

OUTER ISLES

LEWIS SEA-CLIFFS, Scarp:

Scarp (NA 970 152) is an extensive island, rising to over 300m, its central, northern and western areas provide rough walking. In normal weather expect much thrashing though heather and bog. All of the crags described are sea-cliffs and the best access is to stay close to the coast or to contour around the many bluffs above the lower ground. The authors made a landing on the beach opposite the small island of Cearstaigh on the north coast located at NA 964 167. This is a good landing and camping spot but far removed from some of the best areas. The rock is mostly Lewisian gneiss, with much quartz intrusion. Along the western and south-western coast there are several promising looking geodhas some with impending walls. The most extensive area with potential is from Tarta Geodha (as yet unexplored) through to the flat headland of Manais.

The most convenient landing and camping place would be on the Manais headland (NA 969 140) which would give easier and relatively quick access to the main areas. There is naturally occurring water on the island but caution made us take our own.

The island was abandoned in 1971, although some of the old houses in the village have been restored, and there is much evidence of previous occupation in many surprising areas, and of the hard and uncompromising life of the inhabitants.

Manais Wall Area:

This extends across three distinct areas, north, main and south. The main area is the most extensive.

Manais Wall North (NA 958 140):

Scramble down to the northern end of the tidal platform.

Keys to the World 22m HVS 5b **. Paul Headland, Keith Archer. 13 Jul 2012. Start from the platform at the far left end of the crag where the two small slabs meet. Climb the left-hand slab to the overhanging corner on the left; surmount this to the second overhang and on to the top.

No Consolation 22m HVS 5a *. Keith Archer, Paul Headland. 13 Jul 2012. From the same start as the previous route, climb the right-hand slab to the black overhang on the right side. Make unusual moves through to the upper cracks. Finish on the left headwall. Constrictive!

Weymouth 22m VS 4c. Keith Archer, Paul Headland. 13 Jul 2012.

Starts where a step up needs to be made on the approach traverse. Go up over easy ground to the base of a slabby corner. Climb the short headwall above.

Manais Wall Main:

(NA 958 140) Non-tidal

The first route starts at the left end of the crag, right of the brown wall.

A Girl Called Cecil 17m VS 4c *. Paul Headland, Keith Archer. 11 Jul 2012. Climb the right-facing corner at the left edge of a large scooped white triangular wall.

Tide Turner 18m HVS 5a. Paul Headland, Keith Archer. 9 Jul 2012.
The scooped white triangular wall is followed in its centre until a move right to a short niche. An overhanging crack above is climbed on layaways.

Cabbage, Sweat and Micturation 18m Severe 4b. Keith Archer, Paul Headland. 10 Jul 2012.
Climb the flake line which borders the right side of the large scooped white triangular wall.

Hard Work Kills Horses 18m HVS 5b. Paul Headland, Keith Archer. 10 Jul 2012.
The double open-book corners. Start on the left and climb to a large ledge at the base of the first open book. Climb this to a second ledge and on to the top.

Land of Milk and Honey 20m HVS 5b **. Keith Archer, Paul Headland. 11 Jul 2012.
Climbs the central right-facing corner of the imposing main wall.

Solarized 24m E2 5b **. Paul Headland, Keith Archer. 13 Jul 2012.
Follow the broken fault-line slightly right of centre in the large imposing wall to an obvious small ledge below the headwall. Traverse right under the headwall to the cracked depression leading to the top, sustained!

Six Pence in the Pie 14m HVS 5a. Keith Archer, Paul Headland. 9 Jul 2012.
Climb through the X shaped cracks direct.

Chapter 109 13m HVS 5a. Keith Archer, Paul Headland. 9 Jul 2012.
Start on the left corner of the light brown slab. Move to the centre and climb to the notch in the skyline.

Calendar Girl 13m VS 5a *. Paul Headland, Keith Archer. 9 Jul 2012.
The bow shaped corner bordering the narrow slab of *Rocket Ma-a-an*. Climb the corner to the top.

Rocket Ma-a-an 12m V.Diff. Keith Archer, Paul Headland. 9 Jul 2012.
Follow the laid back narrow slab on the left side of the first bay reached from the descent.

Wicket Chronicles 12m VS 4b. Paul Headland, Keith Archer. 9 Jul 2012.
The in-cut crack on the right side of the first bay from the descent. Climb up ledges to the narrow crack. Climb this on big holds to the top.

Manais Wall South:

(NA 960 139) Non-tidal Abseil descent
The first route starts in the black geodha to the left of the main wall.

Donald John MacLennan 21m HVS 4c. Paul Headland, Keith Archer. 11 Jul 2012.
This route is located in the black geodha to the left of the main wall and is on its left wall. Climb the slabby wall of the black geodha following the line of "cemented in place" blocks. Good gear at half-height.

The following climbs are located on the main wall to the right of the black geodha.

Philosophy of Risk 12m H.Severe 4c. Paul Headland, Keith Archer. 10 Jul 2012.

Climbs the second crack along from the left arete climbed on ledges and finger jams.

Whiff Away 12m Severe. Keith Archer, Paul Headland. 10 Jul 2012.

Climbs the third crack along from the wall's left arete.

Canal Dreams 12m Severe 4b. Keith Archer, Paul Headland. 11 Jul 2012.

Climb the fourth crack along from the wall's left arete.

Caolas Cearstaigh Crag:

Lies directly opposite the small island of Cearstaigh, adjacent to the beach. Access is by walking down from either side.

Caolas Cearstaigh Crag East (NA 962 168):

Scramble down to the eastern end of the non tidal platform.

