes that *The Talus Man* looks to come round the arête from the right and finish as for *Devil's Apron*. *The Wandering Albert Ross* is the crack to the left of *Devil's Apron* (or they might be the same thing.)

An Stuir, Hidden Walls (NB 968 165):

There are some hidden, short, and largely slabby west-facing walls just south of the little bay at Sugar Kelp Bay. Most are easily reached by traversing around and in from the north at tide level until you reach a large non-tidal platform backed by slabs and a steep little wall. The centre of this short cliff takes the form of a fine, undercut slab on the left, separated from bulging walls and then more slabs to the right by a prominent right-angled corner. (Topo provided.)

Good to be Back Crack 8m V.Diff. Iain Young. 27 Apr 2021.

The prominent right-angled corner.

Off Key 8m E1 5b. Iain Young, John Higham. 28 Apr 2021.

Immediately left of the central corner is a fine slab. Climb this just left of a hairline crack.

Three Tier Slab 8m V.Diff. John Higham, Iain Young. 28 Apr 2021.

Left again is a slab with a block at the base and a break at two-thirds height. Climb over the block and up the slab via the faint arête.

Descent Corner 6m Diff. Iain Young, John Higham. 28 Apr 2021.
The black corner at the left end of the crag.

Slanting Crack 14m V.Diff. John Higham, Iain Young. 28 Apr 2021.
To the right of the central corner is a bulging wall then an obvious diagonal break running up from a recess. From the recess, gain and climb the fine, slanting thin crack.

Big Boulder Slab 12m V.Diff. Iain Young, John Higham. 28 Apr 2021.
Right again is a boulder-filled gulch. From the large boulder at its base, climb directly up the slab above.

Offshore from here is a long fin of rock. Two routes were climbed on the seaward face of this fin. At low tide, a moderate scramble via ledges leads along the base of the slabby seaward face, or it can be descended by an obvious ramp and moderate down-climb.

Offshore Rule 8m Diff. Iain Young. 28 Apr 2021.
The prominent V-groove.

Tide Race 10m Severe. Iain Young, John Higham. 28 Apr 2021.
Take the centre of the fine slab to its the overhung top. A perfect hold allows a straightforward pull over onto steps that lead to the top.

Rubha Coigeach, Golden Walls:

Midge Fighter 15m E3 5c. Ian Taylor, Tess Fryer. 6 August 2020.
An eliminate line up the arête left of *Rite of Spring*. Start up *Sweet Chasity*. At a good ledge move right onto the arête and follow it direct to the top.

Rubha Coigeach, Amphitheatre Bay:

The Shoogly Corner 10m VS 4c. Tess Fryer, Ian Taylor. 23 Jul 2011.
The most obvious corner on the smaller NW-facing wall left of the main Amphitheatre.

The Swinging Sixties 20m E1 5b *. Michael Barnard, Alan Hill. 15 May 2021.
A line up the left side of the main amphitheatre. Start a couple of metres right of *The Shoogly Corner*, below an undercut crack. Climb this (crux) and move out left to a ledge. Gain the next ledge above, step right and go up a flake-crack before hand-traversing right to reach another ledge. Gain the next ledge up and right, then finish up cracks directly above (stakes in situ).

The Furious Fifties 25m E4 5c *. Iain Small, Sam Williams. May 2014.
Steep cracks and even steeper corner line about 20m left of *Roaring Forties*. A classic grovelfest at the crux.

Lip Trip 30m E6 6b. Iain Small, Niall McNair. 10 Apr 2018.
Climb *Minjeetah* to the big jug below its easy top corner then launch hard left along a break-line traverse through very steep ground under the capping roof. Pull out left onto the headwall and finish more easily. Care should be taken to extend most runners. A double set of cams is required.



Ian Taylor on the FA of Midge Fighter (E3,5c), Golden Walls, Reiff. Photo: Tess Fryer.

Michael Barnard thought *The Roaring Forties* was overgraded but vastly underrated – E2 5c ***?

Rubha Coigeach, Rubha Ploytach:

Caddy 24m E2 5c **. Connor Henley, Harrison Connie. 9 Oct 2020.

Start directly below prominent upper face in the small alcove 7m to the left of *First and Ten*. Go through the lower roof to climb up a broken slab arriving at a large break. Head directly up the bulging roof above onto the prominent slabby wall and climb direct up the upper wall.

Third Horn 20m E1 5b *. Connor Henley, Harrison Connie. 9 Oct 2020.

Start one metre left of *First and Ten* and head up the open corner to stand on a block. Go through the roof trending rightwards to finish directly.

BREABAG, Coirean Bàn, Upper Buttress:

Little Top 45m VS. Rob Archbold, Greg Strange. 21 May 1977.

Moving up and left from the left end of the 'Lower South-East Cliff' (p. 213 of 'Northern Highlands North') there is a steep wall with overlaps and a small waterfall on its left. This route climbs the left edge of the wall, overlooking the waterfall. Start up a pale ramp and its continuation groove, then trend steeply up rightwards on good holds to the top.

LOCHINVER CRAGS, Creag Rodha Mòr:

Glittering Girl 30m E2 5b ***, Michael Barnard, Alan Hill. 1 May 2021.

A link-up of *The Shiner*, *Read My Lips* and continuing to join and finish up *Small Time Girl*. Not much new ground but excellent steep juggy climbing up the diagonal flake-line.

Andy Moles notes that *The Melting* was more E1 than E2.

LOCHINVER CRAGS, Achmelvich Campsite Crags:

Andy Moles notes that if the upper half of the arête of *Flawless* is climbed on its left side, the route is more like E6 6b *** and hard for the grade if you're less than average height. *Flawless Left-Hand* is worth a separate guidebook entry. As far as he knows it was first climbed this way by Richie Betts in 2009.

Andy Moles notes that he climbed the remaining upper corner of *Calypso* via the lower arête of *Flawless* on 29 May 2021. He thinks this is the first ascent since the giant block that defined the lower half of the route fell out and considers it now top end E4 6a **, maybe E5. Climb *Flawless* as far as the foot ledge, then move left around the arête and span the gap to gain the corner. The original advice about two RP2s was not helpful as he didn't place any. There is a key small wire halfway up the corner, which is bombproof but tricky to get in. He doesn't think one move of new climbing merits a change in name, but it would be fun to name the new version *Collapse*...

POINT OF STOER, Old Man of Stoer South Stack (NC 015 350):

The impressive stack approximately 200m south of the Old Man of Stoer. It is largely hidden from view in a steep geo, but even so, it is surprising it had not been climbed before. It had most likely been overlooked in the rush to bag the Old Man and was possibly the highest unclimbed sea stack on the Scottish

mainland west coast. The stack is unnamed on maps and the name has been taken from the database of British and Irish hills.

South Face 40m Severe. Mark Robson, Simon Richardson. 30 Aug 2020.
Access is difficult in all but the calmest seas. Descend the cliff as for the Old Man of Stoer and traverse to the most southerly point of the shelf at the base of the cliff until opposite the stack. Make a 30m swim across to the stack and land on a platform on its west side. Move across the platform and traverse right along ledges to gain a right-trending crack-line up the centre of the south face. Climb this on excellent rock – easier than it looks. Abseil descent and reverse the approach.

CANISP, North Flank:

North Rib 90m II/III. John Higham, Iain Young. 7 Dec 2020.

A prominent rib drops north from the summit shelter. On this occasion this was gained by dropping west from the summit to a shoulder then north down a snow gully (Grade I) to below the steep portion of the rib. Traverse on to the rib at NC 202970 188290 and then climb it in two pitches to the summit. Much variation possible, but a superb setting and high enough to be wintry when other places are not. Of interest for starting on Torridonian sandstone and finishing on Cambrian quartzite.

One Too Many 50m II. John Higham, Iain Young. 7 Dec 2020.

The sandstone buttress to the west of *North Rib* was climbed by a line of turfey grooves towards its right side.

QUINAG, Sàil Garbh, Barrel Buttress:

Beefheart 60m VII,7 ***. Andy MacKinnon, Callum Johnson. 28 Dec 2020.

A winter ascent following the summer route throughout. A good winter line, well protected, steep with an 'out there' feeling. Conditions were very good, with turf well frozen and a lot of snow around.

CAPE WRATH, Clò Mòr Cliffs:

Callum Johnson notes that if an abseil approach is used to approach *Clo Mor Crack* the first pitch will only be accessible an hour either side of low tide, with a calm sea. The birds need to be away for access to pitch 1 as well (they were gone by 6 September in 2020). Johnson's party climbed from pitch 2 up. Pitch 2 was cleaned on abseil. Approach was possible with 100m static and 80m static. Rebelaying several times is recommended. They also climbed a pitch right of *Clo Mor Crack* pitch 4 – an obvious crack up a slabby area of rock; Guy Robertson and team also climbed this pitch earlier in the summer.

Ceannabeinne Beach:

Giraffes and Swans 12m HVS 5a **. Mike Lauder, Susan Guest. Aug 2008.

Start from the top of an obvious block (a paddle at high tide). Climb past two breaks before heading left then back right to a small ledge. Careful with the grassy top-out. Fence-post belay.

Crocodiles and Elephants 12m HVS 5a **. James Milton, Sophie Jacobs. 12 Jul 2020.

Starting in the niche just right of *Giraffes and Swans*, climb up to the highest point of the small roof. Continue up before reaching out right to some cracks and finish easily.



*Mark Robson on the FA of South Face (Severe), Old Man of Stoer South Stack.
Photo: Simon Richardson.*



*Karen Latter on the FA of Do You Expect Me to Talk (Severe), Ardmore View Crag.
See SMCJ 2020, p.163. Photo: Gary Latter.*

NORTH CAITHNESS CRAGS, Brough Stacks (ND 221 742):

Access: Parking at Brough Harbour Trust parking (enough for four cars). Sheltered bay which is good for open water swimming, paddle boarding and exploring caves to the east of the bay. The two stacks are accessible by foot when tide is at 3.3m or less (check tide timetables for Scrabster). The outer stack is smaller and has much better rock than the inner stack, and provides good scrambling and bouldering. The impressive looking stack on the east side of the bay at ND 224 741 was climbed by its easy north ridge (Moderate) by Mark Robson and Simon Richardson, 29 Jul 2006 after a swim approach (probably climbed before).

The inner stack has some good scrambling and bouldering on its the eastern side (facing the outer stack). This can be used to access the top and set a hanging belay for the routes on the north face.

South Face 20m Diff. Richard Hunt, Sandy Hunt, Darren Sutherland. 27 Mar 2021.

Follow the obvious corner crack for 10m and link exposed tiers of rock to the top.

The following two routes lie on the 20m-high north face which has good rock for the first 12 to 14m.

Nae Crack 20m Severe. Richard Hunt, Sandy Hunt, Darren Sutherland. 27 Mar 2021.

Follows the prow of north face edge and to the left of the nose at top. (Topo provided.)

'e Craic 14m Severe. Richard Hunt, Sandy Hunt, Darren Sutherland. 27 Mar 2021.

Start left of *Nae Crack* and follow the obvious left to right sloping crack line until rock gets too loose at about 14m and leader bottles it. (Topo provided.)

Longgeo Wall (ND 298 747):

Access: Park on verge opposite house/campsite above Long Goe farm and walk along edge of field to caves. The wall is tidal and can be accessed by abseil or walking in 150m from the east. Although very short, the climbs are on a clean wall with good cracks. Routes are named after John o' Groats Brewery beers and described from left to right. (Topo provided.)

First Footing 5m V.Diff. Richard Hunt, Louise Hunt. 27 Jul 2020.

Good holds following crack up corner to top.

Swelkie 5m E1 5a. Richard Hunt, Louise Hunt. 27 Jul 2020

Clean crack-line direct to top.

Liddel Eddy 5m E1 5a. Richard Hunt, Louise Hunt. 27 Jul 2020

Using ledges climb direct to top using cracks either side for protection.

Deep Groat 5m Severe. Richard Hunt, Louise Hunt. 27 Jul 2020

Follow obvious curving crack-line to top with good protection where needed.

St John's Point (ND 402 753):

St John's Stack 10m V.Diff. Richard Hunt. Summer 2018.

The short sea stack at ND 400 753 climbed by its landward face.

Port Vasgo:

Mokoshi 20m E3 6a/b **. Callum Johnson, Andy MacKinnon. 8 Sep 2020.

Takes the roof crack between *Satari* and *Highline*, through the widest part of the top roof. Start as for *Satari* until past the roof at the bottom of the crag, then step right into the line of right-facing corners and small overhangs to the upper roof and crack. Hard well-protected moves lead to the top.

SOUTH HEAD OF WICK:

Selkie 10m E2 5c **. Callum Johnson, Andy MacKinnon. 9 Sep 2020.

Halfway between *Lightness of Being* and *Wick and Feeble*. Start at a left-facing corner and climb the wall to gain parallel cracks in the upper wall. Finish pulling into the notch, which is just left of the change in height of the crag.

SARCLET, Occam's Buttress:

10 O-Clock Shadow 30m H.Severe 4b *. Alan Hill, Michael Barnard 17 Apr 2021.

A line of left-slanting grooves left of *Thrumster Regatta*. Climb the initial slabby corner of that route, then step left to continue up the slanting grooves.

Find the Cost of Freedom 35m E1 5c *. Michael Barnard, Alan Hill. 17 Apr 2021.

A line of cracks and grooves right of the arête. The lower section is good but some of the rock on the headwall is suspect; after the crux it may be better to move left onto *The Ugly Bug Ball*. From a stance on the arête, step right and climb rightward-trending cracks and grooves to below an overlap. Step right and surmount this, then move back left past a roof (crux) to gain a groove. Continue more easily up the groove. Climb a steep blocky crack just right of the main roof and traverse left on the lip to finish up flake-cracks in the arête.

Another Day at the Office, Left-hand Finish 10m E1 5b ***. Michael Barnard, Alan Hill. 25 Oct 2020.

On reaching the top roof, traverse left under it and finish up the cracked wall.

Djapana Buttress:

Regal Wall 25m E2 5b ***. Michael Barnard, Alan Hill. 17 Apr 2021.

A future Sarclet classic up the fine wall left of *Arch Rival*. Abseil from the tombstone block to gain a good ledge on the left edge of the wall (up and left of the base). From the left end of the ledge, go up a steep cracked groove. Climb to a couple of metres below the roof, then move out right to gain a rest ledge. Continue boldly up a shallow right-facing groove, and on to the top.

Unknown Buttress (ND 342 419):

Michael Barnard notes that the following routes lie on the edge of the next promontory south of Tilted Ledge. Non-tidal. North-east facing. It is unsure how these relate to Gloup Ledge, but Simon Nadin doesn't recognise the photos and the descriptions don't seem to fit. An old in situ nut was found at the bottom of a difficult tight groove, so it seems likely the easier lines have been climbed before

(and not recorded); certainly the VS will have been. A large black non-tidal ledge lies below the routes, gained by abseil through the finishing groove of the VS. The routes are around 25–30m long. In the upper section, left of the main groove, is a nasty-looking tight groove (E2?). The main groove has two parallel cracks in its left wall. These can be climbed with a step left into the easier finishing groove at VS 4c *. The back of the main groove, moving right into another short groove to finish, is possibly HVS. The steep cracks up the arête on the right are HVS 5a **.

ULBSTER, Whaligoe, Ellens Geo:

Girdle Your Loins 65m E3 ***. Michael Barnard, Alan Hill. 26 Oct 2020.

A sensational traverse. A triple set of cams from Camalot 0.5 to 2 may be found useful. Start as for *The Cat's Outta the Bag* (SMCJ 2020).

1. 20m 5a Follow *The Cat's Outta the Bag* up the sandstone and a couple of metres up the conglomerate, then move up left into the crack-groove immediately left of it, and climb this to ledges.
2. 25m 5c Take the obvious rising break out right, crossing *Stratagem*, *Brains as well as Brawn* and out to the arête of *Third Degree* (crux). Move up to arrange a semi-hanging belay.
3. 20m 4c Step back down and continue the traverse past *Hundreds and Thousands* and *So this is Summer* to finish up the short final crack of *Treading Water*.

Michael Barnard notes a more independent finish to *Cat Burglar* (SMCJ 2020) keeping it independent of *Guest Pass Violation*:

Cat Burglar 35m E2 5c **

Follow *The Cat's Outta the Bag* up the sandstone and a couple of metres up the conglomerate, then move left via a line of knobbly holds towards a short slanting undercut crack. Use this to gain the steep groove out left and climb this to ledges. Take the left-trending conglomerate flake-crack above to join and finish up the top arête of *Gagging Clause*.

Oliver's Travels 80m E3 5c ***. Rory Brown, Peter Herd. 10 Aug 2017.

A wild girdle taking the continuous pale diagonal break from left to right, with increasing difficulty and exposure. Start below the easy starting corner of *Brains as well as Braun*.

1. 25m 5a Climb the corner to access the pale diagonal fault line. Follow breaks right to a spacious belay on the arête, immediately left of the corner of *Where the Taught Wave Hangs*.
2. 25m 5b Leave the ledges and continue along the break across the wall. Airy moves around an arête lead to a small belay ledge in the corner of *Non Stop Nitty Gritty*.
3. 20m 5c Tricky moves of the belay lead to better holds and a rest once around the arête. Continue on the line with a further tricky section as the break crosses an innocuous looking wall. Belay just after this on an obvious ledge in the corner of *Layer Cake*.
4. 10m 5a Finish up the corner of *Layer Cake*.

Michael Barnard notes that he thought *Non Stop Nitty Gritty* E2 5b **** and the best line on the crag.



*Michael Barnard on the FA of Squeal Like a Pig (E2,5c), Ellens Geo, Ulbster.
See SMCJ 2020, p. 168. Photo: Alan Hill.*

MID CLYTH, Sgaps Geo:

Callum Johnson and Andy MacKinnon thought *Deep Joy* and *Sunny Side Up* were superb but probably E3 5c. *Spummin Marvellous* was just that, but thought to be E2/3 5c. *Big Sky Country* tricky E4 or soft E5 6a. *Cauliflower in the Soup* felt E5 6b, with micro cams being essential. All routes were 3 stars though! (Routes not reported in Journal so far, but topo provided.)

Clythness North (ND 292 364):

This is the area just north of Clythness (Mid Clyth) Lighthouse. Access is from a lay-by on the main road at ND 286365. Walk along the grass verge northwards and turn down the lighthouse access road. At the bottom of the road follow the John o' Groat's Way for 100m or so northwards before cutting down to the huge crazy-paving slab via a small rocky bluff. The first major feature on the seaward side of the slab is a square-cut slot, a few metres wide, that cuts into the slab. The first couple of routes are on a small promontory just south of the slot.

Centre Line 20m VS 4c *. Mick & Kathy Tighe, John McClenaghan. 8 Feb 2013.

Abseil down to a black triangular ledge well above the sea. Climb the fine system of short cracks and corners in the middle of the crag.

Centre Left 20m VS 4b. Mick & Kathy Tighe, John McClenaghan. 8 Feb 2013. A couple of metres left of *Centre Line* climb a similar system of cracks and corners. N.B. There is an interesting looking slab on the right of the crag with a slot and steep headwall above – not climbed.

There is a grand little V.Diff up the back corner of the slot approached by abseil or scrambling down the south corner. North from here is a series of hanging grooves. The following route takes the most northerly one, just before the big overhang.

Ludgy Pot 40m E1/2 5b ***. Mick Tighe, Doug Lee. Aug 2014.

Approach via a tricky traverse from the bottom of the slot, climb the steep black wall, excellent runners, to gain the upper groove. Abseil approach possible, but you need to swing in or go for a swim!

A further 30 to 40m beyond the slot there is a much smaller one that leads down to a large platform with several shallow pools formed by the sloping flagstone. Below the platform is a large recess/bay. Routes are described starting at the southern end of the bay which has a steep wall facing north – unclimbed.

The Seam 15m HVS 5a ***. Mick & Kathy Tighe. 25 Aug 2019.

The excellent stepped groove or crack-line on the southern (seaward) edge of the bay i.e. the left edge of the steep, north-facing wall.

Kath's Corner 20m Mild Severe *. Kathy & Mick Tighe. 25 Aug 2019.

This, and the next climb, are in the north corner of the bay. Abseil down to the good ledges above the tide line. Climb a lovely, black, narrow slab, just left of *The Hoodie* groove, and continue up to a short corner to finish.

The Hoodie 25m V.Diff. Mick & Kathy Tighe. 8 Feb 2013.

Start at the same place as Kath's Corner and climb the obvious inverted V-hoodie groove. Go up and right along an easy ledge to finish up an exposed edge above a chasm – see next routes.

At the north end of the big ledge there is a smaller bay, 'he chasm'. The following three routes start from a good ledge at the bottom – abseil approach and no easy way out!

Left Wall 20m E1/2 **. Mick Tighe, Doug Lee. Aug 2014.

This is the fine left (north-facing) wall of the chasm. Climb the steep, seaward side of the wall on good holds to a diagonal ramp line that goes up right to the top of the crag.

The Great Escape 20m E1/2 *. Mick & Kathy Tighe. 13 Apr 2019.

Climb the crack-corner line at the back of the chasm up to the overhang. Good, small Friends under the overhang allow for a safe traverse left, up and around the corner to the top.

The Sting 20m HVS 5a. Mick Tighe, Ian Robertson, Robert Veitch. 20 Aug 2017.

Climb the fine slab on the right side of the chasm and the 5m V-groove at the top, which is the sting.

The Sting finishes in a small bay which can be accessed from the main ledge by a short, scary traverse, or by going around the top and scrambling in from above. The next two routes are accessed via this wee bay by abseil.

Vertical Vice 20m VS 4c **. Mick Tighe, Ian Robertson, Robert Veitch. 20 Aug 2017.

This route finishes pretty much in the middle of the small bay. Abseil down the line to a fine little ledge above the tide-line. Climb back up the tight groove-chimney line.

Bypass 20m VS 4c *. Mick Tighe, Ian Robertson, Robert Veitch. 20 Aug 2017.

A few metres right of *Vertical Vice* another cracking groove-corner line leads to a small overhang which is avoided by stepping out left onto the wall, and back right above.

The huge crazy-paving slab keeps going until it ends in a geo. There's a little inset wall where the cliff turns into the geo with a couple of exciting routes – not led. Back south a few metres there is another little ledge a few metres down on the seaward side. There is an excellent corner below, flanked by a smooth wall to the north and overhangs to the south.

Bodach Bell 20m HVS 5b ***. Mick & Kathy Tighe. October 2016

The fine corner-line gives an excellent excursion, tricky in the middle; exit right at the top.

Clythness South (ND 289 362):

Approach as for Clythness North as far as the lighthouse. There is a barbed-wire

fence approximately 100m south of the lighthouse, and a further 100m south a very narrow ledge at the extreme edge of the cliff leads to a much bigger ledge which is the depot for the first crop of routes (ND 28921 36176). There is a fine double-overhang corner at the southern end of the big ledge (unclimbed), after which, going back north, there is a buttress with an overhang at two-thirds height. The first route climbs the fine recess just north of this buttress immediately below the ox-eye daisy patch.

Daisy Root 20m VS 4b***. Mick & Kathy Tighe, Morten Hansen. Jul 2019. Abseil down to the big ledge well above the sea and climb the excellent crack in the back of the recess.

The Link 40m HVS 5a ***. Mick & Kathy Tighe. 19 Jul 2019. Climb halfway up *Daisy Root* before traversing left along the fabulous bedding lines under the overhang. A small ledge on the arête allows for a belay to avoid rope drag. Finish around the corner up the top part of *Double Overhang*.

Lack-a-Daisy 15m VS 4b **. Kathy & Mick Tighe, Morten Hansen. 19 Jul 2019.

There's a fine little corner-crack-line in the upper part of the wall 8 to 10m right of *Daisy Root*. Start on a higher ledge system up and right of *Daisy Root* and make a bold pull up the initial bulge to gain the fine groove or crack.

Oops-a-Daisy 15m VS 4c **. Mick & Kathy Tighe. 8 Aug 2020. Start a couple of metres right of *Lack-a-Daisy* and pull through just left of the start of the black overhangs. Climb the fine wall above.

Cleft Asunder 20m MVS 4b *. Mick & Kathy Tighe, Morten Hansen. 19 Jul 2019.

A big ledge runs along north from the start of the Daisy routes, finishing where a deep cleft cuts into the rock. Disappear into the cleft and reappear a few metres higher up. Fine ledges lead to the top.

Heading back towards the lighthouse there is a cluster of large boulders topped with yellow lichen, the Seven Stones. Below is an excellent, gently overhanging, wall rippling with big holds – Muscle Wall – on which two routes have been top-roped, not led. There are two routes just south of Muscle Wall.

Arms Dealer 20m VS 4c. Mick & Kathy Tighe. 8 Aug 2020. Abseil down from the Seven Stones to good ledges just above the high tide line. The left (south) side of Muscle Wall is defined by a deep cleft topped by an overhang. Climb the wall left of the cleft for a few metres then go diagonally left through a steep, slabby section to finish in a small recess just south of the Seven Stones.

Armalite 20m VS 4b. Kathy & Mick Tighe. 8 Aug 2020. The wall just left (south) of the above, finishing in the same place.

Heading back towards the barbed-wire fence there is a large, coffin-shaped stone just south of the corner post. Good anchors underneath for an abseil down the groove-line opposite to ledges north of a big cave.

Offshore Wind 20m VS 4b/c *. Mick & Kathy Tighe. 17 Sep 2020.

Climb the prominent crack in the fine black wall to a big ledge. Go up the steep, slaty section, finishing up the groove-corner line.

Stack Area – Skerry Mòr:

Callum Johnson agrees with Steve Perry's comment that *Doomsday* is E6 6a and ***. The crucial cam in the pocket is good but strenuous to place.

ORKNEY, Old Man of Hoy:

Richard Ive notes that *East Face Chimney Variation* (SMCJ 2017) has been renamed *We Spoke Too Soon*.

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BEINN A' MHÙINIDH, Bonaïd Dhonn:

South by South-East V,6 * 65m. Rob Giddy, Tim Miller, Callum Johnson. 4 Feb 2021

A winter-only line that climbs the obvious corner on the left side of the crag between *Netsky* and *North by North-West*. Two pitches; belay three-quarters of the way up the corner on a ledge on the left.

GRUDIE CRAGS (NG 974 664 to NG 969660):

The line of the main crags can be seen on the hillside from the road at Bridge of Grudie. One could approach from here to maintain a good visual of the various sections, however a slightly more direct approach is from the large parking bay overlooking Loch Maree at NG 982 671. Cross the road and head directly up through some trees onto the open hillside of Meall a' Ghiuthais. Head south-west up the hillside, following a rocky band just left of the edge of the hillside proper. A couple of bouldering outcrops are passed en route. At approx 200m the hillside flattens out into a small plateau. Cross this flat area, aiming for the next rise approx 50m right of where another rocky band joins from the left; the Main Crag starts just over this rise. (30min).

These sandstone cliffs lie at an altitude of 300 to 350m and are mostly west to north-west-facing. Routes are described left (east) to right (west), unless stated otherwise. (Topos provided.)

Eastern Sector, First Wall:

Descents for this sector are either to the east (joining the approach route), or at this sector's western end via a steep heathery bay. The first (most easterly) continuous section of rock, approx 100m in length.

Left Crack 15m VS 4c. Ben Sparham, Dave Porter. 23 May 2010.

The leftmost of two obvious crack-lines near the right-hand side of the wall.

Right Crack 15m VS 4c. Ben Sparham, Dave Porter. 23 May 2010.

The next obvious crack-line 5m to the right of *Left Crack*.

Eastern Sector, Upper Tier:

Moving west, the crag line is 'interrupted' by a much browner, easy-angled

sandstone section 30m wide. (Brown Wall – no routes.) Just right again, the highest wall of the crag has a slightly lichenous veneer and a green undercut right-hand side. (Big Wall – no routes.) The ground rises past the end of Big Wall, and one can then switch back above to access a tier of cleaner sandstone (Upper Tier) or continue up to a steep heathery bay bounded on the left by a heavily striated but compact wall (Compact Wall). The routes on the Upper Tier are described right to left (west to east) as this is the order in which they are met.

Midgy Arête 8m Severe. Ben Sparham, Dave Porter, Maurice O’Connell. 1 Aug 2019.

Climb the short right arête of the detached pillar, the first main feature left of the compact wall.

On No Account 10m HVS 4c. Ben Sparham, Dave Porter 10 Apr 2010.

Left of *Midgy Arête*, this is the corner formed by the left side of the detached tower. Protection could be better.

Pass Book 10m HVS 5a **. Dave Porter, Simon Clark. 10 Apr 2010.

The obvious open-book corner set into the arête. Strenuous and well-protected.

Continuing along the upper tier terrace, past broken and vegetated ribs, in 30m you come to a clean light-brown slab.

New Account 15m VS 4c **. Dave Porter, Simon Clark, Ben Sparham. 10 Apr 2010.

Very pleasant climbing up the slab, using intermittent cracks.

Western Sector, Buttress Area:

Cutting directly across the heathery bay, from the edge of the Eastern Sector, Upper Tier, the main crag line is joined once more after about 300m at a short grey wall on sloping ground, split by a steep jam-crack. Just round the corner are a series of buttresses, beyond an initial slab and roof-corner-crack (unclimbed) and a couple of vegetated faults. Descend via a shallow gully into the central bay between Buttress Area and Hidden Buttress.

‘Yorkshire VS’ 15m E1 5c *. Simon Clark, Dave Porter. 15 Aug 2020.

On the first buttress, climb the deceptive crack just left of centre on the lower wall, then step right and fight up the hanging corner-crack. Will be more pleasant after brushing the hanging crack.

Statement of Middle Age 16m HVS 5a *. Ben Sparham Dave Porter. 4 Sep 2010.

On the next buttress, climb the obvious crack line up centre of buttress before moving slightly left to tackle the top crack above a bulge. Escapable at bulge, so loses a star.

Mossemite 16m Severe Ben Sparham Simon Clark Dave Porter. 10 Apr 2010.
The corner to the right of *Statement of Middle Age* – a bit manky!

The right wall of the Mossemite corner forms the left side of the first of a pair of prows. These prows form a bay which contains a clean slab of immaculate

sandstone. The two corners of the bay are both unclimbed, the left corner being off-width.

Run, Parthians, Run 20m E2 5b **. Ben Sparham, Dave Porter. 23 May 2010. Start at the base of the left-hand corner of the bay. Move up to an Australia-shaped block on the side of the prow, level with the square-cut roof in the front face. Use the edge of the prow above and face holds to move up to a pocket on the arête. Swing left from this around onto the front face of the prow at a ledge. Move up the prow to finish.

To the right, the clean immaculate inset wall is defined by a series of thin shallow cracks running up the centre of the wall. These provide fine climbing with adequate protection. It was led with pre-placed gear and awaits an ascent in better style. Probably E5 6a for the on-sight.

Beyond the second prow, the final section of the Buttress Area contains a buttress with a prominent prow at half height (Pig Prow) and beyond this a vertical crack (unclimbed).

Tarvie's Six-Million Dollar Man 15m HVS 5a *. Ben Sparham Dave Porter. 20 Sep 2010.

The thin crack to the right of Pig Prow.

After this a wide bay opens out (descent comes down here). The right side of this bay contains a large cracked buttress with many potential routes (dirty). From here, continue westwards around a corner to find Hidden Wall.

Western Sector, Hidden Wall:

The west facing Hidden Wall is composed of a central corner, flanked by left and right walls. The left wall is more extensive, forming a reverse L-shape against the central corner. The lower left side of the left wall is made up a series of flutings and cracks running up the face and finishing on the ridge making up the limit of the Hidden Wall. The upper left wall is more compact and square-cut and only makes up the upper right side of this wall.

Hitting the Sack 20m HVS 5b *. Simon Clark, Dave Porter. 15 Aug 2020.

Start as for *Gift for Laura*, but trend left up the wall, passing through a shallow niche to reach the right end of ledges. Now move right and climb the left side of the square recess in the upper wall.

Gift for Laura 20m E1 5b **. Ben Sparham, Dave Porter, Simon Clark. 10 Apr 2010.

Start 5m left from the central corner, below an obvious crack in the upper wall. Surmount the lower wall via a slim right-facing corner and bulge to gain a central ledge. Follow the upper crack, which is initially a slim left-facing corner, pulling through a small roof to gain the upper crack.

Jenny's Gem 20m VS 4c ***. Dave Porter, Simon Clark, Ben Sparham. 10 Apr 2010.

The excellent big central corner with short deviations to the right at mid-height. May weep in places, but these can be avoided.

Jenny's Gem, The Exit Cracks 10m E2 5b *. Simon Clark, Dave Porter. 15 Aug 2020.

A left-hand variation finish to *Jenny's Gem*. Halfway up the corner, move left into cracks in the smooth wall, finishing more easily above.

Sedgehog 18m Severe. Simon Clark, Dave Porter, Ben Sparham. 10 Apr 2010. On the right side of the right wall, 10m right of the corner. Climb the prominent clean arête, on its right-hand side, passing a break at one-third height.

Further right is another clean buttress with a series of cracks running up it.

Memory Loss 20m Severe. Simon Clark, Dave Porter, Ben Sparham. 10 Apr 2010.

Start 20m to the right of *Sedgehog*. Go up an easy crack on right side of a black water-mark to reach a steeper crack splitting an arête above. Follow this to the top.

POOLEWE & TOLLAIDH, Loch Tollaidh Crag, Upper Tier:

Rab Anderson notes that the following routes were inaccurately described in 'Northern Highlands Central'. Corrected descriptions are given below.

Fetish Crag:

Bound and Gagged 35m VS/HVS 4c. Rab Anderson, C.Anderson. 23 Jun 2001. Towards the left end of the crag is a black area of waterwashed rock with a corner. Climb the corner and the ensuing wall to reach a diagonal crack then follow this round the left side of a small roof to finish up heathery ground and a short wall.

Silky Smooth 30m E3 5c ***. Rab Anderson, C.Anderson. 24 Jun 2001.

A superb route (when it was climbed 20 years ago!) taking the crack left of *Stiff Egg White*. Start at the edge of the buttress beside the heathery fault. Climb to the crack and follow this to the horizontal break at the roof. Step right and surmount the roof left of *Brewers Droop*.

Rubberist 30m E3/4 6a **. Rab Anderson, C.Anderson. 24 Jun 2001.

The cracks in the orangey wall between *Viagra Falls* and *Lewd Behaviour*. Climb the corner on the right to the roof (gear) and swing left onto the wall (the big block does not need to be handled!). Continue up cracks and pull over a steepening to a break (semi-decent Camelot 3). Finish up easier slabs and walls.

Thong and Dance 30m VS 4c *. Rab Anderson, C.Anderson. 23 Jun 2001.

It is not certain how this relates to *Large Libido*, which predates it. Right of *Prickly Pair* on the rightmost side of the crag, climb to a flake and instead of climbing the right-slanting groove pull up left onto the wall and climb nice rock to the top.

Buttock Buttress:

Little Cuss E2 5b/c *. Rab Anderson, C.Anderson. 17 Jun 2001.

It is not certain how this relates to *Balls of Fire*, which predates it. The awkward groove just right of the sharp arête on the right section of the crag, left of *Yabbandit*, leads to a choice of easy finishes.

Kuhjo Crag:

Andy Moles notes that the grades generally feel harsh, and some wouldn't be a pushover if they were a + grade higher – particularly *Spiderman* and *The Green Solution*.

RUBHA MÒR, CAMAS POINT:

Flump 15m H.Severe 4b. Joe Barlow, Rosie Rothwell. 30 Aug 2020.

Climb the thin vertical crack 2m to the left of *Niece Wall*. Follow this to the ledge and climb direct through the bulge above.

Seal Slab 10m V.Diff. Joe Barlow, Rosie Rothwell. 30 Aug 2020.

Start 2m left of *Escalator* and climb direct up the slab through the large horizontal break.

BEINN LAIR, North-East Face:

SMCJ 2008 carries a correction stating 'The winter ascent of *Right Wing Butterfly Buttress*, as described in Northern Highlands Central was an ascent of *North Summit Buttress*.' This correction is misleading as the route was a wholly independent ascent of this very wide buttress (i.e. didn't follow the summer route at all) and so should have a distinct name. An amended description follows:

Glaodh an Iar 600m III **. John Higham, Iain Young. 20 Feb 2005.

Start at the lowest rocks on the right-hand side of the buttress uphill from a huge rectangular boulder and directly below a pointed top (pt830m on the 1:25,000 map). Climb more or less directly upwards following grooves, chimneys, arêtes and with a zigzag on open snow slopes between one-quarter and one-third height. Finish just right of pt830m with a belay on the prominent cairn. (Topo provided.)

GRUINARD BAY CRAGS, Gruinard Crag:

Paradise Direct 50m E2 5b **. Nathan Adam, Morna Baillie. 29 Apr 2021.

Enjoyable bold climbing, low in the grade. The second pitch is less good and possibly coincides with the original route. It may be better to abseil from the block at the top of the first pitch or scramble off right.

1. 30m 5b Follow the original route past the chimney to the ledge on the right and arrange protection. Step left and up to a good foothold before making some hard moves on slopers (bold) to a good ledge and gear. Continue direct to join the rib leading to the jammed block.

2. 20m 5a Step off the block and move up left across the red wall (hidden holds) to reach a ledge. Climb up the short arête before trending back rightward to the top.

Dog Crag:

Whining Dog Climb 50m Severe. John Mackenzie, Eve Mackenzie, Colin Tarbat. 3 Apr 2021.

Climb the quite bold slab well right of the crack of *Pluto* to a heather patch. Cross this rightwards to a blocky groove which is climbed to an easing. Move right again and climb the top wall of *Wanderlust* to finish.

AN TEALLACH, Glas Tholl:

The Flying Fox 90m VIII,8. Callum Johnson, Tim Miller. 3 Dec 2020.

1. 30m. Start as for *The Silver Fox* (very bold and serious) and continue up the

steepening groove until it is possible to balance right on ledges to gain the groove leading to the obvious left-facing corner. Belay at the base of the corner.

2. 30m. Climb the superb vertical corner, move right 2m and climb a shallow groove straight up to an easing in angle, belaying in a bay below a series of roofs.

3. 30m. Climb straight up a wide steepening groove to below a roof, step right on ledges to climb a shallow groove for 4m then step right again and climb another easier angled groove to the top.

LITTLE LOCH BROOM, Badrallach Crag:

Pillar of Society, Direct Start 5m VS 4c. Iain Young (solo). 12 Aug 2020.

Climb straight up the overhanging bulge directly below the crack. Probably adds a star to the complete route which is then almost as good as *Poacher's Prize*.

Fresher at Seventy 25m VS 4b. Iain Young, John Higham. 12th August 2020.

The rib squeezed in between *Fresh at Forty* and the groove to its left. Finish up *Fresh at Forty*. Eliminate, but fun.

Up and left of the main crag (left again from *Crack 'n' Rib*) is a shorter crag with well-defined grooves and arêtes. The rib on the left side of the most prominent groove was climbed at V.Diff and the overhanging crack just to the right of the left-most rib was climbed at HVS 5b by escaping onto the rib after a few moves.

Much further left (north) and a little lower at NH 10620 91485 are two clean slabs with a superb outlook over Ullapool. The following three routes lie on the right-hand slab that has a prominent, shallow crack line just left of centre with other crack lines to the right and left. (Topo provided.)

Trepidation 12m VS 4b *. John Higham, Iain Young. 12 Aug 2020.

Climb the right-hand twin cracks to start, then finish up and slightly leftwards. One runner at mid-height.

When The Boat Comes In 10m Severe. Iain Young (solo). 12 Aug 2020.

Follow the central crack-line.

Dance To Your Daddy 8m Severe. John Higham (solo). 12 Aug 2020.

The left-hand crack-line.

Loopallu 25m VS 4b. Iain Young, John Higham. 12 Aug 2020.

This route lies on the left-hand slab. Start up the shallow scoop on the right then continue up past a prominent block to finish up the upper slab above a grassy break. (Topo provided.)

STRATHCONON, Glen Marksie Crag:

Callum Johnson notes that he cleaned *Deimos* (on abseil) and *Callisto* (on lead) in spring 2019.

Dam Crag:

Bottling the Bulge 18m E3 5c. Gaz Marshall. 8 Jun 2020.

A bold, but logical way through the smooth arching bulge. Place gear low in the groove of *The Gulf Crisis* then climb into the middle of the arch to pull through the bulge at its left end, using the short arête that forms the right side of *The Gulf*



Gaz Marshall on the FA of Bottling the Bulge (E3,5c), Dam Crag, Strathconon.

Photo: Jenna Bisset.

Crisis corner (old peg). Then pull onto the slab above using the odd bit of old quarrying metalwork and finish direct.

Meig Crag:

Callum Johnson notes that the first pitch of *The Birch* was cleaned by Gaz Marshall in spring 2019, and is still clean.

Creag Ruadh, North-East Face:

Triple Decker Buttress 115m III,4. John Mackenzie, Ian Douglas. 12 Apr 2021.

Near the left of the face and right of *Creag Ruadh Corner*, and identified by a triangular top buttress on the skyline. The base is quite high up above an upper ramp line, and a large horizontal boulder marks the start. Easy ground leads to a rock step and nut belays. Well frozen turf and ice on this ascent but little natural protection. Good climbing on the three tiers but easy ground between.

1. 55m Climb the rock step and head to a prominent short icefall. This is 75 to 80 degrees, too thin for screws on this occasion and climbed to a solid turf exit. A slab immediately right would be easier if it had climbable ice. An easing leads to an easier icefall which is climbed to another easing and hidden nut belays below a boulder.

2. 45m. Head straight up to the triangular top buttress which has a flaky lower wall with a poor spike. Either climb the wall to turf or climb the corner just right and step back left, (good nut runner), to the same place and finish up the middle on turf.

RED ROCK:

This small but imposing schist crag lies 800m east of Ravens Rock. The approach through the forest below is tedious but the best way is to follow the private road past the sawmill for 20 minutes just past a group of pines at NH 47421 60306 and a small roadside cairn, and follow the orange tree markers to the crag, an adventure in itself – Pendragon Way. Allow an extra 30 minutes or so from the road. The base of the crag lies at around 165m; once out of the trees, keep high on a track to cut up steeply to a rock step. To reach a fine ledge – The Belvedere – scramble the little rock step then move up left to the ledge. Older locals sometimes called the crag King Arthur's Castle which, when it is shrouded by low mists, seems apt. There are no restrictions on access. Trees currently hide the crag from below, and despite its north-facing aspect it dries very quickly as it stands well clear of the plantation below. Allow a day after rain in summer. The crag appears much larger than it actually is. Overall, it is wedge-shaped with central overhangs and general steepness. The Moine schist is heavily folded into an anticline which has created holds and ramps that slant up to the right, giving climbing that is both delicate and, in places, strenuous. Exposure is out of proportion to the size of the crag due to the routes starting from a height and the undercut nature of the rock. However, the often parallel crack systems give excellent cam protection. (Topo provided.) Descents are to the left looking up, or right looking down. A convenient but exposed scramble to reach The Belvedere from the descent is to traverse right from a small pine near the bottom of the descent, keeping high, and then a short ascent to a small nose that is crossed to descend and traverse to the top of an easy slab next to The Belvedere. This is all quite exposed and care is needed if damp.

Guinevere 30m E1 *. John Mackenzie, Andrew James. 1 Jun 2020.

A fine and very airy route lies right of the central overhangs at the base of a lower wall, taking the upper anticlinal wall. Will be worth two stars with traffic and weathering. *Guinevere* is a little bold but can be won over quite easily by the 'right sort'....

1. 10m 4b The easy looking short wall isn't, but is climbed to a midway ramp that has a hidden jug to reach the ledge up on the right (big cam).

2. 20m 5a Now the fun starts! Step left from the ledge and climb up past parallel cracks to the right side of the overhang and step right onto the nose in a great position. Reach for jugs and a jutting spike and continue more conventionally up the wall to a right slanting break below a small tree. Climb through the break by

a tree to step left between the trees to cleaned shelves and tree belay above a mossy ledge. Either abseil off or scramble right then up to the summit in 20m.

Camelot 35m E2 **. John Mackenzie, Ian Douglas, Neil Wilson. 18 Jun 2020. Probably the route of the crag. It has a distinctive crux, but is well protected by cams from 0.5 to 3. A vital 2 and/or 3 above the roof calms the nerves. The route takes the centre of the roofs in a wild position above an alcove before following the upper ramp rightwards.

1. 3b 10m Above the lower wall is a very prominent rightwards-leaning ramp. Follow this to the ledge and large cam belay.

2. 5c 25m Step left and climb the wall to below the roof. Move left to a constricted alcove and surmount the roof using a sharp 'keyhole'. Mantel onto the ramp above – there are at least two methods of doing this. Follow the ramp rightwards to a rib which is climbed to the same tree belay as Guinevere. Scramble right and up to the top for a further 20m or else abseil off.

BEN WYVIS, Glas Leathad Beag, Diamond Buttress (NH 499 721):

This small, but striking, diamond-shaped buttress is situated high (altitude 700m) on the subsidiary spur of Fiaclach above Loch Glass. The crag, easily seen from afar, faces north-east and is very steep with a series of turfy lines reliant on a plentiful supply of bulldogs for protection. Routes are described from right to left. (Topo provided.)

Winter Skills 70m V,5. Mark Robson, Neil Wilson. 3 Jan 2021.

Start at the toe of the buttress beneath the central of three apparent lines of weakness.

1. 25m Turfy ledges lead to steep moves past a small protruding block on the left and so to the central ledge system.

2. 45m Avoid the large roof above by traversing right to a steep ramp, then up, before returning left along higher ledge system. Short turfy groove to finish.

Cycle of Doom 95m IV,5 *. Mark Robson, Neil Wilson. 15 Jan 2021.

Tackles the obvious challenge of the left-slanting ramp beneath the largest of the overhangs.

1. 35m Zigzag over ice bosses and turfy ledges to gain the ramp, which is followed to a belay ledge.

2. 25m Steeper moves lead to a big ledge and wall above. Climb this on ice, then more easily to a belay below a small roof.

3. 35m Continue rightwards up easy ground to finish.

Six Finger Gully 75m II. Neil Wilson, Mark Robson. 3 Jan 2021.

Start high on left side of the crag beside the massive fallen block split by a crack.

1. 45m Climb over blocks to wide ledge which leads right, under a large roof, into the open gully. Follow line of least resistance to belay under small roof on right.

2. 30m Step back down and left, then continue up turfy ramps and ledges to finish on summit crest.

STRUIE HILL CRAG:

David Allan notes the following revised descriptions:

Achilles Chiel 20m VS 4c **.

Climb a left-slanting rib then a short arête to a slab. Trend left to a small slanting overlap and follow the thin crack leading from it. This is a re-write and renaming of *Achilles Left-Hand*. The existing *Achilles Chiel* description should be removed.

Le Cadeau 20m VS 4c **.

Climb the recessed corner to the right of the slanting rib of *Achilles Chiel* to an overhang. Follow the crack above to the slab and finish by a miniature right-facing corner.

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LOCH ARKAIG, Beinn Bhàn, Coire Dubh:

Stair Rods 120m II. Simon Richardson. 17 Feb 2021.

Coire Dubh is cut by a wide snow gully starting at NN 1359 8601. Climb the gully for 50m then bear right up icy grooves cutting through the left side of the inverted triangular headwall. (Topo provided.)

LOCH LOCHY, Allt na Molaich (NN 216 903):

Allt na Molaich 200m IV,4. Will Rowland, James Cooper. 10 Feb 2021.

The gorge at NN 216 903 provided some pleasant ice climbing with a sustained 30m cascade in its upper half. Approach by cycling from Clunes.

GLEOURAICH, Garbh Choire Beag:

Corona Arête 200m II/III. Chris Dickinson, William Wilson, Anna Guy. 28 Nov 2020.

The prominent ridge descending north-east from the summit. Approach by downclimbing 15 minutes into Garbh Choire Beag from just east of Gleouraich summit and start where the ridge steepens at NH041055. Turn the first steepening by slabs on the left to a wide ledge below and very steep wall. Pitch two traverses round onto the west side and back up left. One easier pitch then leads to the final arête and snowfield, leading to the summit cairn. An interesting climb in a magnificent position. (Topo provided.)

GLEN PEAN, Beak Wall (NM 889 899):

Vanishing Crack 55m E1 5c *. Alastair Rose, Spencer Noble. 14 Oct 2020.

The buttress at NM 889 899 has a large projecting beak or roof. This route climbs the crack-line leading up to the roof and out left. The crack is visible from afar but weirdly not when one is standing underneath it.

1. 20m 5c Climb the crack to where it steepens to layback and stemming. Pull out right onto the flake and belay.
2. 35m 5a Pull left, back into the crack system and follow till the crack peters out. Follow the mossy chimney to the top. (Topo provided.)

KNOYDART, Ladhar Bheinn, Coire Dhorrcail:

Tir na Og, H2R Finish 100m V,5. Robin Clothier, Doug Hawthorn, Uisdean Hawthorn, Richard Bentley. 5 Mar 2018.

A finish left of the stepped chimney line of the normal exit. From the final terrace climb a wall and groove into the continuation gully above. Climbed in error during poor visibility.

Beinn an Aodainn (Ben Aden):

Don't Follow the Lights 80m VS 4b. Alistair Docherty, Sarah Reed. 24 Jul 2020. On the SW face of Ben Aden there is an obvious steeper buttress at around 680m elevation (NM 895 986). This is easily seen from the River Carnach. Left of the main steep buttress are some vegetated slabs. This climb follows a line of least resistance up these slabs and ribs. From below the main buttress, scramble up and left on grassy terraces. Start at a left-slanting vegetated crack in a slabby rib. (Topo provided.)

1. 30m 4b. Climb the crack to a ledge at 10m. Step left and climb detached pillars to a steep move up and right back onto the slab. Poor belay on a ledge behind a sharp bolder.

2. 50m Move up and right to perched boulder and surmount a ledge. Then continue straight up grass to a belay on blocks well back (50m). Not the best – mostly a grass pitch.

NORTH GLEN SHIEL, Creag Lundie, Slab One:

Biden Time 45m Severe 4a. Chris Dickinson, Anna Guy. 7 Nov 2020.

The final continuous crack-line left of *Thirty Below*. Climb the crack line to the first grassy ledge and its continuation to a second grassy ledge. Climb the fine slab above starting left and making a delicate rightward traverse to reach the top. (Topo provided.)

Slab Three:

Just above and to the right of *Instagram* is a separate higher slab. A descent route from that route angles down past it. The following nice route starts up this towards the left side.

Social Distance 15m Diff *. Chris Dickinson, Grace Peach Perry. 9 Jul 2020. Climb up featured rock, with good protection, until a move up and right leads into a recess. Climb out of the recess on the left side and then up the slab above to the top.

Far Eastern Zone:

Beyond the gully of *Firewall* is another gully (Far Far East) where you can find the following routes:

Extension 30m Severe *. Chris Dickinson, Grace Peach Perry. 18 Jun 2020. Make steep moves through an overhang (crux) and then onto the easier slab above trending up and rightwards. Top belay is scarce, so belay well back.

Between the gully of *Firewall* and the gully of *Extension*, there is a very clean looking wall of granite high up that gives the fine route *George Floyd*.

George Floyd 20m VS 4c *. Chris Dickinson, Grace Peach Perry. 18 Jun 2020. This exciting route is well protected. Climb the right-hand and very obvious diagonal crack. Where the crack becomes vertical make hard face moves right into twin flared cracks which lead to the top.

Allt Coire Lundie:

Above and to the right of the bottom of the main falls is another small stream. Tweedle Slab, on its left, looking up, has four nice short routes. A belay can be

arranged at a crack on the rib above, before the gutter of water behind is reached. Routes described from left to right.

Tweedle Dum 15m V.Diff. Chris Dickinson (solo). 20 May 2020.
Start left of the pool and climb the clean slab to the top.

Tweedle Dee 20m Severe *. Chris Dickinson (solo). 20 May 2020.
Start below the pool and climb round the rock hanging over the pool, make thin moves diagonally left on the slab and then climb the slab directly to the top, just right of *Tweedle Dum*. A nice outing.

Humpty 15m Diff. Chris Dickinson (solo). 20 May 2020.
Climb up the left slanting recess and where it finishes go straight up.

Dumpty 15m Diff *. Chris Dickinson (solo), 13 June 2020.
Start as for *Humpty*, but this time take the clean steep crack on the right and follow to the top.

Front Zone West:

This area lies below the Belvedere and comprises various areas of slabby granite, some small and some a full pitch long. The best approach is to take the normal route up, and before you reach the elevation of the Belvedere, traverse east across the top of the steepest ground. Alternatively descend from the Belvedere. The first climb reached is identified by a massive boulder perched right on the top of the slab below you. It is an easy scramble down to the boulder. One can either arrange a rappel to get to the foot of the route or scramble down further east. This route can be approached from the road below.

Amazing Grace 40m Mild Severe *. Chris Dickinson, Grace Peach Perry. 13 June 2020.

Climb the slab, left of a corner feature, with occasional runners. Climb up beside a grassy patch and then continue up the fine slab above to the great boulder. A satisfying stroll with little protection in the upper part. Beautiful outlook over Loch Cluanie.

About 200m further east a dome of fine rock can be seen protruding from the hillside. The next two routes climb a double slab behind and above this feature, to a prominent boulder. The final route climbs a steep slab below the dome, finishing up on top of the dome.

Perrywinkle 30m Mild Severe *. Grace Peach Perry, Chris Dickinson. 13 June 2020.

Climb the left side of the lowest slab to a grassy ledge. Awkward moves with protection surmount the short wall on the left side. Continue up the easier angled slab above to finish at the boulder.

Chrisgraceful 30m Severe *. Chris Dickinson, Grace Peach Perry. 13 June 2020.
Start about 5m right of *Perrywinkle*. Climb directly up the right end of the lower slab, joined to the wall above by some rocky bulges. Climb the steeper wall and then the slab above, finishing on the cleanest part of the slab directly below the obvious boulder. Belay using the boulder, or better, use belays up and left.

Black Lives Matter 40m Severe **. Chris Dickinson, Grace Peach Perry. 13 June 2020.

Descend easy ground to the right, looking down, from the rocky dome. Cut back left to the foot of a steep slab with a weep in the centre at the bottom. This route gives beautiful climbing despite its appearance. Ascend the right side of the slab, moving into the centre, on nice holds, with good protection. Pull onto the grassy break, runners on right side above, and then take the fine leftwards slanting features, before moving slightly right to climb onto the top of the rocky dome. Sneaky belays just to the right side. (Topo provided.)

Front Zone Central:

This area lies just to the west of Central Gully. Best approach is directly from the road below or by descending Central Gully from areas higher up.

Track and Trace 45m * Diff *. Chris Dickinson (solo). 21 Jul 2020.

A pleasant route with varied situations that takes the best line up the right-hand side of the rock formations that lie to the west of Central Gully. Start at a small ramped slab that leads left to the edge. Each time the edge steepens, climb the right wall to regain it. Then follow a slab rightwards on the edge and rightwards to a finish. Belay on threaded boulder in a dip.

Ella's Route 60m VS 4c. Chris Dickinson, Anna Guy. 2 Aug 2020.

1. 35m Start some 40 metres left of *Track and Trace* at the base of an obvious slab, bounded on the left side by a steep wall that curves round the top of the slab. Climb the slab to runners on the left wall (15m), then step right and continue up a thin, sometimes wet, slab (4c) to reach a runner, before making an awkward step up left (4c) onto a sloping ledge. Climb to heather and then onto the slabs above. Continue without further protection until you reach a sparse stance before a steepening.

2. 25m Climb the slabs above by the easiest line with little or no protection. Finish by a fine final steeper slab to a good belay at two obvious boulders. A serious excursion, best undertaken after a couple of dry days.

BEINN LOINNE, Ceann Druim na Garbh-Leitir (NH 173 083):

This crag is the same granitic mass as Creag Lundie and outcrops on south side of Loch Cluanie on the eastern top of Beinn Loinne. The rock is similarly good but some areas have sparse protection. (Topo provided.)

Bunloinn Grooves 70m H.Severe **. Chris Dickinson, Anna Guy. 10 Aug 2020.

1 35m 4b Climb the prominent and very fine groove system on the left side of the right-hand mass of granite on the main cliffs above the Great Ledge. Climb the groove directly until forced to move right. Step back left to regain the groove and make a stance. The only belay protection of any note here is in cracks on the slab on the right side of the groove above.

2 35m 4b Climb these slabs and the bulge above, then trend left across the top of a very large slab that comes from down left and climb a stiff cracked corner to gain easier rock and thence to the top.

Second Wave 45m Severe 4a. Chris Dickinson, Anna Guy, Grace Peach Perry. 27 Sep 2020.

Start part-way up the grassy gully on left side of the main face, about 40m left of

Bunloinn Grooves. Climb the short wall by a fine crack to gain a long and fine slab that runs diagonally rightwards across the face, all the way to the top. Climb the centre of the slab, trending right towards the top to gain an exposed edge to finish. Where the route trends right, it crosses *Bunloinn Grooves*.

Twinkletoes 25m V.Diff *. Chris Dickinson, Anna Guy. 10 Aug 2020.

Climb the left edge of the fine slab by a crack where it steepens and leads onto a fine upper part of the slab.

Pyramid 45m Severe 4a **. Chris Dickinson, Anna Guy. 10 Aug 2020.

Climb the right side of the fine slab by a crack, a scoop, exiting right and then straight up to a fine arête and beyond that an intriguing final pyramid. Wonderful rock.

Two Step 25m V.Diff *. Chris Dickinson, Anna Guy. 10 Aug 2020.

Climb up unusual steps to the first ledge (unprotected) and then tackle the final wall.

SÀIL CHAORAINN, Coire Mheadhoin:

This corrie is quite remote. Easiest access is by bike from the A887 past Ceannacroc Lodge. Where the River Doe splits, at two new micro hydro power stations, a new road continues rightwards and then left steeply up into Coire Mheadhoin, reaching the hydro intake at 450m. A very rough track including some river crossings continues to 550m. This latter part might be easier on foot. It would also be possible to approach from Loch Cluanie by climbing over the summit of Sgùrr nan Conbhairean and continuing on to Sàil Chaorainn, dropping rightwards into the corrie before the summit. Two hours with bike and then on foot; nearer three hours from Loch Cluanie on foot. Routes are described in relation to an easy leftwards slanting snow gully in the centre of the Coire. Easiest descent is to walk south-east onto the ridge that leads to Càrn a' Mhadaidh-ruaidh and descend snowfields back into the corrie. (Topo provided.)

Corridor Of Covid 400m I/II. Chris Dickinson. 13 May 2020.

At the snowfield where the diagonal gully starts, climb the gully that continues directly up the face, passing two steeper sections, trending slightly right on the final pitch under the summit rocks. Finish close to the summit cairn.

Wuhan Blues 400m I. Chris Dickinson. 10 May 2020.

About 200 metres left, climb the obvious wide snow gully until it opens into a wide upper basin. Head sharp right along a rising ledge system until a final steep gully heads towards the top.

Lockdown 150m I. Chris Dickinson. 13 May 2020.

This route starts in the wide upper basin, mentioned in the previous route description. Climb this striking and steep snow gully directly to the top.

South-East Buttress:

Stirling Moss 60m VS 4b. Ken Applegate, Chris Dickinson. 20 Jun 2020

The rocks on this mainly broken buttress on the left side of the corrie are continuous on the right side (looking up). Start at a micro gully and climb onto

and round the rocky rib to easier slabs. The steep wall ahead is the crux and requires careful climbing, leading to slabs and some short bulges and the top.

Coire Lochan Uaine, Prince Charlie's Buttress (NH 135 149):

The buttress lies on the south side of the ridge from *Stirling Moss* on the South-East Buttress of Coire Mheadhoin and overlooks the Uaine lochans. Approach as for *Stirling Moss*. The buttress faces south and has magnificent views of Sgùrr nan Conbhairean. Descend from a little way to the west to the foot of a 'flying' rib, which is steep and overhanging at the bottom. Go into a cave on its left side. This is the start.

Prince Charlie's Crack 35m VS 5a *. Chris Dickinson, Ken Applegate. 20 Jun 2020.

Make a hard couple of moves out of the cave by moving right under the huge chockstone (well protected) to reach a fine slab. Proceed up this via a cleft to the horizontal arête in a fine position. Above, a thrutchy hanging V-groove, on the left, gives access to the final easier arête. A pitch of considerable interest.

KISHORN:

Colin Moody notes that the prominent waterfall on the north side of the road from Lochcarron to Kishorn (*SMCJ* 2011 p462 and *SMCJ* 2012 p187) was climbed by Morris Macleod solo in 1978 (and not with a partner as previously recorded).

MEALL GORM, Creag a' Chumhaing:

Greg Strange notes that a recent exchange of old photos with Rob Archbold brought about memories of a climb they did in 1977 on the 'Eastern Buttress' of Creag a' Chumhaing. 'The previous day we had climbed Super Direct on A' Chioch. The midges were desperate so we camped that night above the hairpins at the top of Bealach na Bà. In the morning we were intrigued by the steep profile of Meall Gorm's skyline buttress (Eastern Buttress) and decided to investigate. At the parking spot below the *Sword of Gideon* we met a lad called Keith (I later discovered his surname was Chadwick). He was working at the Kishorn yard and had come up on spec. We told him what we were planning to do, and he actually seemed interested (in conversation he said he had recently climbed *Vector* at Tremadoc). The three of us traversed across the broken face and started the route from the obvious spiral terrace (now a Grade II winter climb). We each led a pitch up steep vegetated sandstone and later sent a note for the 1978 *SMCJ* Northern Highland Notes. The climbing was not great, hence the note and not a detailed description. Anyway, the purpose of this ramble is to name the route and suggest that it is mentioned in the next 'Northern Highlands South' guide, if only from a historical point of view.'

Skyline Route 140m VS. Greg Strange, Rob Archbold, Keith Chadwick. 21 Aug 1977.

The eastern crest of Creag a' Chumhaing. Approach via the winter line of *Spiral Terrace* and climb the crest in the three full pitches. The climbing is mostly in grooves and is steep, vegetated and loose. The relationship to the upper section of the winter route *Peace on Earth* is uncertain, although the routes must be close. (Topo provided.)

DIABAIG, The Domes:

Kevin Howett notes that he led the first ascent of *The Con-Con*.

Colin Moody notes that the second pitch of *Plunge* is above the belay tree which is about 7m right of the *Bromide*, not 3m as stated in 'Northern Highlands South'. The left-hand start to *Bromide* was added by Andy Nisbet and partner. The original line is worth a star, and *Plunge* is also worth a star.

Loch Diabaigas Àirde, Windy Crag (NG 820 592):

This crag is situated just to the east of what can be called the Valley of the Slabs (see *SMCJ* 2018). It consists of a row of blocky buttresses on its eastern side descending towards the loch. Whereas the Valley of the Slabs catches the sun in the morning, Windy Crag gets it in the afternoon. It is very useful in the midge season. At the top of the defile is a square-cut buttress with two routes and many more possibilities.

Safari Crack 15m V.Diff. Roger Robb, Peter Biggar. 8 Sep 2019.

The left-hand of obvious twin cracks. Steep, well protected.

Isosceles 20m V.Diff. Peter Biggar, Barry Hard, Roger Robb. 19 Sep 2020.

In the middle of the buttress is a triangular cavity. Climb the previous route to gain a pedestal, move delicately left across the wall to the cavity, step left to a curving crack, gain a ledge and scramble up easier rock.

Further down the slope is an obvious ridge composed of bulging boulders. This provides a series of disconnected problems at V.Diff. Further down still one comes to a ridge with a prominent rib running up its right flank.

Sidestep 20m Severe. Peter Biggar, Peter Macdonald. 24 Aug 2016. Climb the rib, awkward but well protected, until it is possible to make a difficult step left onto a holdless, gritty slab. Climb this and an easier slab to finish. Low in the grade.

Down the hillside one comes to an area of blocky arêtes: one is particularly worth mention because of its fine upper cracked slab.

Split Slab Arête 25m Diff. Roger Robb, Peter Biggar, Peter Macdonald. 24 Aug 2016.

Start up a rather dirty crack and gain ledges. Go right onto the blocky arête and climb the right-hand side of the slab above until it is possible to traverse a thin ledge into the very pleasant final crack.

Valley of the Slabs (NG 818 592):

This is the area referred to above. At the foot of the valley containing *Broadband* and *Exchange Line*, there is a curving slab which ends in a heathery nose over a drop above slopes leading down to the loch.

Curving Slab 30m Diff./Severe. Roger Robb, Peter Biggar. 23 Jun. 2016.

Starting from a grass ledge either, boldly climb the crest of the slab, unprotected, or more cautiously go up left to a cracked area and then step right and continue

up the slab finishing by short walls above. (Unpleasant in damp conditions; no belay at foot of climb above drop).

Twin Slabs Area (NG 806 598):

Roughly halfway along Loch Diabaigas Àirde (NG 810 600) the loch thins to a narrow stream crossed by a rickety bridge. Approach from the road where a car can be parked with care by the entrance to a field on the north side of the road. (Do not block access.) Access the field above the loch by a gate, cross the bridge and head up heathery slopes bearing to the right where two long slabs can be seen on the eastern exposures of Meall Ceann na Creige.

Left Slab 30m V.Diff. Roger Robb, Peter Biggar. 11 May 2017.

Take a rightward trending line up the gently steepening slab to finish up an area seamed with cracks, not all as useful as they look.

TORRIDON SANDSTONE CRAGS, Seanna Mheallan West:

Iain Young Notes that *Queen of Hearts* was first climbed by John Higham and Iain Young on 2 Jun 2012.

About 20m left of *Wilma* is a separate buttress with an obvious black streak on its left-hand side.

Stickleback 16m E1 5b *. David Porter, Ben Sparham. 29 May 2021.

The obvious crack-line on the right of the buttress with a shallow roof at one-third height. Gain the crack and use an undercling to reach a hold beneath the roof. Pull through the roof (crux) and continue up the crack with sustained interest to the final steepening which has some sharp flake holds.

Barney Rubble 124 H.Severe 4b. Ben Sparham, David Porter. 29 May 2021.

Start between *Wilma* and *Pebble* and follow a crack rightwards up a rib to gain the left side of the *Pebble* alcove. Step out left onto the wall and follow the left edge of the cracked buttress to the top.

Fence Crag, Right Wing:

Left of *Fence Crack* is a corner with a rowan tree. The wall left of this.

Under Surveillance 8m H.Severe 4b. David Porter, Ben Sparham. 3 Apr 2021.

Climb the middle of the wall, just right of a small C-shaped groove. Finish up through blocks.

Dunk's Magic Bum Cream 6m VS 4c. Ben Sparham, David Porter. 3 Apr 2021.

Climb directly up the centre of the slab between *Marmot* and *Flying Footless*.

Far Right Wing:

Bleach Drinker 10m Severe. David Porter, Ben Sparham. 3 Apr 2021.

The crack just right of *More Fascist Than Hitler*.

On same terrace level as Triangular Niche Buttress, and about 100m west, is a small outcrop with an undercut base and prominent vertical cracks.

Downwind Danger 6m VS 5a. David Porter, Ben Sparham, Maurice O'Connell. 3 Apr 2021.

Start at a niche at the right-hand side of the undercut wall. Follow the right-hand crack. Short but not without interest.

Triangular Niche Buttress:

Below is Triangular Niche Buttress a small buttress with three prominent clean vertical cracks. The central and right-hand ones are the most prominent.

Central Fissure 8m Severe 4a. David Porter, Maurice O'Connell, Ben Sparham. 3 Apr 2021.

The central crack.

Creag nam Leumnach:

Miss Piggy 30m E3 *. Michael Barnard, Alan Hill. 5 Oct 2020.

1. 15m 6a The crack immediately left of *Gift Horse*, moving left to finish on the left side of the big block.

2. 15m 5b As for *Muppet on a String*.

Muppet on a String 30m E3 *. Michael Barnard, Alan Hill. 17 Oct 2020.

1. 15m 6a The next crack left of *Miss Piggy*; a hold out left may help near the top. Continue to a belay next to the big block.

2. 15m 5b Walk left 5m. Starting on the left, climb the steep but thankfully juggy crack.

Dodgy Transaction 25m E2 5b. Michael Barnard, Alan Hill. 5 Oct 2020.

The shallow right-trending groove left of *Cross Dressing* and joining that route just before its traverse. Nothing too hard but very bold in the middle; take RPs and micro-cams.

Michael Barnard notes that the layback crack on *Gift Horse* is unremittingly strenuous and overall the route was thought E3 5c ***.

BEINN ALLIGIN, Na Fasreidhnean, South Face:

Salt n Pepper 200m III *. Adrian Gaughan, John Higham. 10 Feb 2021.

Two intersecting gullies are formed in a south-east facing break in the cliffs on the south face of the Na Fasreidhnean ridge of Coire nan Laogh (NG 858 592). This route takes the lower left-hand gully and the buttress to the left of the upper left-hand gully (*Saltire Gully Right to Left*). Climb the lower left-hand gully through two short steep steps. At the intersection of the two lower gullies it is possible to break out left onto the buttress and climb through sandstone bands to join the top of the upper left hand gully. Easy slopes lead to the ridge crest. Note: from the intersection of the lower gullies, it is also possible to continue up the left to right gully line on easier snow slopes at Grade I. (Topo provided.)

BEINN EIGHE, Coire Mhic Fhearchair, Far East Wall:

Groovin' High 90m VII,8 ***. Tim Miller, Jamie Skelton. 28 Dec 2020.

Start 6m to the right of the obvious chimney of *Ling Dynasty* at a series of corners.

1. 35m Climb these via awkward steps to a big ledge where one could traverse in from the right. Climb the two-tiered steep wall above to another big ledge at the base of an inviting corner.

2. 20m Climb the corner via brilliant cracks to a belay below a roof.
3. 35m Make an awkward step to the right into another corner system and enjoy more positive hooks to the top.

Eastern Ramparts:

Never Never Land 100m VIII,8. Callum Johnson, Tim Miller. 4 Dec 2020.

Start roughly 8m right of *Fairytale Groove*, just left of a tricky step on the lower girdle ledge.

1. 45m. Climb up corners and ledges, taking in a superb 8m left-facing corner. Trend slightly left onto the upper girdle ledge to belay below the centre of the white wall.
2. 35m. Move right 4m to make committing moves into the base of a groove (at the right edge of the white wall) which leads up to a small roof with a prominent wide crack splitting its left-hand side. Climb the crack strenuously around the roof. Continue up the wide crack then shallow groove, taking a line of twin cracks up a wall to a good ledge.
3. 20m. Climb the open-book corner and pull slightly right onto the crest of *East Buttress*. (Topo provided.)

East Buttress:

Iain Young notes that he made an ascent of *East Central Gully* with Simon Osborne on 11 Feb 1978. The route is uncredited in 'Northern Highlands South' so this may have been the first ascent.

Central Buttress:

Pigott's Route Variation 5m VS 5a **. Michael Barnard, A.N.Other. 31 May 2020.

On the top tier, after pulling up left to the flake. Instead of stepping left from here, climb the steep crack through the bulge. Gives a good direct finish to *Central Buttress – VS Route*. Possibly climbed before.

West Central Wall:

Wall of the Winds 110m VII,8. Peter Flanagan, Sam Ley. 13 Mar 2021.

A winter version of the summer line. The third pitch covers new ground and the fourth pitch is the crux pitch of *Mistral*. These two pitches replace summer pitch 3.

Start 10m left of *Mistral*, halfway between the initial corner of *Mistral* and the pinnacle of *Twilight Zone*.

1. 10m Climb an easy blocky groove.
2. 35m Continue up the groove and chimney above to the top of the pinnacle. Steep climbing up the corner leads to the lower girdle ledge. (The crack in the steep slab to the left is also possible). Belay at the far right of the bay.
3. 20m Step around the arête at the right side of the bay and climb the exposed bottomless rib to the upper girdle. (The right corner of the bay can also be climbed direct to the upper girdle). Ascend to a large belay ledge 5m above the girdle.
4. 20m Climb twin parallel cracks to below a fin-shaped capping roof with large crack at its left edge. From 3m below the roof delicately traverse right to a projecting block. Climb directly up mossy cracks with thin placements (*Mistral* crux) and exit leftwards to belay under the final chimney.
5. 25m Finish up the *Wall of the Winds* chimney. (Topo provided.)

THE CAIRNGORMS

COIRE AN T-SNEACHDA, Fiacaill Buttress:

Callum Johnson notes an ascent of *Omerta* (VIII,9) on 8 Dec 2020 with Guy Robertson. Both thought grade IX might be more appropriate. A good route with some technical climbing and small gear and exciting Peckers!

LOCH AVON BASIN, Craig Raibeirt:

Thunderbolt Crack 70m H.Severe. Jonathan Preston, John Lyall. 18 Jul 2020. As for the winter line.

STAC AN FHARAI DH, West Flank, Lookout Buttress:

The following two corner lines are situated the left-hand base of the leftmost buttress of the three that make up the top tier left of the West Flank of Stac an Fharaidh. Approach as for *Wobble Block Chimney* in Chasing the Ephemeral. Routes are at the base of the 'short gully' descended 'to reach the terrace below the upper tier'. This left-hand of the three buttresses is quite extensive and was first climbed by the winter line of *Lookout Buttress*.

Loch A'an Corner 35m HVS 5a **. Jonathan Preston, John Lyall. 24 Jul 2020. The right-hand of two obvious corners just up from the bottom left-hand base of the buttress (on the westernmost wall, facing towards Shelter Stone Crag). Start below and right of the corner. Climb diagonally leftwards to get established in the corner and climb it with interest to the top. Block belays well back. High in the grade.

The Ladder 25m H.Severe 4b **. Jonathan Preston, John Lyall. 18 Jul 2020. The left-hand of the two corners, stepped up into from the left and climbed direct. High in the grade. (Fàradh in Gaelic means 'a ladder'.)

Lookout Buttress 60m V.Diff. Jonathan Preston, John Lyall. 24 Jul 2020. As for the winter line.

CNAP COIRE NA SPREIDHE, Mhearad's Fall Area:

On the left side of the Cnap Coire na Spreidhe is an area of icefalls. (Topo provided.)

Mhearad's Fall 120m I to III. Ron Walker and Fi Chappell. 5 Jan 2017. Several lines climbed including a very short escapable but much harder chimney finish at around Tech 4.

Mhearad's Right Edge I/II. Ron Walker and Notts Uni Students. 5 Feb 2017.

To the right of *Mhearad's Right Edge* are several icefalls (II to III) climbed various dates from winter 2017 solo by Ron Walker.

Lower Tier:

The following routes lies on the lower tier of Cnap Coire na Spreidhe. (Topo provided.)

Capricorn Birthday Boys 250m III,4. Ron Walker, Fi Chappell, Scott Flett. 22 Dec 2019.

The line of icefalls on the left side of the lower tier starting at NJ 01778 04549.

Central Left Chimney Groove 300m II/IV. Ron Walker, Scott Flett. 5 March 2019.

The wide groove left of *Central Couloir*.

Central Couloir Direct 300m II/III. Ron Walker, Shaun Williams. 19 Mar 2018.
A right-hand start to Central Couloir starting at NJ 01781 04656.

Amphitheatre Chimney 40m IV,5. Ron Walker, Scott Flett. 11 Jan 2018.

The steep chimney right of the crux pitch of *Goulotte Cachée*. On this ascent it was approached by *Rampline*.

Upper Tier:

Upper Central Ridge 150m II/III. Ron Walker. 23 Jan 2017.

The well-defined ridge right of the upper snowfields of *Central Couloir*. Start from a flat area just below gendarme on the LHS of the ridge and take the easiest line before moving onto the centre of the ridge via short ramps and grooves. There are several variations at the start including a squeeze tunnel. (Topo provided.)

Upper Central Ridge, Direct Variation 20m IV,4. Ron Walker, Fi Chappell. 8 Mar 2018.

Climb directly up the smooth slabby wall on the second pitch. (Topo provided.)

Wee Central Gully Finish 150m I/II. Ron Walker. 23 Jan 2017.

The defined gully on the LHS of *Upper Central Ridge*.

Abline 100m I/II. Ron Walker. 23 Jan 2017.

The line of an abseil approach from the plateau.

Summit Crag, Torr Buttress:

Ron Walker notes he climbed *Dodger Ramp* (SMCJ 2019) with Fi Chappell on 5 Jan 2017. The route was called *LHS Rampings* (II).

Slab and Flake Chimney 35m Severe. Ron Walker, Fi Chappell. 20 Sep 2020.
A summer ascent of *Brain Melt* incorporating the lower slab.

Summit Crag, Pinnacle Ribs:

This crag lies 50m right of Torr Buttress. The central line is *Cleft Ridge* (SMCJ 2019). (Topo provided.)

Left Groove and Rib 35m I/II. Ron Walker. Winter 2017.

The leftmost line.

Squeeze Chimney 35m III,4. Ron Walker. 6 Feb 2020.

The narrow chimney left of Cleft Ridge. Rope solo.

Hookers Wide Chimney 35m III,4. Ron Walker. 6 Feb 2020.

The chimney right of Cleft Ridge. Rope solo.

Right Groove and Rib 35m I/II. Ron Walker. Winter 2017.
Follow the groove and rib on the right flank of the buttress.

Summit Crag, Slabby Ribs:

Slabbering 35m II/III. Ron Walker. 6 Feb 2020.
Climb the centre of the buttress that lies approximately 70m right of Pinnacle Ribs. (Topo provided.)

El Alamein Slabs:

Zig Zags 100m III. Ron Walker, Hugo Heagren, Finn McCleave. 8 Jan 2020.
Climb icedslabs above the El Alamein bothy. The whole area banks out quickly but can provide thickish ice early season. Andy Nisbet climbed a line hereabouts but the details were never recorded.

CREAGAN CHA-NO, International Rib:

International Rib 65m Moderate. Roger Webb, Simon Richardson. 28 Jun 2015.
Follow the winter line.

Mainmast Area:

Short Ridge 50m Diff. Simon Richardson. 22 Aug 2015.
Follow the winter line.

Another Pointless Eliminate 35m III,4. Gary Kinsey, Roger Webb. 22 Nov 2020.

Climb the wide crack between *Mainmast* and *Cutty Sark* to a platform. Step right and finish up the left-hand of the twin faults in the upper corner of *Cutty Sark*.

Chimney Rib:

Chimney Rib 60m Diff. Roger Webb, Simon Richardson. 28 Jun 2015.
Follow the winter line.

Anvil Buttress:

Flaked Out 50m HVS. Simon Richardson, Roger Webb. 12 Aug 2015.
Follow the winter line in two pitches (5a, 4b). The first provides a strenuous struggle similar to winter.

Plundered Crack 18m E1 5c *. Andy Townsend, Bill Strachan. 19 Aug 2020.
Crack just left of centre on the wall right of *Anvil Gully*. Start left of block pillar, sustained moves up and left gain the obvious jam crack. Strenuously follow to small ledges and the top. (Topo provided.)

Second Prize 22m E1 5a *. Bill Strachan, Andy Townsend. 19 Aug 2020.
The rightmost crack on the wall right of *Anvil Gully*. Start by climbing the right-facing corner of the large rectangular block pillar to gain the slightly left-trending crack. The arête on the right provides some good holds low down. Follow this to top. (Topo provided.)

Anvil Corner 60m VS. Roger Webb, Simon Richardson. 12 Aug 2015.
Follow the winter line in two pitches (4c, 4b). An enjoyable route.

Arch Wall:

Jenga Buttress 70m V.Diff. Roger Webb, Simon Richardson. 28 Jun 2015.
Follow the winter line.

Right-Hand Ribs:

Boundary Ridge 180m Diff. Roger Webb, Simon Richardson. 28 Jun 2015.
Follow the winter line. Rock at first then heathery scrambling.

LURCHER'S CRAG:

Rottweiler, The Mongrel Mutation Finish 60m V₆. Erick Baillot, Dave Kerr. 6 Dec 2020.

Start 25m up pitch 2 of *Rottweiler* immediately at the end of the steep climbing at an obvious small platform.

1. 20m Step up and left into an obvious groove immediately right of the crest. Follow continuation cracks curving left over ledges to join the corner of *Shapeshifter* and the offwidth crack-corner to belly flop top-out. 2. 40m Continue up Grade I ground for 30m to the top of the next step, and exit easily to the top of the crag. (Topo provided.)

Erick Baillot and Dave Kerr consider *Rottweiler* to be V₆ overall. They also climbed *Shapeshifter* on 4 Jan 2021 and thought it merited VI₇.

BRAERIACH, Coire Ruadh:

Trumped 80m II/III. Simon Richardson. 4 Nov 2020.

Start 5m right of *Birthday Treat* and follow grooves weaving between ribs to gain a snow bay at two-thirds height. Finish up the open groove right of the final tower.

Long Shot Ridge 40m III. Simon Richardson. 4 Nov 2020.

The short ridge left of the crag that contains *Enterprise Corner* etc. has a small triangular-shaped tower at its foot. Climb the steep front face up stepped grooves on good hooks until a ledge leads around the left side of the tower. Finish more easily up the ridge crest to the top.

BEN AVON, Creag na h-Iolaire:

The Nose of A'an, Right-Hand Start 15m VS 5a. Michael Barnard, Alan Hill. 18 Jul 2020.

The wide crack.

Michael Barnard notes that the 'unclimbed offwidth corner-crack' is considerably harder than E1 (6a?) and remains unclimbed. The 'very steep and hard 12m crack' is a king line and after a quick clean could give a potential three star E5.

Clach Fiaradh, Easter Island Boulder:

Eggsquisite 8m E4 6a **. Julian Lines. 4 Jul 2019.

The centre of the slab to the left of *The Lone Stone*.

Eggcentric 8m E3 6a **. Julian Lines. 4 Jul 2019.

The left arête of the east face. Start up *Eggsquisite* for a move (crux) and improvise left to the arête.

Julian Lines notes that he descended these routes by down climbing *The Lone Stone*, which was thought to be E1 5b with the crux at the bottom.

LOCHNAGAR, Central Buttress:

Moonshadow, Direct Variation 40m V,5. Dan Moore, Martin Stephens. 28 Dec 2020.

From the good ledge at the end of Moonshadow pitch 2, climb straight up a small awkward buttress to belay on the crest below a smooth slab to left of Giant's Head Chimney Direct. Follow a line of turf going right to left cutting across the lower left-hand part of the slab and continue up the rib bounding the left of the wall. At its top, step left into a groove and climb a tricky wide crack behind a big block leading back to the crest where the angle eases. A great pitch in a fine position. (Topo provided.)

The Stack:

Cac Spout 70m IV,4 *. Will Attridge, Cameron Richardson. 27 Mar 2021.

An icy mixed line on the left wall of *The Black Spout*. The first ascensionists think it lies right of the icefall of *The White Spout* but the lines may partly coincide.

1. 35m Start on the left-hand side of *The Black Spout* in an obvious bay above The Stack. Climb an open corner of ice, followed by a delicate traverse left under a niche with good rock gear. Follow the snow slope above to a belay under an overhang.

2. 35m Pass the overhang on the left and traverse right to follow iced slabs straight up to the cornice. This was passable on right and left. (Topo provided.)

West Buttress:

Western Passage 125m III,4. Dan Moore, Ana Fleming. 11 Dec 2020.

1. 50m Start just right of *Western Slant* and climb easy ground first right then back left to belay at the bottom of a long slabby wall.

2. 50m Continue straight up alongside the wall before traversing up and right into a small bay below a steepening.

3. 25m Climb up through the obvious slot onto the snow field above to gain the base of the upper tier. Possibly climbed before. (Topo provided.)

Coire Loch nan Eun, The Stuic:

Didgeridoo 50m III. Simon Richardson. 23 May 2021.

The break in the wall midway between *Glottis* and *Deesider*. Climb easily up to short square-cut gully. Climb this (ice on the first ascent) and pull over a bulge to a ledge. Finish up and right. (Topo provided.)

Deesider 50m II/III. Jamie Greig, Will Attridge, Cameron Richardson.

The second gully left of *Stegosaurus Rib*. It twists from right to left at the top through mixed ground and an iced corner exit. (Topo provided.)

Bone Wars 50m II. Simon Richardson. 23 May 2021.

The short gully immediately left of *Stegosaurus Rib*. (Topo provided.)

Spoon Bow 60m II. Simon Richardson. 23 May 2021.

The rib right of *Whaleback*. The smooth-looking headwall was climbed using hidden steps leading right to left.

EAGLES ROCK, A Likely Story Slab:

Graham Tyldesley notes that a couple of the route lines on the Eagles Rock topo (p. 421 of 'The Cairngorms Rock and Ice Climbs') are incorrect. *Ripping Yarn* crosses over *A Likely Story* where it is shown joining it. It joins just below the final overlap. The line of *The Stretcher* is completely wrong. It starts up *Fraud Squad* and continues traversing left beyond where that route starts going up. Then it takes a direct-ish line to under the steep nose. (Topo provided.)

GLEN CALLATER, Creag Leachdach:

Sheep Bone Slab 60m Severe. Simon Richardson, Sophie Grace Chappell. 8 Sep 2020.

The lower tier of slabs on the south face of Creag Leachdach provides an attractive sweep of granite. This route takes a line up the right side of the slabs. The direct line up the left side of the slabs was climbed on a top rope, but unfortunately there is no protection.

1 25m Start at the left toe of the slabs and climb a crack to a small, stepped roof. Traverse right under the roof (crux) and continue up easier ground on the right flank of the slabs to gain shallow cracks.

2 35m Follow cracks up and left passing a vegetated ledge to a steeper finish on the sloping terrace at the top of the tier. (Topo provided.)

LITTLE GLAS MAOL, North Facing Buttress:

After Church Arête 130m II. James Lamont, Dave Slade. 6 Dec 2020.

The first buttress immediately east of the north-facing cliff containing *The Ramp* and *Slanting Ramp*. The route starts at NO 177 761 and tops out at NO 177 760. The approach was from Glen Shee, over the summit of Glas Maol and then descending a gully to the east of the route.

1 50m Start in a bay below the buttress. Go straight up a series of rocky steps that wind around some rocky bulges for around 30m before coming to some easier ground for 20m. Belay here.

2 50m Take the left-hand line up more rocky steps to a narrow arête (crux) and continue along the arête to second belay.

3 20m Continue up easier broken ground to finish up a short rocky step. (Topo provided.)

CAENLOCHAN GLEN, Druim Mòr, Creag Caorach (NO 190 769):

Unusually late season snow brought this south-facing cliff into winter condition. (Topo provided.)

XYZ Rib 160m II. Simon Richardson. 7 May 2021.

The well-defined rib right of *Y Gully* starting from NO 1908 7695. Climb the rib over two steps. The second narrows to a knife edge and can be climbed by turfgy grooves just to its left.

Caorach Gully 200m II. Simon Richardson. 7 May 2021.

The shallow narrow gully starting right of *XYZ Rib* at NO 1913 7687. Possibly climbed before.

GLEN CLOVA, Corrie of Bonhard:

Secret Staircase 80m III,4. Simon Stewart, Grant Farquhar. 19 Dec 1986.

The left nose of the buttress taken by *Mystery Ramp*. Start immediately right of

the depression or icefall defining the left edge of the buttress and follow the natural line veering left under a pronounced prow near the top. (Topo provided.)

Dreish, Winter Corrie, Waterfall Buttress:

Get Into The Groove 60m III,4. Dave Slade, James Lamont. 28 Dec 2020.

The steep cracked buttress to the immediate left of a Grade I blocky gully, 40m left from *The Waterfall*.

1. 25m Climb the crack direct until progress is halted by a steep wall. Traverse left below the wall on good hooks and torques to a bay with a block belay.
2. 35m Climb slightly right onto the top of the previously mentioned wall, step across the gap before trending left across easier ground (the route follows Waterfall Buttress Direct from this point) to the base of the final short but airy wall. Climb this direct on positive hooks to block belay. (Topo provided.)

Note: *Waterfall Buttress* mentioned on p. 430 of ‘The Cairngorms’ guidebook was first climbed by Graham Penny and Tommy Sutherland in 1992 and named *Work Ethic* (IV,4).

GLEN MARK, Couternach:

Simple Interest 30m Severe. Iain Young, Kenny Brookman. 25 Apr 2021.

More straightforward and old-fashioned than *Speculation*. Climb the obvious corner right of the Central Buttress in its entirety, sticking to the inside of the corner in the smooth lower section. Enjoyable.

Iain Young notes that *Speculation* was excellent – definitively worth a star or two.

NORTH-EAST OUTCROPS

FINDON CLIFFS, The Shark Fin:

Kelpie 20m 8b **. Gordon Lennox. 17 Aug 2019.

Climb Mako then traverse left to finish up *Snakehead*.

The Orchestra Cave:

BawBags 30m 8b ***. Gordon Lennox. 13 Sep 2019.

Climb *Blobstop* and follow the *Encore* finish to above the main roof, then climb up and left to the *Dangleberries* pitch 1 belay and continue up the *Dangleberries* pitch 2 to the top of the crag.

Piledriver 30m 8c ***. Gordon Lennox. 17 Sep 2019.

Climb *Magnum Opus* to the junction with *What the Funk*. Make the dropdown move to reverse the crux of *What the Funk* and join *Blobstop*. Follow this and continue as for *BawBags* to the top of the crag. An epic if slightly eliminate link-up which takes in all the hardest climbing to the top of the crag.

MEIKLE PARTANS, Crabs Wall:

Sweep's Chimney 5m V.Diff. Mark Bannan, Ian Hamilton. 29 Jul 2020.

The obvious chimney right of the VS 4c crack-line (rightmost of the four crack-lines mentioned in ‘Northeast Outcrops’). Good rock and protection.

NORTH HAVEN AREA, The Red Wall Quarry:

Bolt 20m 8b **. Gordon Lennox. 12 Oct 2019.

Climb the The King to its top crux deadpoint to the pocket in the top break. Make hard moves to traverse the break right into Dracula True Finish.

LONGHAVEN AREA, Buchan Walls:

This multi-pitch crag lies in the inlet south of Meackie Point, only about 100m from the road near a clifftop house. Only one route has been previously recorded (*Gold Dust* HVS 1977) despite the crag's sunny aspect and generally good clean rock. There are a few kittiwake and cormorant nests on the lower left side. A couple of abseil stakes have been placed and these are also useful for belays. It is also possible to access the non-tidal base of the cliff via steep grass to the east, near Meackie Point.

Gold Placer 40m E1 **. Keith Milne, Ian Milne. Mar 2017.

1 25m 5b This route takes the straight groove above the orange slab. It may be necessary to remove a few nests near the start. Climb directly up the lower wall using side pulls to gain the ramp (no protection, but can be bypassed on the right). From the ramp, the first few moves are on the left wall, reaching right into the groove to a place a good wire. Above this there are some marginal runners with intricate climbing. After a small ledge, the line continues with solid runners in a wonderful clean granite corner. Belay below a small overhang.

2 15m 5a Climb the overhang with difficulty using reachy side-pulls to an easy-angled slab which finishes on the left.

The following three lines were climbed on sight with some minimal cleaning on lead; there is still some gritty and potentially loose rock in places but overall the rock is clean enough and solid. With some repeats it should clean up nicely.

Wild Frontier 40m E4 6a **. Russ Birkett, Keith Milne. 14 Sep 2020.

An excellent adventurous climb taking the left arête of the main wall right of *Gold Placer*. Start at the base of the easy right-trending ramp, or better from the flat guano ledge part way up (which can be accessed directly by abseil). A left-trending slab ramp cuts out across the steep lower wall. Balance a few metres along this then pull directly up through a bulging wall heading for a narrow hanging groove. Step left to the arête and follow this to below a downward-pointing spike roof (cam in high pocket). Pull through this and continue direct to the final overlap below the slab, trend up and right through the final overlap following good slots and edges on the slab to finish.

El Dorado Groove 35m E4 6a **. Russ Birkett, Keith Milne. 17 Sep 2020.

The black groove, roof and corner in the centre of the wall. Starting from the guano ledge on the easy ramp, bridge up this rightward a few moves to pull through a bulge leftward to gain the base of the narrow groove. Move up this easily to just below the roof where a step left onto the wall leads up to the weakness in the roof. Awkward and difficult to protect moves lead through this to a standing position on the ledge. Climb the corner direct to swing out right at the top. Move rightwards across ledges to finish over the roof and up the finger crack in the final slab.

Gold Fever 35m E3 5c **. Russ Birkett, Keith Milne. 17 Sep 2020.

The rib right of *El Dorado Grooves* gives another fine pitch following the line of undercut flakes and hairline crack. Start as for the previous route but move up the easy ramp to step left onto the wall below the undercut flakes. Climb directly to reach easier ground common with *El Dorado Grooves*. Finish as for that route or the groove on the right.

The next routes start at the lowest point of the wall. There are occasional nests, but not on the routes.

Prospector 45m HVS *. Ian Milne, Keith Milne. Sep 2016).

1 20m 4c Start just right of an overhanging wall. An interesting pitch. Climb a few metres of steep steps until it is possible to move up right into a clean niche. With feet low, make a few moves left and then up short cracks to a ledge. With a high runner on the right, move back left and climb the slab to reach broken ledges.
2 25m 4c Climb the corner crack on the left. Slightly crumbly rock. Move past a doubtful block by moves on the left wall and then a few moves back right, finishing up a short wide crack (or the clean slab with a thin corner crack).

End of the Rainbow 50m E1 *. Keith Milne, Ian Milne. Apr 2017.

1 30m 5b A few metres right is a steep wall with good holds. Up this and onto easier ground. Move left into a shallow groove and crack system which leads up to an overhanging wall. Climb this initially on the right using small ledges (one doubtful block on left) and move back right and finish on jugs. Belay at the bollard.

2 20m 5b Move right around the nose and traverse to the base of the corner. Climb the short overhanging gritstone-like crack to a mantelshelf. Finish easily up a slab. Large cam useful to protect the mantelshelf, but normal cams can be placed in the middle section of the crack.

Nuggets 40m E2 **. Keith Milne, David Bird. Mar 2017.

1 30m 5a Climb the same initial wall and slab as the previous route. After a few metres step left and mantelshelf onto the nose. A short crack leads to delicate moves onto a sloping shelf. Move up and left past a smooth nose to a good bollard stance. Excellent rock.

2 10m 5c Step left to below a thin crack (reach up to place cam protection, sometimes damp). Move left and up strenuously on rounded holds to reach a good crack. Continue steeply onto a final shelf just below the top.

Panning for Gold 55m H.Severe **. Ian Milne, Keith Milne. Mar 2017.

1 30m 4b From a broken ridge at the right side, a few easy steps leads to an enjoyable clean corner-groove. Belay on a ledge 3m below the main overhang.

2 25m 4b Step up left onto the slab on the left and move around the nose (possible belay). Traverse 5m left onto a slab. Take a wide crack to finish (or a strenuous alternative past a jutting block just to the right, 5a).

COVESEA, Stack Bay:

Apocalypse Pickle 12m E3 6a *. Ted Collins, Robert Giddy. 4 Sep 2020.

Right of *Slyme Crime*. Move up and right to gain hanging corner. Climb up to the roof then traverse leftward to finish up *Slyme Crime*.

REDHYTHE POINT, John Wood's Hole Stack (NJ 5721 6697):

South Face Crack 12m HVS 5a. Mark Robson, Simon Richardson. 8 Nov 2020.
The stack is spit into two and can be reached by crossing boulders except at high tide. Climb the right-facing corner in the centre of the face then move up and right to a ledge. Finish up the short corner above. A good steep climb on excellent holds. The lower north summit can be gained by descending easily to the west until it is possible to traverse onto the west side of the south stack. Finish by climbing left of the rift separating the two stacks (Diff). (Topo provided.)

Skedam Cliff (NJ 5704 6682):

The east end of the easy-angled sweep of slabs of Skedam Cliff presents a diamond-shaped face of good rock. Approach by abseiling down the slab to below the face. (Topo provided.)

Mermaid's Purse 12m V.Diff. Simon Richardson, Mark Robson. 8 Nov 2020.
The corner defining the left side of the diamond.

Hongeohoe 12m VS 4c. Simon Richardson, Mark Robson. 8 Nov 2020.
The steep black corner left of centre. Climb the corner to a roof at half-height then make an awkward move up and right to gain the corner-crack in the slab above on the right.

Sea Skate 12m VS 4c. Mark Robson, Simon Richardson. 8 Nov 2020.
Take a zigzag line up the centre of the cliff with a difficult exit into a slab at two-thirds height. Finish up the short corner above.

Shelf-ish 15m V.Diff. Mark Robson, Simon Richardson. 8 Nov 2020.
Move right along a shelf and climb the right edge of the diamond on good holds to a slabby finish on the right.

CLACH NA BEINN:

Solus 's na h-Uamhan 20m IV,6. Ed Hamilton, Ewan Paterson. 8 Jan 2021.
The gully left of *Crack o' The Mearns*. Start 2m left of the summer line then continue up this to the top.

Southern Groove 20m Moderate. Simon Richardson. 26 Aug 2020.
A summer ascent of the winter line (the prominent left-facing groove left of *Eagle Buttress*). Almost certainly climbed before.

PASS OF BALLATER, Eastern Section:

Erebus 24m VS 5a *. Peter Henry, Sam Burgess. 2 Dec 2020.
Start 4m down from Larch tree and rockfall at *Chopped P.O.R.G.* Climb the short steep wall then traverse left along the edge of the terrace to reach the base of the obvious arête above (12m possible belay). Tackle the arête directly to belay on a small slab at the top (tat and maillon on tree nearby). (Topo provided.)

AN CADHA DUBH:

The Blackening 20m HVS 5a. Iain Young, Trevor Jones. 16 May 2021.
There is a hanging, black corner in the right arête of *Dirty Thing*. Start from the base of that route and gain a pale green scoop by using a protruding square block. Move up into the hanging black corner, step right towards its top and back left to

a short, hand crack. After that easier climbing leads to the top. (Possibly climbed before).

Clean as a Whistle 20m H.Severe. Iain Young, Trevor Jones. 16 May 2021.
Takes the clean, slabby wall on the immediate left of *Dirty Thing*, joining that route for its final few metres. Enjoyable, but escapable. (Possibly climbed before).

These two routes, together with *Dirty Thing* (which is better than its name implies), can all be made to finish at a large pine tree which makes for a convenient belay and abseil.

BENACHIE, Mither Tap:

Mither Diedre 10m VS 4c. Mark Bannan, David Jabaroo, Jo Jabero. 29 May 2021.

On the lower buttress, facing Oxen Craig, climb the obvious well-protected corner. Worth a star when clean (top section a bit dirty). Possibly climbed before.

SIDLAWS, Black Crag:

Gorse Groove 15m H.Severe 4b. Joe Barlow, Rosie Rothwell. 31 May 2020.
Start half way between *Abernyte Corner* and *Windy Gap Groove*. Climb up to the base of a black overhanging corner, then step right around the arête. Climb up the left side of the hanging slab to finish up the corner above. Nice exposed positions but some loose rock and gorse about.

No Gorse 20m H.Severe 4b. Dave Slade, James Lamont. 18 Jun 2020.
Start as for *Gorse Ramp* up obvious ramp in centre of face. After approx 2m make a committing step out right around small overhanging bulge and take an airy step up on good holds. Finish at the obvious block.

Pinnacle Face Direct Finish 10m HVS 5a. Dave Slade, James Lamont. 18 Jun 2020.

Start as for *Pinnacle Face* but take direct line slightly further left rather than line on the right. Good holds, you just need to find them! There are a couple of bold moves in quick succession above the runner so best to move swiftly!

HIGHLAND OUTCROPS SOUTH

WEEM CRAGS, Aerial Crag:

Thunderstruck 18m E4 6a *. Jamie Skelton, Morag Eagleson. 21 Jul 2020.
The right arête of the sidewall. Start as for *Saving Up for a Rainy Day* to a jug at the top of the finger-crack. Stretch up towards the next break and protruding ledge at the bottom of the arête. After mounting the ledge, exposed turbo jugs on the very edge lead to the top. (Topo provided.)

KNAPDALE, Creag nam Fitheach:

The Spirit Screen 25m E6 6b *. Jamie Skelton, Morag Eagleson. 25 Sep 2020.
The wall to the right of *Crucifixion Crack*. Climb *Crucifixion Crack* to the top of the ramp and place a high runner, move right and onto the ledge below the wall.

Boldly move up the flake-crack (RPs) and wall directly above to a good slot. Continue up and left, pulling over the arête of the buttress just below the top.

Letter From America 25m E1 5b **. Alex Thomson, Clár Nic Giollabháin. 21 Mar 2021.

Climb the starting groove and cracks of *America* as far as the high break. Follow a line of jugs up and left in a fine position to a small stance and gear below the nose. Finish steeply over the top.

MULL OF KINTYRE, Midships Crag:

Jamie Skelton and Morag Eagleson note a free ascent of *Blood on the Cracks* at E3 5c on 23 Sep 2020.

OBAN CRAGS, Gallanach, Ardbhan Craigs (NM 841 289):

The following climbs are found on the cliffs above the road to the Kerrara ferry. The first climb takes the large corner 100m past Kilbowie House, visible from the road.

Cotyledon 35m E1 5a **. Al Thomson, Andy Corbe. 29 May 2021.

The huge corner system above Kilbowie House. Start up an easy slab to a ledge. Small wires and a cam in a pocket out left protect steep moves up and into the corner system. Follow the corner to a large ledge (optional belay), then up to a roof. Rock on to the slab above from round to the left and continue up to atop the pinnacle. Step right and top out delicately through the undergrowth to a tree belay. Absorbing climbing, well protected with small cams and micro wires.

The next climb is found on the last big buttress before the Rockies Cottage and the slipway. Follow faint paths from the road up towards the huge leaning wall and corner.

The Braid 35m E1 5b **. Al Thomson, Clár Nic Giollabháin. Apr 2021.

The corner systems and slab 5m left of the bolts. Follow the clean right-hand corner for 5m. Step left below the chossy roof to below the second corner-crack. Climb this with the help of some surprising holds. Follow the crack above trending left and stepping left into another crack when needed. Weave up the easy slabs above, aiming for good finishing cracks and the small tree at the top. An excellent journey.

The next climbs are found on the final buttress before the ferry, above the Rockies Cottage. An obvious clean wall is visible from the road, bounded by a corner and fin on the right. Approach via a path from the previous climb, or from abseil from above by taking the track up from the ferry slipway (stakes).

Beer Engineer 25m HVS 5a **. Al Thomson, Joe Turner. Sep 2020.

The hanging crackline in the centre of the wall. Start right of centre at the base of a grassy crack, follow the crack diagonally left and then up to the left-facing corner below the hanging slab. Step right on to the slab and up to the roof, then step left and up the crack to the top. Belay on stakes.

Kerreran Curry 25m H. Severe *. Al Thomson, Solene Giraudeau-Potel, Joe Turner. Sep 2020.

The great left-facing corner of the wall right of *Beer Engineer*. Quite 'traditional'.

ARDNAMURCHAN, Ring Crag, Dome Buttress (Creag an Fhir-Eoin):

Greta Thunberg 30m H.Severe 4b *. Scott Kirkhope, Dave Anderson. 14 Apr 2021.

Start at the left toe of the slab and make a rising traverse right following the crack, to make the final moves of *Rum Do*.

ARDNAMURCHAN, Meall Meadhoin (NM 492 676):

The following routes are located on the collection of crags on the north side of the Allt a' Choire on the south-west side of Meall Meadhoin. Best to start from a small gravel parking spot a few hundred metres before (south-east) the usual approach to the ring crags. Follow a faint path heading north, via a deer fence, then diagonally rightwards across the hillside. The crags are generally south-west to west-facing and enjoy any afternoon sun. Approximately 45 minutes.

Pancake Slab:

The lowest of the crags described, roughly in the middle of the hillside and featuring a right trending ramp. Well left of and at a lower elevation than Papal Slab.

Crepe 13m V.Diff *. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 27 Feb 2021.

Start at a block on the left. Climb slabs rightwards to a smooth slab which provides a nice finish up the middle.

Waffle 15m Diff *. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 27 Feb 2021.

The right side forms a steeper wall with parallel cracks leading leftwards. Continue up the slab and finish up a prominent crack.

The Papal Slab:

A small, clean crag split by a groove and corner with a steep, undercut wall on the right. Routes are described from left to right.

Basilica 10m Diff *. Steve Kennedy. 24 April 2021.

The diagonal crackline running from bottom left to the far right of the slab.

Fumata Bianca 9m Severe *. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 28 Nov 2020.

Climb the slab left of the deep groove, join the corner, step right and climb the blunt rib.

Sistine Chimney 9m V.Diff *

Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 28 Nov 2020.

The deep groove and corner above.

Three Puffs or Four? 9m V.Diff *. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 28 Nov 2020.

Start at the foot of the deep groove and climb the slab on the right to a steepening. Finish up an easy slab.

King Billy 9m HVS 5a *. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 24 Apr 2021.

The undercut crack just right of *Three Puffs or Four*. A meaty start leads to much easier climbing finishing up the right-hand crack.

Enclave 8m VS 4b *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley, Steve Kennedy. 24 Apr 2021.

The steep groove on right side of the undercut wall leading to a continuation crack and slab.

About 80m to the right, at about the same level, are the following crags:

Egg Crag:

The rightmost, west-facing slabby buttress with a flat top and a curious egg-shaped feature on the south-facing wall on the right. The west-facing routes lie on either side of a grassy groove. Routes described left to right.

Humpty Dumpty 12m Severe. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 24 Apr 2021.

The vague crack and slab above taking a direct line just left of a white splodge.

Egg White 12m Severe *. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 24 Apr 2021.

Take a direct line up the slab 2m right of *Humpty Dumpty*, finishing just right of the white splodge.

Breggsit 12m HVS 4c **. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 24 Apr 2021.

The clean edge immediately left of the grassy groove, finishing up thin cracks. Poorly protected.

Clutch 12m V.Diff. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley, Steve Kennedy. 28 Nov 2020.

The first crackline 4m right of the grassy groove (sometimes damp). Climb the crack and rib above.

Cock 12m Severe *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley, Steve Kennedy. 24 April 2021.

Start 2m right of Clutch and climb a right-facing corner and cracked slab to a ledge. Finish up the open book corner.

Egg Tooth 12m HVS 4c **. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 24 Apr 2021.

Below the slabby wall, on the right, is the wall containing the 'egg' feature. Enter the egg and break out awkwardly onto the left edge. Climb cracks directly above to a ledge and finish up the crack right of the corner.

Chicken or Egg? 12m Severe *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley, Steve Kennedy. 6 Dec 2020.

Enter the egg and climb the steep groove on its right side. Step left across the wall and finish up a groove and wall.

Victor's Crag:

Situated below and slightly left of Egg Crag. Characterised by a large flake leaning against the right side.

Twirl 7m VS 4c *. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 6 Dec 2020. The left side is undercut with a curving left-facing corner and crack running leftwards. A burly start leads to the crack and slab above.

99 7m V.Diff *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley & Steve Kennedy. 6 Dec 2020. Climb the front of the large flake and slab above.

Sunset Walls:

Above and left of Egg Crag lie some steep walls topped by an attractive looking cracked slab. The upper slabs contains a number of crack lines which provide the following routes. With the exception of the first route described, all the routes start from a grassy ledge descending leftwards along the base of the slab. The ledge is most easily gained by scrambling up from the right just beyond Egg Crag. Descend on either side.

Pretzel 15m VS 4c *. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 24 April 2021.

This route lies on the left (west) wall of the upper slabs. Climb a ramp rightwards to a ledge and finish up a thin crack near the right edge leading to the whaleback ridge.

Choux 10m Severe *. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 6 Dec 2020.

The thin crack running up the left side of the slab (left of a left-facing corner). Climb the crack all the way to the sloping ridge.

Filo 13m VS 4c *. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 6 Dec 2020.

Start below a prominent crack about 3m right of *Choux*, just left of a left-facing corner-groove. Climb the crack, passing a large incut hold, to a rightward trending crackline running across the slab. Finish directly up the slab above.

Suet 12m Severe *. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 28 Nov 2020.

The next prominent thin crack on the right, starting above a step in the ledge. Climb the crack, crossing the right-trending crack system, and finish up a wider crack directly above.

Puff 10m V.Diff *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley, Steve Kennedy. 28 Nov 2020.

Start up a right-trending crack near the far right end and move left to below a bulging wall. Step left and finish up a left-facing corner.

AWOL Slab:

A small slab situated well above The Papal Slab (approximately 10 minutes), characterised by a prominent central crack.

Looking for a Body 10m VS 4b *. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 12 Dec 2020.

The seam running diagonally left to right across the slab, finishing at the far right.

Nurse in a Burn 8m VS 4b *. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 12 Dec 2020.

The unprotected slab left of the central crack, starting from a large boulder.

Missing in Action 8m V Diff *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley, Steve Kennedy. 12 Dec 2020.

The central crack.

Wild Goose Chase 8m VS 4b *. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 12 Dec 2020.

Start up the slab 2m right of the central crack, move leftwards along a break then directly.

Hide and Seek 7m VS 4c *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley, Steve Kennedy. 12 Dec 2020.

An eliminate line starting as for *Wild Goose Chase* and climbing the unprotected slab directly on small flakes. No palming off the right edge!

ARDNAMURCHAN, Meall Sanna:

A number of routes have been done on the small crags scattered on the south-west slopes of the hill south of Meall Sanna (south of a small lochan), above and north-west of the Bealach Ruadh (NM 454 677). Park just before the eastmost house in Achnaha and follow a rough, waymarked path leading south-west to the Bealach, initially crossing boggy ground and then running close to the fence line on the right. This is the path leading from Achnaha to Achosnich. About 25 minutes to the closest crag.

The crags closest to the Bealach comprise a prominent slab with a crack running up the middle and a blocky buttress to the left (NM 453 679).

Frigg 14m Severe *. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley. 3 Apr 2021.

Climb the central crack in the slab to a ledge and finish up a steep groove containing a block directly above.

Odin 8m VS 4b *. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley. 3 Apr 2021.

The obvious left-facing corner-crack on the right side of the blocky buttress.

The following routes are situated on the higher crags a few hundred metres to the left (NM 450 681). High on the left, directly below and close to the summit cairn, is a slab with right-slanting cracks and an undercut base. Routes are described left to right.

Helga 8m Severe *. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley. 3 Apr 2021.

About 3m up and left of the undercut base is a short corner. Start up the corner and climb the slab and cracks directly above.

Erika 10m VS 4b *

Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley. 3 Apr 2021.

Start at the lowest point below the undercut. Climb the slab to a heathery crack, move right below the upper wall and finish up a deep groove behind.

Astrid 10m VS 4c *. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley. 3 Apr 2021.

Start below a short corner or alcove on the right and climb a right-slanting crack then go directly up the slab above to a sloping ledge. Finish up the steep jagged crack just left of the pale speckled wall.

Ardnamurchan Point, Main Wall Area:

The Moral Consequences of Limpet Genocide 5m VS 4c *. Oliver Skeoch, Katie Boyle. 19 Aug 2020.

The steep corner 5m right of *Whoosh*, finishing through the slot.

Pillar Thriller 5m HVS 4c. Oliver Skeoch, Katie Boyle. 19 Aug 2020.

The inverted stepped pillar to the left of the previous route and to the right of *Whoosh*. No gear but a good landing.

POLLDUBH, Polldubh Lower Tier, Repton Buttress:

Colin Moody notes that *Bullet* is 28m in length.

The Alp, SW Buttress:

Colin Moody notes that *Fred's Delight* passes right of the niche not left. This was correct in 1978 and 1985 guides, but not in 1998 and 2016 editions.

Styx Buttress:

Read Between the Lines 30m E4 6a *. Jamie Skelton, Morag Eagleson. 2 Jul 2020.

A logical line through the middle of the west wall with sustained interested and good gear after the bouldery start. Climb *Doomsday*, *Direct Start*, then wiggle your way up the well protected wide crack directly above to join *Black Friday*, *Right-Hand Finish*.

Polldubh Upper Tier, Nameless Crag:

Electronic Omission 20m E1 5b **. Nathan Adam, Garry Campbell. 11 Jun 2020.

The fault left of Cathode Smiles. Climb the left side of the quartz-studded wall into a right-facing corner. Go up this to the roof and climb the excellent crack above to a short corner and the top.

Anode 20m E1 5b. Jamie Skelton, Morag Eagleson. 1 Jun 2020.

This route climbs the vertical fault line between *Cathode Smiles* and *Triode*. Move up the lower wall to a small bay below the crux groove. Jam or layback this to the top.

Triode, Direct Finish 20m E5 6a **. Jamie Skelton, Morag Eagleson. 1 Jun 2020.

The direct finish is technical but only half a grade harder than the original. Stuff small gear in the *Triode* overlap, step right and commit to the short headwall above.

Lightbulb 14m H.Severe 4b **. Morag Eagleson, Jamie Skelton. 1 Jun 2020.
The obvious crack line right of *Diode*. Climb up and onto a small ledge before stepping left into the crack. Follow this over a small bulge to the top.

High Crag:

Jamie Skelton notes that *Quartzite Cruiser* on the Middle Tier of High Crag lies between *Kinloss Grooves* and *Hot Tin Roof* rather than to the right of *Hot Tin Roof* as shown in the topo on p. 239 of 'Highland Outcrops South'.

Crown Buttress:

Reason to Believe 14m E2 5c *. Nathan Adam, Garry Campbell. 3 Jun 2020.
A good route, bold at the top, but easily escapable at a few points. Start 2m right of *Palpitation* at an undercut crack-line. Boulder steeply up the crack to reach a good hold on the right, and cross *Palpitation* to reach the left side of the large detached spike. Climb the steep left side of the spike to the horizontal break above, placing a load of gear in this (last protection). Undercling the roof, and reach for a hidden hold high up before making committing moves left across the small hanging wall on quartz holds to reach a good rail and rock-over to finish. Thread belay back on right.

Tiara Buttress:

Hidden Gem 15m H.Severe 4b *. Nathan Adam (solo). 29 May 2020.
Just right of the leftmost left-facing corner is a steep slab leading to a small overlap. Climb a small crack to the overlap and continue on good holds to a small ledge. Step right and go up the edge overlooking the corner. (Topo provided.)

Car Park Area, Buccaneer Crag:

The Blockaneer 20m E4 5c *. Jamie Skelton, Morag Eagleson. 12 Jun 2020.

The cleanest sweep of grey rock on the crag can be gained by climbing the first few metres of *Pieces of Eight* and hand-traversing the right-trending crack before heading for a rightwards-jutting hollow block. Stuff suspect gear behind this and make a big move up to a crucial RP placement, then continue up the wall above trending first right and back left to finish. Poorly protected.

Phantom Crag:

Second Slice of the Pie 20m E3 6a. Jamie Skelton, Morag Eagleson. 12 Jun 2020.

The very well protected arête on the left side of the lower tier has some good crack climbing but some flaky rock in its lower half. It can be climbed via the strenuous hand-and-fist crack to the top of a big pinnacle. After placing high gear climb the leaning finger-crack and arête on the right (crux) to an easy finish.

Steall Area, Gorge Crag:

Confrontation 35m E2 5c **. Jamie Skelton, Morag Eagleson. 8 Jun 2020.
Superb exposed climbing up the steep wall above *Conscription*. Start as for this route to the point at which it goes horizontally right. Instead of going rightwards climb up and slightly left across the wall to gain a layback crack at the right end of the big ledge system. Continue up wildly on big holds to a ledge, and finish either directly or via the left-leaning crack.

LOCH EIL, Gleann Fionnlighe, Uachan Slab (NM 958 822):

This gneiss slab is visible from the track up Gleann Fionnlighe above the buildings at Uachan. From afar the left-trending white streak looks like a well-cleaned crack cutting through the crag. Walk up the main track which crosses the river. After this bridge is a stone building. Take the disused vehicle track behind the building up and right to reach a landslide. Walk uphill until above the tree line then traverse right to the slab. The climbing is easy for the grade though committing. The rock is perfect (with a little moss in places) and the outlook over the hills is pleasant. Belays are difficult to find – there are plans to add a couple of stakes before spring 2022. Routes are described from left to right. (Topos provided.)

AstraZeneca 12m VS 4b *. Colin Moody, Steve Kennedy. 2 May 2021.

The slab left of *Local Feeling*. There is a slot for a belay about 6m up left from the top.

Local Feeling 30m HVS 4c *. Alastair Rose (solo). 20 Jun 2020.

The first continuous line up the slab, bypassing a large garden of grass just to its left in its upper half.

The White Streak 45m HVS 4c **. Alastair Rose (solo). 20 Jun 2020.

The left-trending streak.

Sputnik 45m HVS 5a **. Steve Kennedy, Colin Moody. 2 May 2021.

The slab between *Local Feeling* and *Protect the NHS* joining and following *Protect the NHS* at about 28m.

Protect the NHS 30m VS 4b *. Alastair Rose (solo). 20 Jun 2020.

A counter diagonal to *The White Streak* crossing it at two-thirds height.

Pfizer 45m HVS 4c **. Steve Kennedy, Colin Moody. 2 May 2021.

Start right of *The White Streak*. Climb up left, crossing *Protect the NHS*; very badly protected.

Phase 3 20m H. Severe 4a. Alastair Rose (solo). 20 Jun 2020.

The left side of the clean sweep of rock on the right side of the crag.

GLENFINNAN, Dome Buttress:

Aurora 8m Severe *. Steve Kennedy. 26 Jul 2020.

About 20m beyond and above *Overhang* and *Groove*, where Dome Buttress changes direction to face west, is a rounded arête. Climb the slabby wall on the left side of the arête.

Evening Star 8m Severe *. Steve Kennedy. 26 Jul 2020.

Climb the wall immediately right of the arête via a small ledge.

Celeste 8m V.Diff *. Steve Kennedy. 26 Jul 2020.

Approximately 20m right of *Evening Star* is a slab featuring a quartz vein, which is taken by this route.

The short walls between *Aurora* and *Celeste* provide numerous short bouldering routes on beautiful rippled rock, mostly in the lower grades.

Squat Butress (NM 867 812):

The long, compact butress situated about 50m right (south) of *Celeste*, comprising a slabby lower section topped by a steep wall.

Acadia 15m HVS 5a **. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Eileen Blair. 23 Jul 2020.

Start below an alcove (below a roof) in the centre of the crag. Pull into the alcove from the right and move left across a slab to reach a rock 'ear'. Continue up slabs and finish up a jagged, rightward-trending quartz fault on the steep headwall.

Paloma 15m VS 4c *. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Eileen Blair. 23 July 2020.

Start 3m right of *Acadia* at a cleaned flake. Climb the flake rightwards, pull over a small roof, and continue up the slab and over a bulge at the right end of the headwall, left of a small tree.

Felix 15m VS 4b *. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Eileen Blair. 23 Jul 2020. Start at an embedded flake 2m right of *Paloma*. Climb the initial slab rightwards over a small roof to a heather ledge. Continue up the slab above, left of a slanting crack and via a scoop just right of a small tree.

Beatrix 11m Severe *. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Eileen Blair. 23 Jul 2020.

Located on the rounded butress about 40m right (south-west) of Squat Butress. Climb the slab on the right (just right of the rounded edge) and finish left of a prominent crack.

The following route lies on the prominent, west-facing elongated slab located approximately 100m right (west) of *Beatrix*, the top of which is at a slightly higher elevation (NM 866 812).

Luna 12m E1 5a **. Steve Kennedy. 20 Jun 2020.

Start at the lowest point, close to the left end of a rightwards-slanting roof. Climb to a sloping ledge and follow a flake-crack to the left end of a further small roof. Make thin moves passing a horizontal break to the easier slab above. Fine climbing but unprotected.

GLENFINNAN, Ranochan Walls, Ranochan West:

The Seat 8m Severe. Colin Moody, Steve Kennedy. 13 Apr 2021.

The wide left-leaning crack down and left from *Blue Velvet*.

Colin Moody notes that *Pinch Beck* and *Clover Field* were cleaned and considered E1 5b * and E2 5b ** respectively.

LOCHAILORT, Craiglea (NM 7822 8330):

A south-west-facing slab with a fine outlook south to the hills and west down to Lochailort. Head west from Fort William on the A830 towards Mallaig. Pass Glenfinnan and Loch Eilt to the small Lochan Dubh with a pine tree covered island. There is a house and railway yard on the right, at a left bend. Park after the bend on the left, the crag being seen above the parking; this is one mile before Lochailort. A direct approach involves crossing the railway, so walk back east to

the railway yard at the corner. Follow the footpath under the railway, then walk up left to the crag (15 minutes). Most routes have lower-offs.

Alarm 14m F6a *. Colin Moody, Steve Kennedy. 6 Mar 2021.
The left-hand slab.

The Hole 16m F6a+ *. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 11 Apr 2021.
Start at a hole. Climb the slab up left to join *Alarm*.

Brown Crack 8m VS 4c *. Colin Moody, Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley. 21 Apr 2021.
Belay up right on a huge spike or block. To descend, go right then down.

Molar 10m F6b **. Colin Moody, Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley 11 Apr 2021.
Climb through the tooth-mark.

Hollow Shield 12m F6a+ **. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley, Steve Kennedy. 19 Mar 2021.
Climb through the shield.

Big Crack 12m E1 5b **. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley, Steve Kennedy. 20 Apr 2021.
Climb the crack. The start is shared with *Great Wall*.

Great Wall 12m F6c **. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 19 Mar 2021.
Start as for *Big Crack* and go up to the break. Move right to a foothold below the spring then climb the wall.

Cry Wolf 12m E1 5b **. Colin Moody, Steve Kennedy. 1 May 2021.
Climb up to the scoop of *April*, move left and climb the crack to the top of *April*.

April 14m F6a **. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody, Billy Hood. 22 Apr 2021.
Start by moving right into the scoop then climb the rib slanting slightly leftwards.

ARISAIG, Ardnish Peninsula, Lizard Crag:

The Adder 10m E1 5b. Morag Eagleson, Jamie Skelton. 18 Jun 2020.
Start up the left-slanting crack just left of *The Snake* and continue up the shallow left-facing groove to reach the arête and easier ground.

ARISAIG, Druim Fiaclach, Gleann Màmà Slabs:

The Mystery Machine 35m E3 5c **. Nathan Adam, David Wood. 2 Oct 2020.
Follows the obvious left-leaning diagonal cracks above the grassy bay just right of centre; scramble up the bay to approach. Excellent, steep and well protected climbing; carry a double set of medium to small cams. Start up a short left-facing corner and rock over onto a good ledge. Follow the crack leftwards on reasonable underclings along the dwindling ledge to a good hidden hold at waist height. Make difficult moves across the wall (crux) and reach left to a small quartz hold in a

corner. Make one more tricky move to stand on a ledge, exit left and continue up the fine slab above, first leftwards before going back right to finish at a block on top of the cliff.

Courthouse Blues 40m E3 6a **. David Wood, Nathan Adam. 2 Oct 2020
Start 5m down and right of *Scooby Dubh*, at an overhung left-facing corner. Boulder steeply up the corner and pull out right (hard) onto the stepped slab, then climb this to a steep wall and crack. Go up the crack with the help of the left edge of the wall, continuing steeply through the overlap above (crux) to join the slab of *Scooby Dubh* and the corner alcove (*Scooby Dubh* belay). Climb directly out of the corner by a steep crack before heading right to finish up a quartz slab.

ARISAIG, Loch Beag Slab (NM 72636 83671):

A pleasant south-facing slab with a steeper west wall. The slab is near a house; please avoid going near the house. Park as for Gleann Màma Slabs and walk down to the track leading south west towards Ard nam Buth house. Take the track under the railway arches but turn left before the house to respect their privacy. Walk over the slight hill to reach the shore, then follow the shore right (west) to the slab. 15 minutes.

Blue Waters 14m E1 5a **. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 25 Apr 2021.

Fairly serious climbing on the west wall, start round left of the slab at a pointed block and clamber up to the left-facing corner. Move up the corner then go left to the rib, place two dubious crucial small cams then climb the hanging corner.

Kittyshaw 12m H.Severe 4b **. Steve Kennedy, Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 7 Feb 2021.

Start 1m right of the left edge of the slab. Climb up just right of the edge.

The Vennel 12m VS 4b **. Steve Kennedy, Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 7 Feb 2021.

Start 2m right of *Kittyshaw*. Climb the crack up slightly right to a hole with plants. Follow the ramps up left under small overlaps to finish near *Kittyshaw*.

Flashwood 10m Severe *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley, Steve Kennedy. 25 Apr 2021.

Climb the slab left of the heather crack.

Blair and Kersland 10m VS 4b **. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 9 Feb 2021.

Right of the heather crack is a niche a third of the way up the slab. Climb into the left side of the niche, move up left and continue to the top.

Lynn 10m VS 5a *. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 17 Apr 2021.

Climb into the right side of the niche, thin. Continue up.

Doggartland 12m Severe. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 9 Feb 2021.

Climb to a small ledge then follow the crack up leftwards using the ramp on the left for feet.

Mount Pleasant 12m Severe. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley. 9 Feb 2021.
Start just right of *Doggartland* and climb to the same small ledge. Climb slightly rightwards past a small triangular overhang.

Highfield 12m Severe. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley, Steve Kennedy. 7 Feb 2021.
The crack left of *The Den*.

The Den 12m Severe. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley, Steve Kennedy. 7 Feb 2021.
The right-hand crack on the slab.

ARISAIG, Clach a' Phrionnsa (Prince's Stone):

In keeping with the rest of the crag, A4 stainless steel glue-ins have been used to equip the following routes.

Squeezing It Out 6m 7a. Jamie Skelton, Morag Eagleson 21 Apr 2021.
A good but very short route on the far left side of the upper wall.

HRH 15m 6c+ *. Jamie Skelton, Rory Brown. 10 Apr 2021.
The furthest line left on the West Wall. Climb *Jugobite* to the third bolt, break left and continue up the overhanging wall on positive holds.

Jugobite 14m 6c **. Morag Eagleson, Jamie Skelton. 19 Mar 2021.
Start as for the first bolt of *The Last Stand* but continue up the groove and overhanging wall above.

Picnic Pleaser 16m 7a *. Jamie Skelton, Morag Eagleson. 19 Mar 2021.
Takes the obvious cave-like feature just right of the West Wall. Pull a few burly moves through the overhang and gain the groove above. Finish on the left side of the arête as for *Jacobite Rebel*.

Honnold of the North 11m 6b+ *. Jamie Skelton, Rory Brown 10 Apr 2021.
Jamie Skelton, Rory Brown. 10 Apr 2021.
A direct line up the right hand side of the slab on the South Wall. Struggle over the large roof-overlap and follow *Jacobite Trail* up the pleasant slab above.

Dogs on the Run 8m 6c *. Morag Eagleson, Jamie Skelton. 21 Apr 2021.
A very steep left-trending line on the right side of the upper wall.

All the Way Over There? 18m 6c+ **. Jamie Skelton, Morag Eagleson. 21 Apr 2021.
Go up *Pass the Snacks* to the good holds on the arête and move round the corner to finish up *Dogs on the Run*.

Pass the Snacks 12m 6b+. Morag Eagleson, Jamie Skelton. 21 Apr 2021.
Climb past the overlap on *Jacobite Gold*. Move out left onto the slab and stretch to good holds near the arête. A steep pull gains the *Jacobite Gold* anchors.

Jugzilla 11m 6c *. Jamie Skelton, Morag Eagleson. 21 Apr 2021.
The very steep tiered arête on the right side of the buttress.

The Bonnie Traverse 30m 6a**. Nathan Adam, David Wood. 21 Apr 2021.

A left-to-right girdle of the crag, starting up *Jacobite Rebel*. Climb past the first two bolts to a large break, traverse right into the niche of *Highland Laddie* and struggle out of this. Make a slight descending traverse to reach the slab and continue along the thin horizontal crack. Go round under the nose on the arête and up to the lower-off on *Young Pretender*. (Bring across second and abseil from here.) Take some medium cams for the crux on *Highland Laddie*, but the rest borrows bolts from the other routes.

MALLAIG CRAGS, Creag Mhic a' Ghille-Chaim:

Shakey Ridge 30m VS 4c. Alastair Rose, Matt Rowbottom. 26 Jun 2020.

The narrow ridge or buttress to the right of the main buttress containing *Edge of Perfection*. Step onto the sharp ridge and follow this up to an awkward move to gain a scoop. Continue up the buttress to a thread belay. (Topo provided.)

ARISAIG, Borrodale Crags:

A number of crags have been developed a short distance east of Borrodale Beach, close to the headland of Rubha Aird Ghamhsgail, to provide a collection of worthwhile sport and trad routes. The crags are generally south-east to south-west-facing, quick drying, and offer routes in the lower to middle grades. There is also some decent bouldering nearby. The vitrified fort on the headland may also be of interest.

Approach from the parking area at Druimindarroch (NM 6858 8442) by the old boathouse (as for Black Rock). Parking is limited at the boathouse but additional parking is available close to the A830 junction near the start of the single track road. Wellies are recommended for the approach, which involves a burn crossing. From the boathouse, cross the bay heading south and then follow a well-established path leading left (east) for a few hundred metres before eventually dropping down to the grassland above Borrodale Beach. Just before the shingle beach, cross the Borrodale burn on the left and follow a vague path through ferns to a fence. A prominent boulder (The Gatehouse) will be seen on the left. Continue on the path beyond the boulder via some boggy ground to reach a rocky bay. Approximately 15 minutes.

The Gatehouse (NM 6931 8418):

The prominent west-facing boulder seen on the approach provides a number of good problems above a flat, grassy landing in the V1 to V2 range.

The Bastion (NM 6938 8417):

The prominent projecting buttress overlooking the rocky bay, accessed from some large boulders below. Nice short routes in a beautiful setting. The routes are bolted with the exception of one trad route. Routes described from left to right.

Escape Line 8m V.Diff *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley, Steve Kennedy. 18 Oct 2020.

The wide crack on the left side.

Booby Trap 9m 6b+ **. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 18 Oct 2020.

The steep wall immediately right of the wide crack. Pulling into a sloping alcove provides the crux.

Baker Street 9m 6b **. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 18 Oct 2020.

The strenuous wall to the right of *Booby Trap*. Start by moving rightwards before stepping left at the top of the right-facing corner.

Czech Connection 10m 5b **. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 13 Oct 2020.

The slabby front face. Pull onto the slab from the left side and climb directly via an overlap, trying to avoid the edges.

Fortress Wall (NM 6938 8417):

The steep, quartz-studded wall situated a short distance right of The Bastion. Approach either by walking beyond the rocky bay and accessing the right end of the crag by a clearing or, alternatively, through the trees from The Bastion if climbing there first. Some minor seepage occurs after a prolonged wet spell. The base rises in steps from the right end and an intriguing hole will be seen about mid-way leading into a small cave under the crag. Routes are described from left to right.

Carry on Spying 9m 6a *. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 23 Sep 2020.

Start on the far left, just left of a deep crack at a small platform. Move up rightwards (or climb the crack directly) below a bulge into a sloping recess. From the recess, traverse hard left below the wall to gain the left edge and finish out right.

Guerrilla Warfare 12m 6b+ **. Steve Kennedy, Colin Moody. 1 Oct 2020.

Start below the thin crackline 3m right of *Carry on Spying*. Generously bolted. Climb the crack to some quartz and continue to a small roof. Step left into the recess (joining *Carry on Spying*) and move up to its apex. Make awkward moves out right onto the edge and finish out rightwards.

Spirit of Resistance 12m 6a+ **. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley. 20 Aug 2019.

Climb a crack 2m right of *Guerrilla Warfare*, trending right to the prominent quartz shield and make an awkward move into the groove above. Continue to the small roof, step left, climb the slab above to the headwall and finish out right.

Special Operations 13m 6a+ **. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley. 26 August 2019.

Start 2m right of the hole at a raised platform. Pull out rightwards and follow a fault line, joining a left-trending crack. Finish up cracks just right of a small roof.

Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare 14m 6a *. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley. 26 Aug 2019.

Start at the lowest point on the right side, close to the tree. Flat holds lead via a crack to a quartz shield near the edge. Climb the wall and groove above.

Wire Crag (NM 6956 8415):

A pleasant sea cliff located a few hundred metres east of Fortress Wall comprising a short west-facing wall and the main south-east-facing wall just beyond to the

east. It has pleasant trad routes in the easier grades in a fine setting, and dries quickly. Mostly tree belays at the top, situated well back. A spare rope is useful.

Approach as for The Bastion and Fortress Wall. Leave the path about 40m after the clearing leading to Fortress Wall, pass between two bent trees and continue eastwards across broken ground to reach the shore. Continue a short distance along the shore, crossing an old wire fence, and drop into the bay containing the West Wall. Routes are described from left to right.

West Wall:

The first crag reached on the approach, situated at the back of a small rocky bay. Descend by scrambling on either side.

Flush Cutter 8m VS 4c **, Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley. 1 Apr 2021.

Start on the left side of a block. Move onto the block, climb the wall directly above to join the left slanting crack running up the middle.

Clipper 8m VS 4b *. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley. 1 Apr 2021.

Start on the right side of the block. Climb up and rightwards to a prominent edge which is followed, moving leftwards to finish.

Main Wall:

Reached by scrambling along the shore from West Wall. The easiest descent is on the left side.

Top Rung 11m V.Diff *. Lucy Prins, Phill Thompson, Steve Kennedy. 27 March 2021.

Near the left end is a grassy corner above a large pointed block. Climb the left side of the block, move right then climb the cracked slab just left of the corner.

Tripwire 10m Severe **. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 21 Mar 2021.

The arête on the left, just right of a pointed block. Climb on right side, palming off the edge.

Multicore 10m Severe *. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 21 Mar 2021.

The prominent crack on the slabby wall immediately right of *Tripwire*, finishing directly.

Barbed 10m V.Diff. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley, Steve Kennedy. 21 Mar 2021.

The left-facing, grassy corner 2m right of *Multicore*. Finish by pulling into thin parallel cracks on the left wall.

Touch of Stile 10m Severe *, Lucy Prins, Phill Thompson, Steve Kennedy. 7 Nov 2020.

Follows the cracks on the wall immediately right of *Barbed*, staying close to the edge and finishing just right of a V-groove.

Razor 10m VS 4c *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley, Steve Kennedy. 21 Mar 2021.

The next line of cracks about 2m right of *Touch of Stile*, starting up a short corner and finishing directly (crux).

Electron 10m Severe **. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 21 Mar 2021.

The pale wall right of *Razor*. Start just right of a short corner and climb the wall directly with a sloping finish.

Helix 12m V.Diff *. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 18 Oct 2020.

The wall 2m right of *Electron* between two grooves, moving rightwards at the top above a block.

Snare 10m Severe *. Colin Moody, Cynthia Grindley, Steve Kennedy. 18 Oct 2020.

The edge on the far right above the narrow gully. Start just left of the edge below a small overhang. Make a few moves then pull steeply right onto the edge, which is followed directly, finishing up a hanging slab.

The Fin:

Below the right side of the main wall is a projecting rocky fin containing the following routes.

Full Metal Post 8m Diff *. Phill Thompson, Steve Kennedy, Lucy Prins. 27 Mar 2021.

Takes a line starting just right of the left edge up the smoothest area of rock.

Five Bars 8m V.Diff *. Lucy Prins, Phill Thompson, Steve Kennedy. 27 Mar 2021.

The compact area of slab on the far right side.

A pleasant Moderate route climbs the cracked slab between the above routes.

On the far right of the Main Wall is a section of clean slab above and right of a prominent pointed flake. Descend via blocks on the left.

Neutral 12m V.Diff *. Steve Kennedy, Lucy Prins, Phill Thompson. 27 Mar 2021.

Climb the right side of the flake, bridge the flared groove, and finish up the cracked slab above.

Earth 12m Severe *. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley, Colin Moody. 21 Mar 2021.

The slab to the right, starting at the lowest point. Climb rightwards towards the right edge, then up the slab.

GLEN ROY, Eighth-shruth Geal (NN 31908 90741):

This south-east-facing cliff is the most obvious crag in the area, and can be easily seen on the left when nearing the end of the Glen Roy road. It is comprised of

gneiss and lies at an altitude of 490m. Although small, it has some good rock climbs and a brilliant outlook. Park below the crag at a good layby on the right, just beyond a left-hand turn and passing place. Follow vague paths directly up the hillside to the crag – allow 40 minutes. (Topo provided.)

Natural Selection 25m VS 4c *. Nathan Adam, Garry Campbell. 18 Jun 2020. Start one metre left of *Darwin's Delight* at a left-leaning crack. Climb this on good holds to a tiny ledge and the base of a longer crack in the slab above. Go up this with interest to the top.

Darwin's Delight 25m VS 4c **. Morag Eagleson, Jamie Skelton. 14 Jun 2020. Good crack-climbing splitting the middle of the buttress.

Parallel Roads 25m E1 5b **. Jamie Skelton, Morag Eagleson. 14 Jun 2020. Right of *Darwin's Delight* is a slightly wider crack. Climb this until forced onto the slab for a couple thin moves to gain the first horizontal break. The wall above can then be climbed, finishing just right of the perched block. (Nathan Adams notes that instead of going left at the top and then back right, it is possible to climb more directly at the top section. Both finishes are marked on the topo).

Parallel Roads, Direct Start 25m E3 5b *. Jamie Skelton, Morag Eagleson. 14 Jun 2020.

Climb directly up the slab via off-angle crimps and smears with no runners. The route can be made more friendly by some side-runners in either of the adjacent lines.

Cap Deigh (NN 3234 9124):

This south-east-facing gneiss crag sits high above the glen at the very top of an area of short slabs and boulders at an altitude of 550m. It lies 800m further along and 50m higher on the hill than Eigh-shruth Geal. The area is easily located on the left when reaching the end of the Glen Roy road. The nature of the rock means that cams are a necessity and the routes are not overly well protected. Park just before the wooden bridge that crosses the River Roy. Walk up the hillside and through the jumble of small slabs to the crag. Allow about an hour.

Little Iceberg 6m Moderate *. Morag Eagleson. 14 Jun 2020.

A pleasant solo up the disjointed cracks on the far right of the buttress. finishing on a good ledge.

Ice and Echoes 12m H. Severe 4b. Jamie Skelton, Morag Eagleson. 14 Jun 2020. On the right side of the buttress lies a hanging crack, just right of *Ninth Mile*. Climb the lower slabs and tackle the crack head-on.

Ninth Mile 12m Severe 4a *. Morag Eagleson, Jamie Skelton. 14 Jun 2020. A good route up the middle of the buttress. climbing just right of the central bulge before stepping back left (crux) and on to the top.

Braeroy Cowboy 12m Severe. Morag Eagleson, Jamie Skelton. 14 Jun 2020. Left of the central bulge is a vague right-trending crack-line. It is bold but straightforward.

Darwin's Rest 10m Moderate. Jamie Skelton. 14 Jun 2020.
The rib at the left end of the crag.

BINNEIN SHUAS, Western Sector, Blaeberry Wall:

Rattle that Lock 25m H.Severe 4c. Michael Barnard. 18 Apr 2020.

This lies on the shorter wall at the top of the descent gully, up and left from *Cowberry Wall* etc. Start up steep quartzy cracks just right of a big black groove. Continue up to the black arête above then step round left and go up, stepping back right to gain the upper slab. Finish up and right.

Western Sector, The Fortress:

Behind Enemy Lines 35m E2 5c ***. John Aisthorpe and Masa Sakano. 27 Sep 2020.

This is the well-protected crack to the right of *Delayed Attack*, climbed in three pitches. Start up the easy ramp, placing gear in the wall to the left, and belay below the vertical finger-crack (Camalot 3 or 4). Climb the finger-crack and then follow the widening crack left. Keep traversing left until some jugs, then climb straight up the unlikely overhang above, shared with *Farewell to Arms*. Good holds and gear are found in hidden breaks. Belay on the ledge under the roof (Camalot 3 and many small to hand-sized cams are useful). Finish with a very short and easy traverse-pitch leftward, to The Garden.

CREAGAN SOILLEIR, Right-Hand Crag, Middle Tier:

Kara 10m E3 6a/b. Jamie Skelton. 16 Jul 2020.

The overhanging crack just right of *Eternal Optimist* as mentioned in 'Highland Outcrops South'. Moving around the bulge to gain the slab is the crux. Climbed solo after top-rope practice.

GERGASK CRAIG (NN 612 953):

These two SSE-facing crags on the hillside west of Creagan Soilleir are visible on the approach to that venue and could be combined with it. Instead of heading across the bigger field, stay on the track which crosses the river and soon after that head up the hillside. Go through the gate in the deer fence and continue up to the crags. 20 minutes.

Scarface Claw 25m E2 5b. Michael Barnard, Alan Hill. 14 Sep 2020.

A worthwhile route up the centre of the left-hand crag; nice and clean through the crux. Go up to the steep section of wall and climb through this on small holds (bold). Move out left (cam), then back up right (bold) to a heather-pulling top-out.

The next three routes lie on the right-hand crag.

Twitter and the Monkey Man 25m E2 5b *. Michael Barnard, Alan Hill. 14 Sep 2020.

On the left side of the crag and lying just right of a rowan tree is a short corner with a flake-crack on its right wall; start below and just right of this. Move up to climb the cracked corner, hand traverse the top of the flake and step right again to pull onto the short steeper wall above using a quartz hold (crux). Continue up to the headwall then move out right to finish as for *Gorilla Warfare*.



*Dave MacLeod on the FA of Mind Riot (E10,7a), Binnein Shuas. See SMCJ 2020, p.188.
Photo: Ed Nind.*

Gorilla Warfare 20m E1 5b **. Michael Barnard, Alan Hill. 14 Sep 2020.

This route ascends a flake-crack through the steep central section of the crag. Go up to the flake line and climb it strenuously to pull into the groove above at a protruding block (keyed-in). Climb past the small aspen and continue up the crack above to a heathery finish.

Diddling Baboons 20m HVS 4c *. Alan Hill, Michael Barnard. 14 Sep 2020.

Start near the right end of the crag, directly below a crack in the upper half of the wall. Climb up into a groove, then step right and go boldly up the wall to reach the crack. Climb the crack, then move out right and up to the rowan.

DIRC MHÒR, Shining Wall:

Here's Johnny! 40m E3 6a ***. Tim Miller, Jamie Skelton. 26 Jun 2020.

An excellent route that follows the right-slanting crag in the lower centre of the face. When the crack peters out, follow holds back left into the centre of the face before finishing up right in a slight recess the same as *Nature's Raw*.

The White Tower:

Where's Johnny? 15m H.Severe 4b *. Jamie Skelton, Tim Miller. 26 Jun 2020.

The prominent crack to the right of *White Tower*.

CREAG DUBH, Bedtime Butress:

Peigneur 25m E1 5b *. Gary Latter, Karen Latter. 6 Sep 2020.

A good direct line cutting through *Negligee*. Start 3m left of that route, at square cut groove. Up this to pull through roof at good crack to join *Negligee* on the ledge. Step right and climb directly up the wall (left of *Quickie*) to finish on ledge directly beneath the abseil block.

Bedtime Butress, Upper Tier:

Contagion 15m E5 6b **. Gary Latter. 2 Oct 2020.

The direct finish to *Subjugation*. Follow that route to the good break where it escapes left. Move up past large sidepull, then using sidepull on right make hard moves to good break, finishing at two short cracks onto ledge.

Lower Right Wall:

Just in Thyme 40m E1 5b *. James Thacker, Kris Hill. 2 Jul 2020.

Start 4 metres left of *Man on Fire* and climb directly to an area of quartz. Step up and right to move up to a small overlap (thread) which is passed using an obvious V-slot, before climbing the green headwall close to a thin vertical crack.

KINGUSSIE CRAG, Upper Tier:

Hold and Seek 8m E3 5c *. Nicholas Wylie. 20 Jul 2020.

Start up the wall just to the right of *Finale*. Surmount the overlap and move on up until holding two small blocks above the quartz pockets. Reach out right to a disguised mono-pocket and use this to step up rightwards into a blind hold before continuing on good holds to the second peg of *Leftover*. From the peg, cut back up and left to finish. This route is effectively a right-hand finish to Steve Grosdanoff's route (*SMCJ* 2016) which goes straight up this wall after the overlap with a removed peg to protect it.

STAC GORM, Frank Sinatra Walls:

Callum Johnson notes that he cleaned *Vagabond Direct*, *My Way* and *Let's be Frank*. He thought *Let's be Frank* is worth E5 for the on-sight.

STRATHSPEY, Wee Farletter:

Short and Sweet 5m Diff. Alfred Roth, James Miller. 10 Jan 2021.

At the far left end of the crag there is an obvious line of good holds leading to a small ledge where the only protection of the route is available. Place it and then finish the climb, topping out to trees above.

I Put Coffee In My Coffee 10m V.Diff. James Miller, Jack Reade. 11 Jan 2021. About 5m right of the start for the routes leading to the small roof there are some ledges. Step up and left onto the wall, working towards a small corner on the left at half-height. From here go directly up the wall above. Small nuts are and shallow cam placements.

Far Right Matt 12m Moderate. Matthew Bridgewater, James Miller. 12 Jan 2021.

At the far right end of the crag are some large ledges. Step up and right before taking a groove which trends slightly leftwards towards the top. Slings useful.

DUNTELCHAIG, Dracula Buttress:

Peter Herd notes that *Wolfman* is E6 6b ** and now clean.

Over the Top Crags:

Peter Herd notes that *Frothing Farmers* and *Fire Burnished Night* are both 6m long, merit one star and are worth a visit in their own right. The following route lies to the right.

Hyperborea 7m E7 7a ***. Peter Herd. 28 Apr 2021.

The beautiful leaning wall. The route was pre-practised. Pads were used to protect the first 5m (Font 7C crux) whereafter a small cam slot provides runner protection. Probably Font 7c+ overall and possible to highball as the landing is flat.

Knife Wound Wall:

Takoba 12m E3 5c *. Peter Herd, Murdoch Jamieson. May 2020.

The diagonal crack in the buttress right of Knife Wound Wall gives a fine and quick-drying pitch protected by small or medium cams. Start on the right side of the wall and climb boldly to start of the crack, finishing up the groove and slab. The anchor is far back so it is worth carrying some spare rope to pre-rig.

CONAGLEANN, Raven's Roost:

Callum Johnson notes that the upper slab sections of *The Raven*, *Croak* and *Toad's Arête* were cleaned on lead, so are now more amenable. He moved right at the heather ledge to finish at the abseil point above The Falcon, which is still in good condition having been replaced in 2019. He found the description for The Falcon slightly misleading and it could be better described as: 'Climb the flake to half height where a traverse left can be made to gain a vague groove right of toads arête, climb this to join that route near its top.' Probably E3 5b because of thin gear and the potential for a big swing.

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BEN NEVIS, CMD Arête Headwall:

Unnamed 70m IV,6. Mark Robson, Simon Richardson. 7 Apr 2021.

The attractive narrow buttress on the right side of the headwall at the head of Coire Leis approximately 100m east of the Grade I slopes leading down from the Càrn Mòr Dearg Arête. The route climbs through a notch to the left of a prominent shark's fin-shaped flake that can be seen on the skyline when looking up from the base.

1. 40m Climb a groove on the left side of the buttress to reach a terrace. Ascend a short wall on the right then move right for 3m below a vertical wall along an awkward sloping shelf. Climb the groove on the left (crux), which leads through the notch to a good stance on the crest left of the shark's fin.
2. 30m Surmount a short wall and climb easily to the top on good blocky holds.

First Platform:

Mavericks 210m V,5. Robin Clothier, Simon Richardson. 20 Jan 2021.

A varied line starting right of *Raeburn's Arête* finishing up the well-defined left-facing corner up and right of the narrow finishing chimney of *Newbigging's 80 Minute Route*.

1. 40m Start approximately 30m right of *Green Hollow Route* directly in line with the prominent ice groove of *Bayonet Route*. Climb a shallow gully to the snow terrace of *Bayonet Route* then trend up and left over snow to a good block belay.
2. 50m Continue directly up to a large block. Surmount this on the left then continue up thinly iced slabs before making a 5m leftward traverse across snowy slabs. Gain a short groove leading to block belay of *Raeburn's Arête*.
3. 40m Move up and left to gain the groove system (third from the right) that leads up to a snow terrace.
4. 40m Continue up the right of two grooves to the crest of the buttress.
5. 40m Finish up grooves and short walls to gain the First Platform (as for *Newbigging's 80 Minute Route*).

Observatory Buttress:

Never-Never Land, Direct Start 40m VI,6. Wojciech Polkowski, Damian Goncerz. 6 Mar 2021.

Start 10m left of *Observatory Buttress* and climb directly up a vertical narrow crack until the original route is reached.

Douglas Boulder:

Stay Home, Save Lives 45m E2 5b *. Alastair Rose, Alistair Docherty. 24 Jun 2020.

The wall left of *Cutlass*. Climb the scramble start to the first belay on *Cutlass*. Pull out left through a small overhang to get established on the face and climb this to the mid-height ledge (possible belay), then carry on up the wall to gain the arête at an obvious blob. Follow this to the top. Low in the grade.

Secondary Tower Ridge:

The Final Fowl 95m IV,6 *. Huw Scott, Nathan Adam. 4 Jan 2021.

On the right wall of *West Gully* is a steep capped chimney that is slightly below the ramp that leads onto the *South-West Ridge* of the Douglas Boulder some 15m

up. Thuggish and well protected on the first pitch and delicate and bold on the second.

1. 30m Easy snow leads to the chimney; climb this and back-and-foot around the roof on good hooks (crux) to reach a ledge. Climb a short corner on the right and trend back left to the spike belay on *Inception*.

2. 45m Go left for 3m to a left-facing corner and climb this to a small bay. Go straight up a wide crack at the back of the bay to reach a prominent arête and climb this (bold) to another ledge, then traverse left to belay below the final easy slopes.

3. 20m Easy ground leads to *Tower Ridge*.

Badlands 150m VI,5. Simon Richardson, Robin Clothier. 17 Jan 2021.

The line of grooves between *Italian Right-Hand* and *Bydand*. Start midway between *Italian Climb* and *The Chute*.

1. 30m Move up to the steep wall above and make a rising traverse left on snow to belay on a prominent block. Spike runner above.

2. 60m Step left and climb the slabby groove bounding the left side of the wall to its halfway point where a hidden sloping shelf cuts across the wall to the right. Traverse across this (bold and delicate) for 10m to gain a narrow icefall. Climb this then move up and left across the snowfield above towards a prominent slanting groove. Belay on a good block 5m up and left.

3. 50m Step back right into the slanting groove and follow it to a small triangular snowfield. Take the right-hand of two grooves and climb to an overhung niche. Step left and make an awkward move into the final V-groove that leads to the top of the buttress. Either continue up *Italian Climb* or abseil the line of ascent.

That Untravelled World 300m IV,4. Robin Clothier, Simon Richardson. 22 Feb 2021.

An interesting expedition up the rarely visited area of cliff between *The Chute* and *Broad Gully*. Similar in style and standard to *The White Line*, but more serious as it finishes halfway up *Tower Ridge*. Start 30m below the top of *Garadh Gully* just right of the icefall taken by the *Indirect Finish*.

1. 40m Climb an icy corner then trend up and left up steep snow to belay on a rock island below the broad squat buttress above.

2. 70m Move left around the island and make a steep move into the left facing corner running up the buttress. Climb this to its top and belay on the right.

3 and 4. 100m Continue up snow to the next band and climb mixed ground to gain the sloping snow shelf of Secondary Tower Ridge. Belay below the steep headwall above.

5. 40m Move right for 20m to gain the prominent weakness cutting through the headwall. Zigzag left then right to a belay below a small roof on the right.

6. 50m Step back left and climb the icefall and its wide continuation gully to the top of the Little Tower on *Tower Ridge*.

Into The Wild 340m V,5. Simon Richardson, Mark Robson. 5 Mar 2021.

A parallel line left of *That Untravelled World*. Excellent climbing – more sustained and a little more difficult. Start 60m up *Garadh Gully* below the *Indirect Finish*.

1. 60m Climb the initial ice groove of the *Indirect Finish* then trend up and left to belay on the rock island of *That Untravelled World*.

2. 50m Traverse 5m left to gain the left-facing corner system running up the left flank of the squat buttress. Climb this, taking interesting mixed grooves to belay on the right.

3. 60m Continue up the line on icy slabs, cross a terrace and continue up the ice smear in the buttress above.

4 and 5. 70m Move right and climb an icy groove in the wall above. Continue up snow crossing the snow shelf of Secondary Tower Ridge and belay below the steep headwall.

6. 40m Move right for 25m and climb the right side of the prominent icy weakness taken by *That Untravelled World*. Climb ice grooves parallel and right to gain the belay below a small roof.

7. 60m Continue up and right up a steep icy slab and finish up a series of corners to gain the top of the Little Tower.

Pinnacle Buttress of the Tower:

Stringfellow, Auf Wiedersein Pet Variation 50m VI,5. Will Rowland, Jim Cooper. 5 Mar 2021.

From the belay below the crux corner (pitch 4) of *Stringfellow*, move to the left end of the ledge and step around onto the slab. Climb boldly to a block and then continue up right into an iced groove to regain the line of *Stringfellow*.

South Trident Buttress, Upper Tier:

Lost Horizon 80m III,4. Simon Richardson, Richard Bentley. 26 Feb 2021.

The two-tiered gully system bounding the left side of the steep section of the Upper Tier. Start 30m down and left of the icefall of *Shangri La* where a broad gully cuts through a subsidiary lower tier.

1. 40m Climb the gully (often iced), cross the left-trending ramp of *Number Four Gully Buttress* and ascend the continuation gully above to a ledge.

2. 40m Continue up the gully for 15m and finish up snow slopes on the left.

Shangri La 90m V,5. Robin Clothier, Simon Richardson. 12 Jan 2021.

The short bulging icefall left of *Poseidon Groove*.

1. 50m Climb a shallow icy groove to a ledge. Move up and right to the icefall and climb it on its right side. Exit into a short gully and climb to the snowfield above.

2. 40m Continue in the same line up a shallow groove in the left flank of the easier-angled buttress above. Exit left below the steep wall at the top to finish (as for *Titan Cracks*).

Central Trident Buttress:

Metamorphosis 100m IX,10. Tim Miller, Jamie Skelton. 10 Dec 2020.

A complete ascent of the summer line. The 2009 winter ascent started via the *Cranium* start to *Heidbanger*. Climbed ground-up over multiple attempts, with the successful ascent being made on the third day.

1. 45m Start at an overhanging crack in a steep wall to the right of the *Cranium* crack. The short corner above leads to a slab; climb this direct initially, pass an overlap, then make balancy moves right and up to the base of a corner. Climb this, then follow easier short corners to a big ledge belay as for the top of the second pitch of the *Cranium* start. From here, the route follows the 2009 line of ascent.

2. 30m Make bold thin moves up and right to gain the flake-line. Struggle to the top of the huge flake, then launch up the blank-looking wall above, leading to easier ground.

3. 15m Climb to easier ground. (Topo provided.)

Number Five Gully Buttress:

High Five 120m III. Simon Richardson. 3 Mar 2021.

A central line up the mixed tier directly above Number Five Gully Buttress. Start from the foot of the terrace that slants right from *Number Five Gully* defining the top left boundary of Number Five Gully Buttress. Move up into the corner on the left side of a distinctive narrow buttress and climb an icefall to easier ground. Move right, continue up snow and exit up a short wide gully to gain the summit of Càrn Dearg.

North Face of Castle Ridge:

The Last Ridge 190m IV,4. Simon Richardson, Robin Clothier. 9 Feb 2021.

The well-defined right edge of the gully of *La Petite*.

1. 55m Start 5m right of *La Petite* and climb ice (steep snow on the first ascent) to gain a short left-facing corner after 20m. Climb this (or the rib on the left) to gain the easier-angled broad crest above. Follow this to belay on a terrace.

2 and 3. 70m Continue up the crest via a series of short grooves and belay just beyond where the gully of *Le Mechant* comes in from the right.

4. 50m Step right around the crest and climb diagonally up and right to join a prominent left-facing corner. Continue up this to where the angle eases and a belay on a large block on the left.

5. 15m Easy ground leads to the top.

Of Mice and Men 150m IV,4. Simon Richardson. 31 Jan 2021.

An icy mixed line up the right side of the triangular buttress climbed by *Le Mechant*. Start 40m right of *Le Mechant* and climb a 20m ice pitch to gain a broad ramp slanting right below a steep wall. Cross the wide terrace above and zigzag first left then right through the headwall to a steep exit. Finish up easy-angled mixed ground above.

Midnight Blue 120m V,5. Simon Richardson, Helen Rennard. 23 Jan 2021.

A direct line up the front face of the steep buttress left of *Red Gully*. Start below a right-trending open groove slanting slightly right through the initial tier.

1. 50m Climb the groove to a terrace at the top of the first tier (30m). Trend right and climb a steep short wall to gain a horizontal break leading left for 5m to a prominent block (well seen from below).

2. 45m Continue up the left-slanting groove above (just left of a pronounced rock rib), surmount the wall above and step right around an awkward jutting block to gain easing ground slanting left to a snow bay. Above is a stepped headwall cut by a short gully and topped by a prominent fence post. Enter the gully via a steep step and exit on the right at its top. Belay on the post.

3. 25m Continue up the snow slope above to easier ground and the top.

Cherry Red 120m IV,4. Simon Richardson. 19 Jan 2021.

An ingenious line finding the easiest way up the steep buttress left of *Red Gully*. Climb the broad right-facing corner to the left of *Red Gully* for 20m then break out left onto the steep buttress on the left. Follow a narrow ledge left to where it fades then cut back right on a higher right-trending diagonal ledge. Follow this for 5m then climb up and left to gain a horizontal ledge. Traverse left along this to its end below two parallel V-grooves. (These are separated from the line of *Midnight Blue* by the 'pronounced rock rib'.) Climb the right-hand of the two V-grooves (crux) then slant up left then right to easing ground (junction with

Midnight Blue). Avoid the final headwall by breaking through the final rocks on the left to gain the second of two fence posts and the final snow slope leading to the top of the cliff.

Coire Ghaimhnean:

Paradox Buttress 150m III,4. Simon Richardson, Mark Robson. 14 Apr 2021. The prominent buttress high up on the south side of the corrie. Climb the right fork of *Five Finger Gully* for 130m to the foot of the buttress on the right. This is about 30m above the first step up the narrow groove.

1. 50m Climb a short groove for 5m then traverse right for 5m to join a series of corners running left of the crest. Climb these to their end and continue along a narrow crest to belay below a steep wall.
2. 50m Surmount the wall on excellent holds and continue in the same line to a ledge below a prominent left-facing corner.
3. 50m Climb the corner, and the one above, to exit on an easy-angled ridge. Follow this to the summit plateau.

Mark Robson and Simon Richardson note an ascent of the right fork of *Five Finger Gully* on 14 Apr 2021. It provided 300m of climbing with two steep steps. The difficulty will depend on the amount of snow present, and on this occasion the route was thought to be III,4.

Coire Eoghainn:

Strike While The Iron Is Hot 230m IV,4. Will Rowland, James Cooper. 15 Jan 2021.

Left of the toe of the buttress a vague rib of rock leads to broken ground and a hidden ramp. The route takes a slightly contrived line in what is quite an open face but has plenty of interest and lovely views.

1. 70m Climb the rib.
2. 35m Continue up and left across easy snow to belay at the foot of the hidden ramp.
3. 35m Climb the pleasant ramp and belay at the crest.
4. 50m Trend 10m left then straight up to belay below steep icy rocks.
5. 40m Climb the icy steps direct (easier alternatives possible) to easy ground which leads to more steep icy steps. Climb these by a left-trending rock-ramp and icicle. Belay at a large boulder after 40m and continue up to easier ground. (Topo provided.)

Unnamed 300m IV,4. Simon Richardson, Helen Rennard. 11 Apr 2021.

The central of the three gullies to the right of the central buttress. The difficulty will depend on the amount of ice on the first pitch. On this ascent the steep lower part of the pitch could be bypassed by stepping off the lip of a 5m-high bergschrund, but the icefall above was thin and delicate.

1. 30m Climb the icefall from left to right following a line of short vertical steps.
2. 70m Continue up the snow slope above to the upper icefall.
3. 50m Climb the icefall to its top and belay on blocks on the right.
4. 50m Continue up easier ground to where the angle eases.
- 5 and 6. Easy snow leads to the Tourist Track at the top of *Gardylloo Gully*.

Sloc nan Uan (NN 172 708):

The centre of this shallow corrie on the east flank of Ben Nevis is cut by the wide

Uan Gully. To its left are two well-defined granite buttresses. Approach from Glen Nevis by crossing Bealach Cumhann and following the south bank of the left branch of Allt Sloc nan Uan.

Blackface Rib 100m III. Mark Robson, Simon Richardson. 7 Apr 2021.

An enjoyable route up the north-east crest of the left-hand buttress starting at NT 172 707. Low in the grade. Follow the rounded crest for 60m to an easing below a steepening. Climb this directly on the left and continue more easily to the top.

Rosemary 80m II. Simon Richardson, Mark Robson. 7 Apr 2021.

The triangular buttress immediately left of *Uan Gully*. The right edge is steeper but provides more secure climbing than the lower-angled slabby rock in the centre of the buttress.

Uan Gully 100m I. Mark Robson, Simon Richardson. 7 Apr 2021.

The wide gully starting from NT 172 708.

MEALL CUMHANN, West Face (NN 177 694):

Asylum Gully 280m III. Simon Richardson, Robin Clothier. 10 Feb 2021.

A good adventure taking in some interesting scenery. It needs a heavy snowfall to bring it into condition. The entry gully is the summer approach *Druim* and *Croch* on Meall Cumhann Summit Crag. Climb the entry gully (50m) then continue up the slabby corner on the right to the snow slope above (40m). Traverse right below subsidiary rock wall (50m) and move right into the mouth of the gully (50m). Climb the gully for three pitches (130m) to exit on easier ground at the broad col between the two summits of Meall Cumhann.

South-East Face (NN 178 689):

Calluna and Erica 140m IV,4. Robin Clothier, Simon Richardson. 7 Jan 2021.

This cliff lies on the right flank of the rock spur comprising Meadow Walls and is situated left of Galaxy Buttress. It is cut by a left-to-right fault named *Easy Gully* in the 1954 'Ben Nevis' guidebook. This route takes a direct line up the face, crossing *Easy Gully* at one-third height.

1. 40m Start 50m right of *Easy Gully* and climb a stepped ramp into a depression at one-third height. Step left into *Easy Gully* and climb up to a stance directly under twin chimneys above.

2. 40m Climb the vegetated wall then move right to the left-hand chimney. Climb this on steep turf and belay on a small tree where the angle eases.

3. 60m Continue up and right on a vegetated ramp passing a smooth steep groove near the top to emerge on the rounded crest of the spur. Descend by continuing easily up the spur and contouring round to a grass slope that descends under the cliff.

Easy Gully 150m II. Will Rowland. 30 Jan 2021.

Climb the gully over several short steps.

MÀM NA GUALAINN (MAMORES), North Face:

Kinlochfossen 300m V,5 ***. James Laing, Aidan Robinson. 12 Feb 2021.

A superb adventure up the deep chasm (NN 118 629) on the north side of Màm na Gualainn following the watercourse of the Allt Teangaidh na h-Earba. Similar in character to *Rapunzel* on Beinn Fhionnlaidh, and climbed after two weeks of

sub-zero temperatures. Approach via the West Highland Way from Kinlochleven. Just as the chasm comes into view, turn left onto a path signposted 'Loch Leven & North Ballachulish' and cross the Allt na Lairige Mòire. Strike uphill left of the watercourse until flat ground is reached and the chasm can be entered at the point where it deepens. Walk to below the first chimney. (Another easier-looking gully branches off right from here.)

1. 30m Climb the chimney, moving right where it widens at its top. Continue along the river bed to belay at an ice pillar on the left.
2. 60m Walk up to the continuation groove, and climb this via an awkward entry. Easy ground leads to a huge boulder in the middle of the gully. Easy snow now leads up and right for 90m into a bay below a steep icefall with an overhanging right wall. An easier left-hand finish straight up the wide gully awaits.
3. 40m Climb the superb icefall to a snow funnel. Move up this to belay on the right wall (ice hooks useful here in the hairline cracks). A straightforward shallow gully now leads to easy ground and the top in 80m. (Topo provided.)

MULLACH NAN COIREAN, Coire Dearg:

Positive Education 85m III,4. Nathan Adam, Cameron McIlvar. 28 Dec 2020. This climbs the wide gully just right of the left edge of the crag before it changes direction into the left-hand descent route. Perhaps easier and worth a star with consolidated snow and some ice.

1. 45m Easily up the gully to the first chockstone; surmount this and continue up another steepening to a spike belay on the right.
2. 40m Follow the continuation of the gully to easy ground and the top. (Topo provided.)

Bondage 105m III *. Steve Kennedy, Andy MacDonald. 20 Jan 2021.

To the left of the slabby buttress containing Kick Start and Turf Factory is a deep gully. Left again is a buttress with a left-slanting ramp system, the line of this route.

1. 50m Start near the foot of the gully and climb leftwards to reach the ramp. Follow the upper ramp line until below a wall. Traverse left below the wall to a break, and continue up leftwards to a belay.
2. 55m Straightforward mixed ground leads to a saddle at the top of a gully coming in from the right (possible descent) and the end of the difficulties.

Kick Start 95m IV,5 *. Steve Kennedy, Andy MacDonald. 2 Jan 2021.

The slabby buttress left of *Turf Factory*. Climbed early in the season in thin, icy conditions. Likely to be easier with more ice on the second pitch. A ledge system cuts across the lower part of the buttress.

1. 40m Access to the ledge was gained from the right, starting at a pointed block. Traverse left along the ledge for approx. 25m (passing a thin section) to the base of a small icefall flowing down slabs from the central snowfield.
2. 55m Climb the icefall (crux on thin ice) to reach the snowfield, then head up and right via a rock crevasse to join the finish of *Turf Factory*.

Triple G 80m III *. Nathan Adam. 1 Jan 2021.

The shallow curving gully just left of centre of the crag gives a good turf route. Start 5m left of *Captain Caveman* below a small shallow chimney. Climb the chimney (tricky but may bank out) and then continue on snow and turf over some steeper steps to the top.

SGÙRR A' MHÀIM, Lag Gorm (NN 159 673):

Bottle Imp Rib 100m II. Simon Richardson. 10 Apr 2021.

The narrow buttress bordering the left side of the easy gully cutting through the right side of the small hanging corrie on the north flank of Sgùrr a' Mhàim. Climb the crest over a series of short steps and walls. (Topo provided.)

AN GARBHANACH, West Face:

Curling Rib 200m III. Simon Richardson. 9 Apr 2021.

The buttress bordering the right side of the broad square-shaped gully starting at NN 186 666. Climb easy ground right of the crest for 30m then take the second ramp cutting left. Break up right 5m before gaining the crest and move up to easier ground. Follow the crest to where it narrows to a sharp ridge. Gain a col and continue up the steepening ridge in an excellent position to the top. (Topo provided.)

West Ridge 80m III. Will Rowland, Jim Cooper. 20 Jan 2021.

This west-facing ridge lies 100m around from the bealach and joins the main scrambly ridge of An Garbhanach.

1. 50m Climb the crest with interest and belay below leftward slanting cracks.
2. 30m Climb the cracks to a huge block. Easy ground leads to the ridge. (Topo provided.)

AN GEARANACH, North Spur:

Above the path from Steall, short north-facing turfey crags are visible. The leftmost of these is most prominent and hidden from view during approach. (Topo provided.)

Hand Me the Drift 70m V,5. Will Rowland, Jim Cooper. 20 Jan 2021.

Right of the toe of the buttress a steep turfey break cuts a way through the steep wall. Start to the left of an easy gully.

1. 30m Climb a steep snowy bay surmounting a rock step. Move right to belay below the steep turfey break.
2. 40m Step on to the wall and climb a groove until it is possible to pull around left to join another turfey groove. Climb straight up and join a blunt turfey arête, continuing airily up to easier ground.

Plan B 70m IV,4. Will Rowland. 23 Jan 2021.

Start up and left of the toe of the buttress. Climb the diagonal shelf trending right and then climb steep turfey steps directly up to belay below a small roof. Move left to join the gully, pass the overlap to reach easier ground leading to the top.

An Cearcallach (NN 191 684):

Straightjacket Gully 140m II. Robin Clothier, Simon Richardson. 4 Feb 2021.

The third gully from the right when approaching from Steall, starting at NN 19139 68385. A well-defined line up a narrow defile, giving straightforward climbing with a few moderate steps. (Topo provided.)

AONACH MÒR, West Face:

Corkscrew Gully 500m I. Mike Dunn, Andrew Moore. 20 Mar 2018.

Many tens of metres left of *Downhill Gully* lies a steeper icefall to the left. The route is named from the twisting entry section. The best finish is the steeper line to right as shown in the topo (provided). Possibly climbed before.

Sgùrr Finnisg-aig:

Simon Powell notes that the first ascent details of *Smoking The White Owl* in 'Ben Nevis Rock and Ice Climbs' are incorrect. 'The first ascent that I am aware of was by Robert and Fiona Kincaid, probably in early winter 1986. But as Alan Kimber's Cicerone guidebook says, there were quite possibly other ascents before that by staff from Loch Eil and Tulloch not to mention other local climbers. But we can't be certain of that. According to my diary I first climbed the route solo, alongside Loch Eil staff on a training day, on 24 Feb 1986. I am aware that some other climbers came in later, I think maybe even post-1986, and claimed the route and gave it the owl name. So, Alan's title of *Sgurr Finnisg-aig: Allt na h-Aire Cascade* is probably the most accurate name. Some locals refer to the route as *Finnisgaig Falls*.'

AONACH BEAG, West Face, Teanga Buttress:

The right end of the Lower West Face blends in with the south-west spur of Aonach Beag. These are the first crags seen from Coire Giubhsachan when approaching from Steall. Routes are described from right to left. Broken ground on the right forms a bay but soon gives way to Teanga Buttress, some 40m high. (Topo provided.)

Job and Knock 140m IV,4. Will Rowland. 23 Dec 2020.

This route is on the right side of Teanga Buttress, left of the snow bay and left of the prominent slabby corner.

1. 30m A turfy ramp leads to a series of shallow grooves leading to a 'V' at the top of the buttress.
2. 90m Easy ground is followed up the rib until it is possible to move left below a tower with an obvious chimney. Climb the chimney and chockstone near its top.
3. 10m Climb the chimney to finish.

Crack Fox 155m V,5. Will Rowland, Jim Cooper. 19 Jan 2021.

Left of Teanga Buttress is a steep bay. On the right side of the bay, a steep icy gully leads to a ramp and steep headwall.

1. 40m Climb the gully, pass the chockstone and follow the ramp to the right until it is possible to climb a steep diagonal break to the left.
2. 55m Climb easy ground left then straight up to below a steep gully.
3. 60m Climb the steep gully directly then follow easier ground above to a series of grooves on the right side of the tower.

Zig Zag 150m II. Will Rowland. 18 Jan 2021.

At the left end of the bay there are two short ramps leading left.

1. 70m Climb the right-hand ramp which soon zigzags right, steepens and leads to easy ground.
2. 60m Avoid the gully of *Crack Fox* and break out left on pleasant ice and turf to below an arête.
3. 20m Climb the break left of the arête.

GLEN GLOY, Coire Ceirsle Hill:

Desperado 200m II/III 200m. Will Rowland. 4 Feb 2021.

The first falls seen above the road and the most western of the cascades on the hillside.

LOCH TARRFF AREA, Allt Sputach (NH 452 094):

Mind the Drop Falls 90m II/III. Will Rowland, Mike Bauermeister. 1 Feb 2021.
Climb the falls to a tree belay 60m. Follow the easy ramp up left for 30m. Descend steeply through trees.

CREAG MEAGAIDH, Moy Corrie, Hidden Buttress (NN 4138 8650):

The narrow section of cliff on the east flank of Creag Meagaidh's south ridge overlooking Moy Corrie. Lying in a depression, it is hidden from many viewpoints and the cornice can be large. Approach via the forest track as for the *East Ridge* of Sgùrr a' Charoachain then climb the west flank of the Creag Meagaidh's south ridge to the crest. Access the crag by descending 50m from NN 4108 8598 and contouring 600m NNE.

Butterfly Rib 250m II. Simon Richardson, Mark Robson. 15 Mar 2021.

Climb the skyline rib starting from NN 4149 8656 in five pitches. Straightforward go-as-you-please climbing up turfy grooves and snow patches. The top section is disappointingly easy. The cornice was passed on the right.

Backstroke Gully 150m III,4. Simon Richardson, Mark Robson. 15 Mar 2021.

The prominent gully defining the left edge of the buttress was climbed in three pitches. The third pitch over a chockstone is the crux the difficulty depending on the amount of ice present on the left wall. The easy ridge above leads to the cornice.

CÀRN LIATH, Coire Dubh:

Skyrush 60m II. Simon Richardson. 6 Mar 2021

The first buttress left of the prominent central rib of *Stormrunner*. Start up easy mixed ground, climb a right-facing ramp and finish up steep mixed ground and snow right of the crest to the top. (Topo provided.)

Lightning Racer 70m II. Simon Richardson. 6 Mar 2021

The first buttress right of the prominent central rib of *Stormrunner*. Climb the surprisingly easy turfy depression running up the front face. (Topo provided.)

Coire a' Bhèin (NN 504 925):

The following two routes are situated to the right of the wide central gully starting at NN 5038 9251. (Topo provided.)

Batwing 80m III. Simon Richardson. 6 Mar 2021

The buttress on the right flank of the wide central gully. Start at NN 5035 9248 and climb easy mixed ground to the gain the narrow gully cutting through the upper tier. Climb this with interest to the top. Low in the grade.

Batflyer 70m II. Simon Richardson. 6 Mar 2021

The buttress 80m right of *Batwing* starting from a flat platform at NN 5027 9257. Move up to a right-facing ramp and zigzag to the top.

GLEN COE

BUACHAILLE ETIVE MÒR, SE Face, Central Blackmount Buttress:

Froth Corner 55m VI,7 **. Alistair Docherty, Matt Rowbottom. 9 Jan 2021.
Immediately right of the 'undercut cave' on *The Chasm to Crowberry Traverse* is a snow bay with a steep buttress on the left cut by a prominent right-facing corner.
1. 20m Climb the right-facing corner. This is sustained and well protected with good hooks and turf. Large gear is useful for the top section.
2. 35m Climb the shattered continuation groove for 10m to where it is possible to traverse right on a ledge. From the right end of the ledge go up a corner and groove with lots of turf and shattered rock. Belay on a large terrace from a massive spike. Note: Sling stuck in thread near top of pitch is incorrectly threaded and should not be clipped. Abseil descent. (Topo provided.)

Lockdown X 50m IV,6. Alistair Docherty, Matt Rowbottom. 4 Jan 2021.

The gully 10m right of *Froth Corner*.

1. 20m Climb the snow gully to an underhung chockstone. Step right around it and belay 5m further up on the left.
2. 30m Move right up the main gully line passing another chockstone to enter a bay. Exit the bay up a steep 5m-high cracked wall on the left (crux). Spike belay 10m above this. From here, either abseil off or continue up *Lady's Gully Left Fork* in three pitches to the top. (Topo provided.)

Central Buttress, North Face:

Appauling 90m VI,7 *. Jamie Skelton, Nicky Brierley. 3 Jan 2021.

Follow the line of the summer route. Unlike summer, the turfy nature of the climb made it a rather good winter route.

AONACH DUBH, East Face, Terrace Face:

Alarming Ineptitude 45m H.Severe 4a *. Dom Scott, Danny Carden. 31 May 2021.

1. 25m. Start left of *Terrace Arête*, midway between the toe of the buttress and the arête itself. Trend slightly leftwards over bold, gentle ground to reach the right end of the slanting mid-height ledge. Belay at a jammed flake.
2. 20m. 4a. Enter the black crack above from the right, with limited gear initially, then climb it directly up the middle of the steep headwall. Possibly climbed before.

East Face, Far Eastern Buttress:

Broken Gully 80m III *. A.Spink, M.Evans. 8 Apr 2018.

The gully bounding the left side of the crag. The difficulty and length vary with build-up. It is graded for cold, lean conditions but may be 50m of Grade I/II with deep well-consolidated snow. Climb a snow ramp to the base of the corner-gully. Climb the corner over icy bulges to a block belay and finish more easily above.

North Face, Upper Face:

Kev Howett notes that 'Glen Coe Rock and Ice Climbs' attributes the first ascent of *Repossessed* to Martin Crocker in 1995. It was actually climbed by Kev Howett and Mark Charlton in May 1984. They never wrote it up as it is simply a slightly alternative pitch 2 to *Eldorado*, but it is the more obvious line and apparently gives better climbing.

Midnight Express 70m VI,6. Will Rowland, Peter Staves. 30 Jan 2021.
Climb *Midnight Special* for three pitches. Continue up pitch 4 of *Midnight Special* until it is possible to break out on to the left wall following turf ramps and corners trending left. Rejoin *Midnight Special* for the final steepening. (Topo provided.)

West Face, No.2 Gully Buttress:

Rose Innominate 60m IX,9. Dave Macleod, Helen Rennard, Andy Nelson. 2 Jan 2021.

Follow the summer line.

West Face, No.3 Gully Buttress:

R2D2 140m V,6 **. Mike Pescod, Tommy Kelly. 1 Feb 2018.

Climb the chimney on the left side of the buttress to a terrace, then the steep chimney above and step right to an excellent belay ledge (30m). Climb the short corner at the right end of the ledge, move up and right into a narrowing groove and climb this to the top of the lower tier (30m). Walk back to the upper buttress (10m). In the centre of the upper tier, gain a left-sloping ramp, and climb the steep groove straight up to a belay ledge (20m). Follow the groove directly above to the top (50m). (Topo provided.)

C3P0 140m V,6 **. Mike Pescod, Ali Rose. 29 Dec 2020.

Start just right of the toe of the buttress and climb the right-hand groove to gain a small bay (35m). Climb up and left to the groove on the left-hand skyline, then make steep moves to an awkward pull up and right (25m). Walk back to the upper buttress and finish up *R2D2*. (Topo provided.)

H5N8 45m IV,5 *. Mike Mason, Huw Scott. 25 Jan 2021.

The deep straight chimney near the right end of the crag. Either finish up the top pitches of *R2D2/C3P0* or descend from the middle ledge on the left. (Topo provided.)

STOB COIRE NAM BEITH:

Tarbh Uisge 65m IX,8. Dave MacLeod, Helen Rennard. 29 Dec 2020.

Follow the summer line.

Church Door Buttress:

Kev Howett notes that the first (crux) pitch of *Temple of Doom* was climbed by himself and Mark Charlton on sight in May 1984. They failed to complete the route, which was climbed by Hamilton, Anderson and Livingstone later that July.

New Age Raiders 70m IX,9 *. Greg Boswell, Callum Johnson. 22 Dec 2020.

Climbs steep ground to the right of *The Ninety-Five Theses* and before the easing in angle of the crag. The route aims for a line of corners and grooves to a roof at 20m and then follows the continuation groove.

1. 25m Start down and left of the roof. Climb the overhanging wall to gain a small niche on the left, make committing steep pulls up the rib to gain a sloping ramp then ledge on the left, step rightwards to another sloping ledge, then right again to gain a right facing corner. Climb steeply to gain the small ledge below the roof.

2. 45m Step right off the belay and pull round the roof into the continuation groove. Follow the groove for 15m before climbing icy ground to where the angle eases and so to the top.

False Penance 105m IX,10. Greg Boswell, Graham McGrath, Hamish Frost. 28 Dec 2020.

Takes the overhanging triangular niche on the right side of the steep and imposing left wall of the *Un Poco Loco* buttress area.

1. 30m Start at the foot of the steep slabby wall to the left of the offwidth corner, directly below the hanging steep niche. Climb up right then back left on the slab to gain a small ledge at the base of the corner-niche. Climb this with increasing difficulty to eventually pull right to gain another corner. Continue for a few more metres to gain a semi-hanging belay position in a niche.

2. 35m Step hard right off the belay around the arête and then continue up a dirty corner to gain a position under the roof. Make hard moves right to gain the ledge and continue directly to the top of the great arch.

3. 40m Finish as for *Un Poco Loco* up the small corner-chimney to easier ground.

GLEN COE MINOR CRAGS, The Bendy:

Roaring Silence, Direct Start 6m E4 5c. Andy Nelson. 7 Jul 2020.

A more logical direct start to the existing route. From the big boulder move up to the left end of the lowest ledge. Climb bouldery moves passing a small crack (micro cam) to mantel onto the ledge at 6m. Continue up the existing route (E4 6a).

Sportline 18m 7b **. Andy Nelson, Brian Bathurst. 22 Jul 2020.

A direct sport route utilising the slender prow between *Roaring Silence* and *Quietly Burning*. From the glue-in just above the pool, climb directly (first bolt requires stick clip – placed high to lessen corrosion from spray) up to the 6-metre ledge. Crimpy balance moves lead to the steeper prow. Side-pulls on the right and crimpy holds on the left allow a long reach to better holds including a suspect spike on the right. Shake out before the easier but pumpy headwall.

CREAG BHÀN, East Face:

South Gully 300m II. Andrew Moore, Tony Westcott, Paul McWhinney. 24 Feb 2018.

The upper east face of Creag Bhàn is characterised by an area of broken buttresses, on both sides of which there are gullies. This route takes the left-hand of these to finish on the summit. (Topo provided.)

SGÙRR NA H-ULAIDH, North Face:

Ghost Walk 450m I/II. Andrew Moore. 24 Feb 2018.

Climb slopes left of *West Gully* to gain the obvious traversing line. As the line becomes less obvious, climb a distinct, parallel-sided gully (as shown in the topo) or continue up mixed ground on the left to gain the summer slopes. (Topo provided.)

SGÒRR A' CHOISE, Science Crag (NN 071 545):

This cliff lies at an altitude of 360m on the north-west flank of Sgòrr a' Choise and is 75 minutes' walk from Ballachulish. Routes are 18 to 20m long. Belays are situated well back so 50m ropes are recommended. Nine routes have been climbed from VS to E4 by Brian Bathurst, Cecile Limousin and Al Docherty. No individual descriptions were provided but a topo was supplied.

KENTALLEN, Ailt Dhonnachaidh Mhic Roib:

Rob's Falls 70m IV,4. Andy Spink. 1 Mar 2018.

Park on the A828 north-east of Kentallen at NH 01570 58550. Follow the NW-facing burn via short falls to steep 40m-high cascade (Grade IV) at NH 01807 58121. Continue up the burn to a second fall or steep ice slab (30m III) at NH 01852 58022.

GLEN ETIVE, Stob Coir' an Albannaich, Glen Ceitlein Slabs:

The Magical Mystery Whore 300m III,4. Andy Spink, Scott Kirkhope; Simon Verspeak, Stevie Boyle. 4 Mar 2018.

Walk past *The Whores Apron* to a large obvious deep gully. Follow this via a series of snow gullies, ice slabs and steep short ice pitches of lengths between 20m and 50m. Approx nine pitches. Entertainment and exploration at its best. The two teams climbed side by side on the first ascent.

GARBH BHEINN, Bealach Buttress:

Unnamed 95m IV,4. Will Rowland, Jim Cooper. 3 Jan 2021.

1. 50m Left of *Ordinary Route* easy snow leads to a ledge breaking out right below a steep wall. At the end of the ledge step up to join a turf fault which leads to a belay below a notch.

2. 45m. Climb a turf corner straight up to the arête. (Topo provided.)

South Wall, Upper Tier:

Bayonet 35m V,6 *. Jamie Skelton, Nicky Brierley. 31 Dec 2020.

As for summer route.

Sala 40m VII/VIII,9 **. Jamie Skelton, Nicky Brierley. 31 Dec 2020.

Climbed in one pitch by using the shallow left-facing corner to gain the top of the pinnacle below the route proper.

The Peeler 45m VII,8 **. Jamie Skelton, Helen Rennard. 15 Jan 2021.

Climb *Sgian Dubh* to reach the top of the pinnacle below the main pitch. This can be skipped by shorter alternatives further left.

Menghini 45m VII 8 ***. Tim Miller, Jamie Skelton. 27 Dec 2020.

Start at the shallow left-facing corner at the far left end of the top tier. Climb the corner to a big ledge. Climb the crack-line directly above in one sustained pitch to the top of the crag.

Fathomless 55m VII,7. Jamie Skelton, Matt Glenn. 3 Dec 2020.

1. 20m Climb the steep but reasonably well protected first pitch of *Excalibur*.

2. 35m Gain the long ledge above the belay, move right along the ledge and around a big block to gain a turf groove that can be followed to the top of the crag with more ease.

Chib 60m VI,6. Jamie Skelton, Morag Eagleson. 24 Jan 2021.

Once at the top of the short corner the route becomes slabby. Make a delicate traverse left for 5m, move right around a steep wall and continue up to the belay of *Fathomless/Excalibur*. Finish up pitch 2 of *Fathomless*.

Great Ridge:

Will Rowland notes a solo ascent of the first two pitches of *Great Gully* followed by a left traverse and finish up the *Great Ridge* on 12 Feb 2021.

Pinnacle Ridge:

The Dogs of War 130m VI,7. Simon Richardson, Robin Clothier. 30 Jan 2021. A natural winter line taking the prominent hanging ramp on the left side of the Upper Pinnacle. Good climbing and steeper than it looks.

1. 55m Start left of the toe of the buttress and climb up and right to the corner of the ramp and the retaining wall. Climb a short chimney and continue up the corner to a good ledge below a steep 5m wall.
2. 25m Gain a slanting flake-crack from a short overhanging groove on the right and pull through on to the slab above (crux). Continue up the corner to a good stance below a vertical corner.
3. 50m Step left and climb a slabby groove to regain the corner above. Continue to where the corner steepens and make an awkward step right around an edge to gain a right-facing corner that leads to easier ground. A further ropelength leads to the summit of the pinnacle. (Topo provided.)

Alastair Matthewson notes a winter ascent of *Pinnacle Ridge* with Andy Hume on 10 Apr 1994. This predates the previously recorded 2010 ascent.

North-East Buttress:

Open Secret 280m III/IV. A. Matthewson, A. Veitch. 10 Feb 2021.

A natural winter line up the right bounding corner of the slabbier section of the Second Tier (not the massive corner further right). Climb the First Tier by a short deep-cut gully on the right (70m). Climb an icy gully-groove above, avoiding a steep nose on the left (45m). Go up easier snow with a short step halfway (55m). Climb a left-facing corner-chimney, moving left at top. Harder in lean conditions (50m). Continue straight up to Second Terrace (60m). Finish up Route I to the summit of the buttress. Route length is for climbing to junction with Route I. (Topo provided.)

Hidden Agenda 280m IV,4 **. Steve Kennedy, Andy MacDonald. 10 Feb 2021. The chimney-groove situated on the upper part of the right-hand section of the second tier, well right of the left-facing corner in the centre and not far left of the curving corner-gully (*Troll Gate*). An easy gully leads through the middle of first tier to the terrace below the second tier, almost directly below the central left-facing corner.

1. 55m. Start on the right side of the terrace, close to the lowest point of the second tier and follow a right-trending snowy ramp. Continue up icy slabs before trending back left to belay near the base of the chimney-groove.
2. 50m Make thrutchy moves up an initial groove, leading into the chimney which is climbed to a belay on the right. A fine pitch.
3. 55m Continue up the more open fault line to an apparent cul de sac below a steep wall.
4. 60m Delicate slabby moves lead out right below the wall to easier ground. Continue up to the large snow-bay below the third tier.
5. 60m Climb the open groove which breaches the third tier directly above.

Troll Gate 275m II **. Steve Kennedy, Andy MacDonald. 6 Feb 2021.

The left-facing curving corner-gully system bounding the right side of the buttress. A fine mountaineering excursion passing through some impressive rock scenery. This is possibly the *Unnamed Gully* described in the existing guidebook, descended in July 1939 by Barber and Lomas. *Too Cave to be Brave* (SMCJ 2006) appears to start much further right and join this route at about mid-height.

1. 60m Climb the initial gully, exiting by a through route, and follow the open gully above.

2. and 3. 105m Climb easily to a terrace and continue up the corner-groove system on the left in two pitches to a fine belay in a large cave.

STOB COIRE A' CHEARCAILL, Charcoal Buttress:

Twelve Pointer 120m VI,6. Will Rowland, Garry Campbell. 6 Feb 2021.

1. 50m To the right of the toe of the buttress lies a steep chimney. Climb the chimney and exit left. Continue left, up corner and then back right underneath a roof. Belay at a black wall.

2. 40m Move left and climb a vague rib. Continue across easy snow to a short corner which leads to the final headwall on the crest of the buttress.

3. 30m Climb the steep obvious break, delicately traverse right then climb the edge straight to the top. (Topo provided.)

Fill In Gully 50m I/II. Simon Richardson. 3 Jan 2021.

The gully starting at NN 018 726 that lies left of the left-hand gully mentioned in 'Glen Coe Rock and Ice Climbs'. (Topo provided.)

South-East Buttress:

East Top Buttress 80m III. Simon Richardson. 3 Jan 2021.

Approximately 800m south-east of the main summit is a slabby buttress leading up to the 730m south-east top (NN 022 721). Climb a shallow gully in the crest of the buttress for 30m to reach a diagonal terrace. Follow this right for 20m until it is possible to cut through the wall above via a left-slanting groove. Continue up easier ground to the top. (Topo provided.)

Cheeky Bastard 100m IV,6. Will Rowland, Connor Holdsworth. 5 Feb 2021.

To the right of East Top Buttress there are two gullies with a buttress between. Climb the buttress and belay below a steepening. Awkwardly, climb the short wall. Easy ground leads to a headwall with a corner system on the right side. Climb this, exit right and belay on the plateau. (Topo provided.)

SGÙRR GHIUBHSACHAIN, Jacobite Buttress:

The Uprising 90m IV,5 *. Neil Adams, Kevin Hall. 29 Dec 2020.

The main corner/groove system starting near the toe of the buttress. Start just left of the lowest rocks and climb a slabby groove up right. Climb the corner, with deviations out right for gear where needed, to a belay where it meets steeper ground (35m). Climb the steep corner on the left (crux) then head straight up more broken ground. A short final groove leads to easy ground.

The Young Pretender 75m IV,6 **. Kevin Hall, Neil Adams. 29 Dec 2020.

The wide fault-line running diagonally up the right side of the crag is trickier than it looks! Start at protruding blocks at the base of the fault. Follow easy turfey ground to pass under a huge chockstone, then exit the cul-de-sac beyond via the

right wall. Belay where the gully forks (40m). Climb the left fork (strenuous but well protected) to easier ground, then finish up the short final groove common with *The Uprising*.

White Rose 70m III,4 *. Ali Rose. 27 Jan 2021.

The obvious chockstoned gully in the steep wall up and right of *Bestial Devotion*. Climb the gully and surmount the chockstone. Continue up and right (ignoring the easy finish) to a col behind a pinnacle before continuing up the buttress above.

Flora 120m II *. Ali Rose. 27 Jan 2021.

The obvious ramp leading up and right below the steep wall. Could be a grade easier with consolidated snow.

North-North-West Face:

Chasing Wild Geese 100m III *. Neil Adams, Helen Rennard. 8 Jan 2021.

The slim gully on the NNW face of Sgùrr Ghiubhsachain. After the initial steepening, bear left at a fork up another steep section. Where this opens out above, make an awkward step up right to reach easier ground. (Topo provided.)

MAOL ODHAR, Coire nam Frithallt, Mad Man's Crag (NM 882 585):

The following routes are located on the north-east facing buttress to the north of Voodoo Buttress on the east of the north spur leading to Meall a' Bhainaiche. The buttress contains a prominent gully on the left side. Approach as for Voodoo Buttress by way of the hydro road then take an ascending line rightwards, crossing a fence before the buttress. It is possible to descend back to the foot of the buttress by a gully on the right. Routes are described left to right. (Topo provided.)

Black Sabbath 210m II *. Steve Kennedy, Andy MacDonald. 24 Jan 2021.

The ridge bounding the left side of the prominent gully on the left side of the buttress. Start near the foot of the gully and follow a ramp on the right side of the ridge leading to a steep wall and flake (25m). Traverse left onto the broad ridge and climb to a belay on the edge overlooking the gully (55m). Move up leftwards and continue up mixed ground in three pitches to finish (130m).

All the President's Men 140m V,4. Robin Clothier, Simon Richardson. 7 Feb 2021.

An attempt to find a line up the slabs on the left side of the crag. Start by climbing the gully bordering the left side of the cliff for 50m to where a sloping shelf cuts back right into the cliff.

1. 45m Move right to the end of the shelf and climb a steep turf wall for 20m to easier ground. Move left along a ramp and then back right and belay at a rock outcrop.

2. 45m Continue up and right under the smooth diamond-shaped wall to underneath the 'moustache' pitch of *Electroshock*. Climb directly up to the moustache and traverse left to its far end.

3. 50m Trend diagonally up and left up to the right side of the headwall and climb through it on good holds to the top.

Mad Men Wandering 150m III,4. Robin Clothier, Simon Richardson. 8 Jan 2021.

A natural line of weakness and the easiest route on the cliff. Start just right of the deep gully defining the left end of the crag.

1. 40m Climb grooves before trending right to belay on a ledge under a prominent overhanging wall on the left.
2. 60m Step right and climb an open gully to reach the left end of a prominent terrace rising right across the cliff. Follow this for 30m and belay below a shallow gully cutting through the rock band above.
3. 50m Climb the gully, cross a terrace and finish up a steep rocky gully on the left.

Electroshock 160m V,5. Simon Richardson, Robin Clothier. 27 Jan 2021.

Surprisingly good climbing up the area of cliff left of centre. Start midway between *Mad Men Wandering* and the *Jaws of Doom* where a ramp cuts left across the initial wall.

1. 55m Climb the ramp (more awkward than it looks) then continue up easier ground to a steep wall.
2. 50m Move left then up the wall on well-spaced turf then trend right and up to a terrace.
3. 50m Continue up to below a smooth diamond-shaped wall and traverse right below this to where it is possible to make a 10m traverse left along a turf moustache until above the diagonal wall. Move up and right to easier ground in a wide depression.
4. 15m Continue easily up the depression to the top.

Jaws of Doom 160m VI,6. Simon Richardson, Robin Clothier. 28 Jan 2021.

An excellent route up the central gully line. Start below a well-defined ominous-looking chimney (the 'jaws of doom') cutting through the initial steep wall.

1. 55m Climb the chimney with interest and exit steeply onto easier ground. Continue up to the next wall and climb a left-slanting groove to a good stance on the left.
2. 55m Move right and climb the steep wall on well-spaced blobs of turf and continue up easier ground to the terrace below the headwall.
3. 50m Zigzag up diagonal shelves between the gully exits of *Mad Men Wandering* and *Lobotomy Essential*. Another good pitch.

Lobotomy Essential 160m IV,5. Simon Richardson, Robin Clothier. 25 Jan 2021.

Good climbing up the broad buttress right of centre. From the bottom of the cliff a prominent V-slot can be seen cutting the crest of the buttress.

1. 50m Start under a triangular roof and climb a steep left-slanting ramp to easier ground. Continue left then take a right-trending ramp that leads to a good belay under the V-slot.
2. 50m Step left onto a slab and climb up into a niche under the slot. Pull out right to easier ground. Continue up then right to gain a left-slanting ramp that leads to a terrace.
3. 45m Trend left to gain a prominent right-angled gully cutting through the headwall. Belay just before it narrows
4. 15m Continue over a bulge with interest to the top.

Blood Rites 160m III,4 *. Steve Kennedy, Andy MacDonald. 30 Jan 2021.

A natural line rising diagonally left to right across the buttress from near the foot of the gully on the left. The first and third pitches correspond to the lines of *Mad Men Wandering* and *Lobotomy Essential*.

1. 45m Start just inside the gully and climb heather-filled grooves on the right wall to a notch and block belay.
2. 55m Continue rightwards following an obvious ledge system until below a small bay.
3. 60m Move up into the bay, aiming for a V-shaped groove on the skyline. A short step leads into the groove which provides a nice finish.

Wild Woman 190m IV,4. Robin Clothier, Simon Richardson. 1 Feb 2021.

The broad gully-recess line on the right side of the cliff.

1. 40m Climb up and left to the barrier wall.
2. 60m Move up left through the barrier (awkward) and continue up the square-cut gully-recess above to its top.
3. 50m Continue up easier ground to a final terrace and belay on a large tooth-like feature above.
4. 40m Zigzag up the wall above on interesting mixed ground to the top.

CREACH BHEINN, Zeppelin Face:

Kashmir 95m IV,5 **. Steve Kennedy, Andy MacDonald. 8 Jan 2021.

A fine, sustained route following the slim groove-corner line on the left side of the slab taken by *Good Times Bad Times* (immediately right of the central left-facing corner). Frozen turf essential. A ledge leads up leftwards (from the initial short left-facing corner of *Bring it on Home*) below a wall to a short, slanting corner.

1. 45m Climb the short corner and continue up the corner-groove system above to a headwall. A short right traverse below the wall leads to a block belay at the foot of a large snowy bay.
2. 50m Continue up the left side of the bay and follow a left-slanting trough in the upper wall to reach easier ground.

Good Times Bad Times 105m IV,5 **. Steve Kennedy, Andy MacDonald. 4 Jan 2021.

This route takes a line up the slab left of the prominent left-facing corner on the far right followed by *Bring it on Home*. Start at the foot of a slab forming the left wall of a short left-facing corner (the first pitch of *Bring it on Home*).

1. 35m Climb the left edge of the slab (thin), move rightwards then up a groove to reach the base of a further groove (right of a small overlap on the slab).
2. 45m Continue directly up the groove system to reach a snowy bay. A narrow hanging ramp on the right wall leads to a block belay.
3. 25m Finish up easy mixed ground.

AN T-SLAT-BHEINN, Coire Rèidh (NM 788 782):

Smooth Rider 200m III. Simon Richardson. 4 Jan 2021.

The north-east face of An t-Slat-bheinn is cut by three well-defined fault lines. This route takes the buttress between the first and second fault (from the left). Approach by descending the diagonal rake from the Sgùrr na Bà Glaise – Druim Fiaclach ridge at NM 786 781. Follow the buttress directly, mainly near the right edge, and exit up a short wide gully cutting through the final headwall. (Topo provided.)

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

CRUACH ARDRAIN, Meall Dhamh:

The Sicilian 90m IV,4 **. Marco Limonci, Danny Church, Orazio Lo Tauro. 9 Feb 2021.

This route is located at the far southern end of the ridge forming Meall Dhamh and lies on its east face. At the last large boulders at the foot of the ridge, continue for a further 500m south where a large bowl will come into view with a number of lines draining into it. On the right-hand side of the bowl there is a large overhanging crag. The route climbs the centre of the bowl directly behind a small outcrop. Start at NN 39982 21676.

1. 60m Move up and right, through a small gap to the foot of a steep icefall. It is possible to go either left or right at about the same grade. Climb up the left side until it eases and reach the base of another slightly less steep icefall.

2. 20m At this point it is possible to go easily left and to the top, but more elegantly continue up the icefall until a short wall bars the way. Move left then up to finish on easy ground. (Topo provided.)

CREAG MAC RÀNAICH, Uan Dubh Slab (NN 545 250):

Approach up Glen Kendrum and at the bealach with Meall an t-Seallaidh head north-east up steep slopes to reach the Uan Dubh slab near the summit. The crag is clean, well featured and has three friendly climbs in a spectacular position with a nice grassy base. (Topo provided.)

Stone Voices 7m MVS 4b *. Alastair MacColl, Angus MacColl. 3 Jun 2020.
The left-hand line.

No Great Mischief 7m VS 4b *. Alastair MacColl, Angus MacColl. 3 Jun 2020.
The middle of the three routes on the slab.

Not While The Giro 7m MVS 4b *. Alastair MacColl, Angus MacColl. 3 Jun 2020.

The third and most right-hand climb of the three on the Uan Dubh slab.

BEINN SHEASGARNAICH, Coire Sheasgarnaich:

Stuart MacFarlane and Robin Clothier repeated *King of the Jungle* on 6 Dec 2020, taking a more direct line at the start of the third pitch. Unlike the first ascent that was climbed in very snowy conditions, they found good cracks for protection and rated the climb IV,4. (Topo provided.)

MEALL NAN TÀRMACHAN, Creag an Lochain:

Frosty Peat 80m I/II. Rosie Rothwell, Joe Barlow. 2 Jan 2021.

The route climbs the broad buttress 500m south of Arrow Buttress at NN596391. Start at the lowest point of the buttress on its northern side. Climb turf steps and grooves to the left of a small tree to gain the broad right edge. Turn a steep wall on the right and belay at the small tree. Continue up easier ground on the right side to pass a small outcrop on the right. (Topo provided.)

MEALL A' CHOIRE LÈITH, Coire Bàn:

Hexellent 70m II. Rosie Rothwell, Joe Barlow. 4 Jan 2020.

The gully on the far left-hand side of the crag.

1. 40m Climb the gully, passing steeper steps at the bottom. Good rock belay

possible on the left wall of the gully.

2. 30m Finish up the gully to the top. (Topo provided.)

Ban Buttress 80m III. Joe Barlow, Rosie Rothwell. 4 Jan 2020.

Start at the base of an icy turfy groove below and left of a tree 60m right of *Hexellent*.

1. 50m Climb the groove to a large ledge below a steep rock wall. Move left and climb turfy steps to ledge above. Climb up turfy steps to gain a short icefall. Climb this to belay on the right under the capping roof of the steep buttress above.

2. 30m Move right along the wide snowy ledge until under two grooves on the left. On this ascent the right-hand turfy groove was climbed, although the left-hand icy groove offers an alternative. Finish up the short gully above to a good rock belay. (Topo provided.)

MEALL GHAORDAIDH, Coire Laoghain:

Yellow Peril 275m II. Willie Jeffrey, Anne Craig. 4 Jan 2021.

Start 50m left of *The Lyons in Winter* in a straightforward shallow gully. Continue up until it veers slightly right through a small buttress where it narrows. (Topo provided.)

W.H.O.Han Whitewash 80m II. Willie Jeffrey, Paul Morris. 30 Jan 2021.

Start 15m left of *A Wee One*. Steepish start followed by easy slopes with small ice steps above. (Topo provided.)

Desmond's Dilemma 100m III. Paul Morris, Willie Jeffrey. 2 Jan 2021.

Start on the buttress at the head of the corrie which Des Rubens likened to the Great Tower on *Tower Ridge* (*SMCJ* 2013). A shallow groove leads to an open slope and belay. Follow the ever steepening mossy corner to a crux at the top.

Willie Jeffrey notes that *A Wee One* is 80m long not 60m as described in *SMCJ* 2013.

CREAG AN TULABHAIN, North Face:

The following two routes provided good climbing with multiple short ice sections, though in heavier snow conditions they could bank out and become Grade I. It is uncertain how they relate to the unnamed Grade I gully previously recorded in the corrie. (Topo provided.)

V Gully East 200m II *. Freddie Crowley, Jamie Grant. 1 Feb 2021.

The eastern gully of the pair that start in the same place. This one is not as straight but is deeper cut and has more interest.

1. 50m Straightforward climbing through a choice of narrows to belay on the right-hand side of the gully.

2. 60m Overcome the short ice and turf section and continue up to belay on the left-hand side of the gully below the crux steepening.

3. 50m Climb the ice direct and onto easier ground.

4. 40mb Cut up and right from near the top of the gully over two more short ice and turf sections to belay at the top of the crag.

V Gully West 170m II *. Freddie Crowley, Zoe Thornton. 24 Jan 2021.

The obvious dead straight gully – the western of two that start from the same place.

1. 50m Climb past two steep icy steps (could be banked out in heavy conditions) and up easy ground to belay at a small tree on the right wall.
2. 60m Easy ground to another icy steepening. Belay 10m past this, again on the right.
3. 60m Continue on to the top. If corniced, it should be passable on the right.

STÙC AN LOCHAIN, Coire an Lochain:

Cat Gully 200m I. Craig Gudmundsson, Jim McFarlane. 31 Jan 2021.
The obvious left-leaning diagonal gully behind the lochan.

Vaccinator 90m IV,4 **. Duncan Helm, Alex Urquhart-Taylor. 30 Jan 2021.
Ascend *Cat Gully* for about 50m until you come to an icefall on the right-hand side of the gully. Climb the icefall in three pitches with ice belays. (Topo provided.)

The Cat's Tale 180m III. Duncan Helm, Alex Urquhart-Taylor. 4 Jan 2021.
Start at the icefall about 40m right of *Cat Gully*. Climb up, either following the icefall, or the turf ground left of the icefall. At about 100m, follow the ice up and left up a small gully, then continue up avoiding any rock walls on the left. Very limited protection with most belays being in turf or ice. 60m ropes useful. Climbed in early season conditions. Later in the season the icefall may improve, making gear more straightforward to arrange.

BEINN EACH, Bealach nan Cabar Crag (NN 602 164):

The following two routes are located on the right-hand of three small buttresses at Bealach nan Cabar on the ridge between Beinn Each and Stùc a Chroin. (Topo provided.)

Obh! Obh! 15m Severe 4a *. Alastair MacColl, Dominic Acland. 17 Aug 2020.
Climb directly up the obvious twin cracks in the centre of the buttress.

Slender Loris 15m VS 4c. Dominic Acland, Alastair MacColl. 17 Aug 2020.
Start up the small slab to the left of the obvious twin cracks of *Obh! Obh!* and trend left, following a small crack to finish over the obvious bulge to the left.

BEN VORLICH, South Face:

End Of The Rope 240m III,4 *. Sebastian Wolfrum, Douglas Fransson Lee. 25 Jan 2021.

The route climbs the left rib on the south face of Ben Vorlich, well left of *Door Step Route* (a winter version of *Central Rib*).

1. 60m Start at the right end of the lowest point of the rib. Climb a left-slanting gully-groove on turf, which steepens towards the top, and over a short vertical step to easier ground. Trend up and further left to a sling belay on a large block.
2. 60m Climb mostly easier ground following grooves and short steps to a good belay on a large block.
3. 60m Continue upwards, trending right, towards the high point of the rib through steeper grooves. In front of a broad broken wall turn right and climb a steep corner on the right of this wall. Continue to a belay at another wall directly above.
- 4 60m Climb an overhanging chimney up and right from the belay (crux) and continue via grooves towards the top. Climb a final rock wall and belay on a rock

spike above. From here, 80m of easy-angled snow leads directly to the summit of Ben Vorlich. (Topo provided.)

I Can See My House From Here 150m IV,4. James Seaman, Andreas Höhn. 23 Feb 2020.

A full description of the winter ascent of *South Face, Right-Hand Rib* (see p. 361 of 'Highland Scrambles South') that was reported in *SMCJ* 2020 follows below. The route takes the easiest way up the rib using the obvious weak points of the rib, predominantly systems of snowed-up rocky corners, turf and frozen cracks. Approach from the Loch Earn car park using the walkers' path. Continue over the summit and the connecting ridge, to the south-east summit. Descend on grassy and bouldery slopes down and right to the bottom of a rib, which in the summer marks the start of the *Right-Hand Rib* scramble. The bottom has a clearly identifiable flat ledge at an altitude of 850m.

1. 25m Climb a system of steepening corners to a small sheltered ledge.
2. 45m From the ledge go up a short steps onto a narrowed arête, then trend right up to a block belay under a steep overhanging wall.
3. 25m From the belay head left, up the corner with delicate feet but good hooks (crux, but well protected) then traverse right on a small inclined ledge and upwards on the right side of the steepening ridge. Anchor on a small, sheltered plateau with big boulders.
4. 40m The start of pitch 4 is 10m left of the previous belay on a big and flat ledge. From the belay go straight up the central rocky corner then left on a ledge towards a gully and up the exposed block and turf steps to a last belay on the narrowing, but flattening rib. Finish up open slopes to gain the summit ridge.

BEN CHONZIE, Càrn Chòis:

Nippy Sweetie (*SMCJ* 2016) was climbed in 2001 and named *Summit Gully*. A revised description follows:

Summit Gully 120m II. Angus Armstrong, Kevin Howett. 20 Jan 2001.

Climb the deep slot gully in the centre of the crag that slants right to left. It is not visible on the approach until directly below. Easy climbing leads into a V-gully and a chockstone. Pass it on the left and finish up easy slopes to the top. (Topo provided.)

Sieging the Battlements (*SMCJ* 2002) takes the full height of the buttress to the right of *Summit Gully*. A revised description follows:

Sieging the Battlements 120m IV,5. Angus Armstrong, Kevin Howett. 20 Jan 2001.

At the base of *Summit Gully* is an obvious icefall in the right wall, finishing on a ledge system below the upper rocks. Climb lower easy ice to a belay below the icefall. Climb the steep ice to small ice ledges at half-height. The vertical upper wall is split by a body-sized icicle leading to easier ground and a belay in a small outcrop. Continue up the line of least resistance more easily to the top. (Topo provided.)

Creag na Gaoith (NN 781 315):

At the head of the Glen 1.5km past Loch Turret lies the small Lochan Uaine. The track from the east side of the dam ends at the lochan and a faint boggy path heads

up to a small col. This is the easiest route to the summit of Ben Chonzie from the glen. Just to the left of the small col lies Creag na Gaoith. It is characterised by a central section of steep walls interspersed with heather ledges, a recess at its right end containing a waterfall and a big icicle, and three small gullies at the left-hand side containing ice most winters. Routes are described from left to right. (Topos provided.)

Unnamed 20m II. A.Todd. 6 Jan 2002.

An icefall left of the three gullies on the left side of the face. Short but steep.

Bored Witless 60m III. K.Howett, A.Armstrong, A.Todd, Roy A.N.Other. 6 Jan 2002.

The leftmost of the three ice gullies on the left side of the face. Climb easily up the lower ice to belay below a steep section running up left of the main gully line. This upper fall gives a continues pitch of steepish ice.

Unnamed, Right Branch 60m II. A.Todd (solo), Roy A.N.Other, Kevin Howett, Angus Armstrong. 6 Jan 2002.

The central of the three gullies. From below the main icefall, take the appealing slim ramp-corner cutting out rightwards, to finish up a hidden gully cutting back left.

An Angus Adventure 60m IV,5. K.Howett, A.Armstrong. 3 Jan 2002.

The furthest right and most prominent of the three gullies at the left side of the wall.

1. 30m Climb the easy lower slabby fall to underneath the vertical pillar. Climb this directly into the bay above and a large block belay.
2. 30m Climb the upper fall by its left edge.

Lockdown Grooves 100m III,4 *. Craig Gudmundsson, Stuart McKeggie. 30 Jan 2021.

Start just left of the toe of the buttress (NN 780 314). Climb the obvious turfey groove to crest of buttress, then follow this easily to block belay on left. Climb short awkward corner above to easier ground.

Unnamed 2 60m IV,4. Roy A.N. Other, K.Howett, A.Armstrong, A.Todd. 6 Jan 2002.

The slim icefall in the bay on the right of the crag containing the vertical ice pillar.

1. 30m Climb easy ice to under the fall.
2. 30m Follow the fall with a near-vertical section at the top.

Unnamed 3 25m VI,5. A.Todd, K.Howett. 17 Jan 2010.

The ice pillar direct.

Essential Fun 20m III,4 *. Stuart McKeggie, Craig Gudmundsson. 30 Jan 2021. Approach as for *Unnamed 3*. At the belay stance gain the icefall on the left and head towards the furthest corner. Make an awkward move to the right to gain mixed ground and easier terrain.

Biorach a' Mheannain (NN 784 316):

To the right of the small col mentioned in the approach to Creag na Gaoith are the large broken buttresses of this outlier hill sitting above the Mòine Bheag. There

are two distinctive gullies here, both of which have been climbed at Grade I/II (Neville Holmes, winter 2000).

MEALL DUBH, Coire Cruinn:

First Ice 60m III/IV. Duncan Helm, Alex Urquhart-Taylor. 23 Jan 2021.

The prominent icefall on the short wall left of the previous routes. (Topo provided.)

BEN LOMOND, Coire a' Bhàthaich, Pioneers' A Buttress:

Break Dance 40m IV,5 *. Sam Wainwright, Sebastian Wolfrum. 5 Dec 2020.

This route lies on the rightmost buttress in the corrie, which was originally named A Buttress (see *SMCJ* January 1901). Subsequent routes climbed in the corrie have confused the location of A Buttress, hence the Pioneers' A Buttress nomenclature above. Start on the left side of the buttress just right of a small cave. Climb the open turfey groove to a short crack in the left wall, then continue trending left towards a tower, which is climbed steeply on the right, after which short walls lead to the top. (Topo provided.)

THE BRACK, Upper Tier:

End Of The Line 155m V,7. Ole Kemi, Stuart McFarlane. 4 Jan 2021.

1. 30m Climb *Elephant Gully* and belay above the first chockstone.
2. 20m Step down and follow a large ledge until it ends.
3. 20m From the turf ledge above the belay, pull up into a steep crack in the wall (crux, good hooks), then follow the crack up the slab.
4. 30m Continue up the crack, then step left to reach a good belay in the corner.
5. 55m Climb the short corner, cross a ledge (in situ Bulldog), whence short walls lead into a groove. Continue up the groove and icy walls to the top and a thread belay.

LOWLAND OUTCROPS & GALLOWAY HILLS

CAMPSIE FELS, Slackdhu:

The following routes are all in the vicinity or to the right of *Jenny's Lum*. (Topo provided.)

Phased Return 7m Moderate. J.Seaman, Kevin Woods. 8 Jun 2020.

The short, stepped buttress with a broad crack running up the centre. It lies at the far left of Jenny's Lum Buttress.

The Writings on the Wall 10m E1 5b *. D.Macmorris. 24 Oct 2012.

A route strongly based on *Tendons*: good climbing and taking the clean face to the left. Start up a line of good holds for 6m, place gear and move left to climb thin crimps on the face. An obvious flat jug on the right allows the crack to be accessed again. Divert left and straight up on good crimps, easing toward the top.

Stone 12m E2 5b *. Kevin Woods, J.Seaman. 8 Jun 2020.

Takes a line across the centre of the buttress, with spaced gear and brittle rock. Start up the steep groove immediately right of *Tendons*. Pull over the bulge to gear. Trend up and right across the vague scoop in the centre of the face to a couple of long moves to finish.

From the waterfall a vegetated face runs rightward, eventually breaking into two ribs. The next routes take one rib each.

Easing Out of Lockdown 10m Severe. J.Seaman, Kevin Woods. 29 May 2020.
The stepped rib.

Catgroove 12m VS 4c. Kevin Woods, J.Seaman, 29 May 2020.

The next rib along has a broken groove on the right-hand side that climbs better than it looks. Climb to a small niche and pull over (crux) at two-thirds height.

Carleatheran:

Standmilane Gully 150m I/II *. Jacob Davies. 13 Feb 2021.

The deep gully at the eastern end of the crag (NS 67582 92090) has a short ice step at half-height. (Topo provided.)

CRAIGMORE:

Inverlussa Crack 15m E2 5c. Pete Roy (First ascent date not known)

Climb the crack in the bulging wall behind the Terror boulder. A steep start leads to a slabby finish.

Autobahn, Schumacher Finish 12m E4 5c **. Tristram Fox, 6 Oct 2017.

This takes the arête above and right of *Autobahn*. Climb *Autobahn* to an incut jug at half-height. Move up then right to the arête, finishing insecurely up the nose.

Schumacher Direct 12m E4 5c **. Kevin Woods. 30 Aug 2020.

A direct wall start to *Autobahn, Schumacher Finish*. Start by the crack on the lower right wall. Traverse left across the wall via a broad diagonal pinch, into flakes then the *Autobahn* jug. Finish up *Schumacher Finish*.

AUCHINSTARRY QUARRY, Car Park Area:

Final Cut 15m E5 6b. Nicholas Wylie. 11 Oct 2020.

A composite route linking the crux sections of *Blade Runner* and *Promontory Runner*.

Plumline Arête 7m E3 6a. Brendan Croft. 11 Jul 2011.

Climb *Plumline Crack* to the big flat hold. Place gear, move left to the arête and climb it, avoiding adjacent cracks.

Amphitheatre Left:

Five Miles Out 12m H.Severe 4a *. Andi Höhn, Kevin Woods. 8 Aug 2020.

Twin shallow grooves climb the face left of *The Seven Year Plan*. Climb the left-hand groove, finishing on good holds up a short, steep corner. Small wires are useful.

Forty Six & 2 12m VS 4c *. Kevin Woods, Andi Höhn. 8 Aug 2020.

The right-hand groove up parallel cracks, immediately left of *The Seven Year Plan*.

Shield Bay:

Shield Bay is a short crag high on the quarry's back wall, distinctive from the car park with a chiselled corner and tapering pinnacle in its centre. The crag is best

accessed by abseil from trees far back. Access from the base of the quarry is also possible by a steep, loose scramble on blocks. A steep scrambling route to the top of the quarry is located at the left end of the crag. This is a short steep corner on mostly good holds, though it is not most practical in descent and prone to overgrowing.

Lomond Corner 10m VS 4c **. Chris Miles. 1 Aug 2018.

10 metres right of Model T. The obvious corner left of a pointed pinnacle has a tricky move at mid-height.

Honda Crack 10m Severe 4a **. Thomas Wren, Steven Johnson. 25 Jun 2020. Between *Lomond Corner* and an obvious overhang is a vertical crack. Climb the crack onto a shelf at mid-height, finishing up the shallow corner.

Sector Commander John 10m H.Severe 4b. Flo Silver. 5 Aug 2020. Start in the corner to the right of the obvious arête. Climb onto the top of the arête and then finish up the corner above, finishing on a huge block. A harder variation starts under the curving overhang left of the arête. Climb out to ascend the edge of the arête and re-join the route.

Lockdown Rules 15m MVS 4b/c *. Guy Howard, Ron Lake. 20 Aug 2020.

About 3m right of *Sector Commander John* is an obvious crack and shallow groove up a slab. Gain the bottom of the crack and follow this up to a small overlap. Follow the groove round to the right and finish up the slab. Low in the grade but protection is small wires.

Cracking Lockdown 15m Severe. Ron Lake, Guy Howard. 20 Aug 2020.

Immediately right is a deep groove and wide crack. Follow this to the top; take care with loose rock.

Covert Shielding 8m HVS 5a *. Guy Howard, Ron Lake. 24 Aug 2020.

Three metres right and up on a small ledge, is a steep wall with twin cracks. Start in the small recess beneath the cracks, move through the small overhang and finish direct.

Cautious Easing 8m H.Severe. Guy Howard, Ron Lake. 28 Aug 2020.

Just right is another recess below a small overhang and arête. Climb the recess, go over the overhang and finish direct. Loose and dirty.

The Bristol Baldy 10m E1 5b **. Guy Howard, Ron Lake. 28 Aug 2020.

Right of the broken corner is a well-defined left-leaning groove with a boulder at the base and a good belay platform. Climb directly over the boulder and follow the groove using holds on the wall and sloping ledges. Avoid the gorse by stepping right at the very top. Very limited protection until after the crux.

Blackberry Groove 10m VS 4c. Chris Miles, Jonny Martin. 12 Aug 2020.

The well-protected leftward-slanting crack in a narrow groove.

Trundle Slab:

Fool's Gold 25m E3 5b *. Brendan Croft. 27 Sept 2013.

Climb directly up the slab between *Trundle* and *Walk on the Wild Side* past thin

cracks at 5m (micro wires). Reach right and place wires in the twin cracks of *WOTWS*. Gain a prominent hold in the centre of the slab and climb on to this. A long move (crux) to a left-facing flake gains the midway ledge.

Deep Throat Walls:

Ich Siede Im Eigenen Saft 25m HVS 5a. Kevin Woods, Andi Höhn. 8 Aug 2020. A line parallel to and right of *Kein Trink Wasser*. Climb the stepped wall right of the groove to large ledges at 10 metres. Traverse slightly left to the base of the upper groove, then go up and right diagonally across the wall, aiming for a block on the arête underneath the top. Continue to finish by large ledges and a vegetative top-out.

Balance of Power 20m E4 6a **. Kevin Woods, John Milloy. 11 Jul 2020. Takes the clean-cut arête left of *Glass*. Climb to a prominent ledge at half-height and finish directly on improving edges. Extensively cleaned (and trundled of loose rock). Likely climbed previously, before Council work destroyed sections of this buttress perhaps 20 years ago.

Forresthill Quarry:

Three routes on the high face right of *Injuns*:

Monkey See Monkey Do 9m Font 6a. David Macmorris. 29 Aug 2020. Takes a line up the centre. Climb to the first horizontal break. Use a sidepull on the wall to gain the second break. Finish along *Grapeshot*.

Grapeshot 10m Font 5. Kevin Woods. 29 Aug 2020. Climb *Rimshot* almost to the top, traverse the obvious high break left.

Rimshot 9m Font 4. David Macmorris. 29 Aug 2020. The right-hand side of the wall, easier than it appears.

Neilston Quarry:

Dafty Route X 8m S.C.Watts, S.Gibson. 25 Jun 2020. Climb the face behind the tree to easier ground then step right on to the slab and over the overhanging block using the obvious rib.

Addendum 12m E1 5b. Stevie Weir. 24 Sep 2014. An eliminate just right of *Punk Rock*. Start at the base of a black slab with a red streak. Climb up on small crimps through the two overhangs, ignoring the cracks to left and right (except for vital cam placement next to the engineering nut). Head for the apex of *Curving Crack* and finish right.

The Fin 3m Font 4. Stevie Weir. 20 Sep 2014. The rocks above and right of the main crag have three short arêtes. Climb the middle of these to the top, using the arête for hands.

CRAIGDEWS (GALLOWAY), Kid's Buttress:

Adam Russell suggests an upgrade for his route *Al Dente* to E6 6b. The route has a dynamic, reachy and unprotected Brit tech 6b crux where a fall would land you on pointy granite boulders. High in the grade.

HORSBURGH QUARRY (BORDERS, NT 284 391):

This largely south-facing quarry lies to the south of the ruins of Horsburgh Castle a couple of kilometres to the east of Peebles. It contains a number of wooden huts and other facilities used for outdoor activities and training. The slate-like rock varies in quality and parts of the quarry face are vegetated. A grassy track leads into the quarry from just north of the junction of the Peebles to Innerleithen cycle path and the offshoot that runs north towards the A72 and the Glentress Hotel.

West Flank Slab:

This slabby, south-east-facing section, footed by an open-fronted shelter, holds four lines, described from left to right. Care is required near the top of all of them as, although the angle eases, the rock quality deteriorates. There are metal stakes and concrete fence-posts to belay on at the top.

Virus Slab 9m V.Diff. Graham Little. 1 Jun 2020.

The slabby face directly in front of the shelter, bypassing the bulge on the left.

Lockdown Corner 10m Severe. Graham Little. 2 Jun 2020.

Start below the short, slim, blocky corner. Climb the slab, then the corner and broken ground above.

Elm Slab Left 11m Diff. Graham Little. 2 Jun 2020.

Climb an open groove and slab above, bypassing the dwarf elm tree to the left.

Elm Slab Right 12m V.Diff. Graham Little. 1 Jun 2020.

Start just to the right of the previous route. Climb the short rib and slab above, bypassing the dwarf elm tree to the right. Move left to finish.

Back Bay:

The back of the quarry (the north flank) is partly vegetated but there is a distinctive area of clean, slabby rock on the right side in a slight bay.

Foxglove Slab 10m Severe 4b. Graham Little. 9 Jun 2020.

Scramble up to a vegetated ledge at the foot of the clean slab. A couple of tricky moves give access to the slab, which is climbed to a vegetated exit and tree belay.

Traprain Law, Overhang Wall:

Woblet 20m VS 4c *. Bob Licznarski, Rab Anderson. 29 Sep 2020.

Start as for *Piglet* and *Wobble Direct*, surmount the overhang direct to gain a small ledge, and continue up the slab. At its top continue right under an overlap and at a black feature and cracks pull over (crux) onto the upper slab, finishing directly up a steep wall (left and separate of *Piglet's* exit).

GALLOWAY SEA-CLIFFS, MEIKLE ROSS, Little Zawn:

Ross Hall 20m VS 4c *. Roger Everett, Dairena Gaffney. 2 Apr 2021.

Nice and surprisingly independent climbing taking the arête between *Orange Chimney* and *Green Wall*. Start below *Orange Chimney*, head up right for 3m to below a tiny overlap, then continue straight up the wall until touching *Green Wall*. Trend left to the arête, then continue straight up keeping just right of the arête and take the headwall direct.

LIMEKILNS, The Gellet Block, The South Face:

Adam Russell notes that his route *Blackout* is Tech 6b through the roof, with the first gear at 6m or 7m if you don't place side-runners in *Through the Motions*. It is a bit harsh at E4, and an upgrade to hard E5 mid 6b for the on sight is suggested.

BENARTY HILL:

Escaping the Queen 40m III. Craig Gudmundsson, Alex Urquhart-Taylor. 10 Feb 2021.

Climb the groove on the right-hand side of the gully at NT 156 982 located at the east end of the cliff. A turfy route climbed in the dark on a very cold night.

BERWICKSHIRE COAST, Hilton Buttress (NT 969 592):

This is an impressive sandstone crag in a splendid situation. Although close to both the main A1 road and the East Coast rail line, this section of coast feels quite adventurous and you are unlikely to see other climbers on your visit. The atmosphere is enhanced by the tidal nature of the crag and also the nearby 'Smuggler's Bothy' which was built by the famous smuggler John Robertson around 1760. The downside is the rock quality. Whilst the lower section of the crag can be reasonably sound, the sandstone deteriorates further up, and extreme care is needed with copious loose rock in the upper section.

Approach: Leave the A1 at the signpost for Lamberton and park on a short stretch of tar just north of this junction. Head down the track and over the railway bridge to join the coastal path and follow this northwards for just over 1km. Follow grassy slopes down to Smuggler's Bothy then scramble down rocks at low tide to approach the buttress from the east. (Topos provided.)

The area with the best rock. This is the shorter left-hand wall when facing the main buttress. Routes are described from left to right, seaward to landward.

Pick Pocket 6m Severe 4a. Michael Haywood, David Battle. Jun 2019.

Climb the wall left of a black hole on pockets, pinches and breaks.

Black Hole 6m Severe 4a. Michael Haywood, David Battle. Jun 2019.

The cave and flaked cracks. Climb over the cave, mainly using the right wall to the obvious collection of flakes, and finish on good holds.

Black Magic 8m HS 4b *. Michael Haywood, David Battle. Jun 2019. A good route. Follow the thin dog-legged crack through breaks before moving left to top out on good holds.

Double Bluff 15m V.Diff. Michael Haywood, David Battle. Jun 2019.

Start on the large boulder at the left end of the main buttress. Climb easily on juggy pockets to a large ledge. Climb out of the corner and onto a large platform. Move to the back and climb awkwardly over the bulge.

Smugglers' Wall 43m Severe 4a. Michael Haywood, G.Smyth. May 2019.

A good route taking a meandering line up the main face.

1. 35m 4a Start at a deep crack in the centre of the buttress. Climb the crack to the bulge. Traverse right under the bulge past a good undercling before continuing up rightwards for 4 metres. Head back left across a small exposed ledge into a niche of dark rock. Go up diagonally rightwards from the niche until it is possible

to escape onto the grassy ledge. Nut belay in the second corner crack at the right end of the ledge.

2. 8m 4a Climb the corner crack, going left at the top. Take care with extremely loose blocks and ensure the belayer is positioned away from any stonefall.

The Straight up Smuggler 43m Severe. Michael Haywood, David Battle. Jun 2019.

1. 30m Start close to the right corner of the buttress and climb diagonally leftwards onto a pocketed wall. Go directly up from here past two or three diagonal breaks onto the grassy ledge. Belay in the third corner.

2. 8m Delicately climb the corner above on very poor rock.

The Desperate Smuggler 45m Scottish VS. Michael Haywood, David Battle. Jun 2019.

An impressive-looking natural line marred by loose rock – not recommended.

1. 20m Start up a deep crack 5m right of the corner of the buttress. Continue up the shallow crack above, trending slightly right (or up the wall to the left of the crack) to reach a grass terrace and belay on a ledge at the base of next crack system.

2. 25m Traverse 2m along the ledge then climb steeply into the crack (crux). Carefully work your way to the top on appalling rock.