Don't Fake Life 9m E1 5b *. Paul Headland, Keith Archer. 12 Jul 2012.

The narrow in-cut recess at the left end of the crag, on superb light grey rock.

Number 7 the Beeches 12m E2 5c **. Paul Headland, Keith Archer. 12 Jul 2012.

Climbs the series of short slabs and overhangs in the narrow niche, above a shallow pool. Start on the undercut right side of the pool with a powerful move to start, then traverse the quartz band to the niche, climbed direct.

Ticks R' Us 17m Severe 4b. Keith Archer, Paul Headland. 12 Jul 2012.

The short recessed area immediately left of the central overhang. Start from the toe of the buttress and trend left towards a short head wall. Follow this to the top.

Caolas Cearstaigh Crag West (NA 962 168):

Scramble down to the western end of the platform.

Jacaranda 24m E2 5b ***. Keith Archer, Paul Headland. 12 Jul 2012.

Start at the weakness at the right end of the ledge that runs from the central corner. Pull through this, then traverse easily to the base of the overhanging corner. Move up to beneath the overhang, then move out left. Powerful layback moves on good holds lead to the final finishing corner.

LEWIS SEA-CLIFFS, Painted Geo Area, Veinous Wall (NB 0102 3341):

A topo was sent by Michael Hutton. This included 5 new routes.

A Step in the Deep Blue 25m HVS 5a **. Martin Kocsis, Mike Hutton. May 2012.

A swinging hand-traverse along the lowest quartz break (below *Veinous Trap*, 1995) with steep, hard moves to start and steeper, juggy ones to finish.

Mysteries of the Deep 25m E1 5b **. Andy Turner, Mike Hutton. May 2012.
Follow a vague crack in the left side of the recess up to a small roof. Turn this on the left with a difficult move, then climb the wall above to the top.

Sea Shepherd 25m VS 4c **. Andy Turner, Mike Hutton. May 2012.
Climb the crack on the right side of the recess, to the roof. Climb out on the right stepping onto the slab. Follow a right-facing corner to the top.

Fishy 25m E4 5c **. Paul Mitchell, Mike Hutton. May 2012.
Start 3m to the left of *Peeping Reaper*. Climb to the overlap and fix some dubious protection. Crux moves round the overlap lead to better holds and good gear. Follow the wall above on good crimps, then veer right towards the top on improving holds. A fine route despite the bold start.

Peeping Reaper 25m E3 6a **. Andy Turner, Mike Hutton. May 2012.
Make awkward moves off the ground into a left-facing corner, climbed to a good jug. Step rightwards into an obvious left-facing corner follow this pleasantly to the top.

Ard More Mangursthadh, Eilean Geo (NB 0130 3345):

A topo was sent by Michael Hutton with the following new routes and existing routes.

A Crackwork Orange 20m E2 5b ***. Andy Turner, Martin Kocsis. Jun 2012.
Follow a finger crack in the centre of the wall (well left of the following routes) with an awkward move at two-thirds height. At the top of the crack, step out right and follow a groove in the arete to the top.

On the big slab to the right are *Takeaway* (2003) and *Breakout* (1997), then the following route.

Wish You Were Here 20m VS 4b **. Martin Kocsis, Mike Hutton. Jun 2012.
The central line of the slab starting with a steep rising traverse. The holds are perfectly placed and sized; a sublime line.

Splendid Sun 20m HVS 5b *. Martin Kocsis, Rachael Batt. Jun 2012.
A route up the right side of the slab, starting from a good ledge above the high-tide line. Abseil in or traverse from *Wish You Were Here*. The difficulties are short lived, and the protection for it tricky to arrange, but a fine experience.

To the right is *Flakeout* (1997).

DWS Crag:

This is the next zawn after Eilean Geo. A short abseil in to the left of the routes gains access for the first route. The others can be reached by a short abseil down the right side of the cliff. It is also possible to traverse along the bottom to start all the routes.

Way Out West 15m 6c S1 **. Andy Turner. Jun 2012.

Traverse in from the left on easy ground to reach the break at one-third height. Surmount the small roof on incredible jams and large holds. Pull round (crux) onto improving jams and finish more easily up the twin crags.

Standing on the Edge of Time 15m 6b SO **. Andy Turner. Jun 2012.
Climb the slabby wall/arete on the right-hand side of the large overhung block. Traverse rightwards onto a grassy ledge to finish.

A Grand Day Out 10m 6b SO *. Andy Turner. Jun 2012.
The easiest way up the wall 2m to the right of the large jutting corner.

Crack with a View 10m 6a S0 **. Andy Turner, Mike Hutton. Jun 2012.
The obvious crack on the far right-hand side of the cliff. Never harder than 5a and the perfect warm up. Delightful.

INNER HEBRIDES:

The new guide to the Inner Hebrides and Arran is imminent, so routes on Tiree, Mull and Erraid have not been reproduced here.

SKYE

SGURR NAN GILLEAN, First Pinnacle West Face:

Puffin Billy 160m III,4. Mark Francis, Allan Gorman. 12 Feb 2013.
Start middle open ground below pinnacle, follow "turfy" ribs to obvious chimnies, traverse slightly left to gain groove system leading through awkward ground to Pinnacle Ridge.

Work-Shy Weekday 160m III,4 **. Matt Barratt, Norman Nicolson, Neil Urquhart. 12 Feb 2013.
Start as for *Puffin Billy* but climb the left-hand of the obvious chimneys direct to the top.

AM BASTEIR, North Face:

Serious Disposition 210m IV,6 **. Steve Kennedy, Andy MacDonald. 10 Feb 2013.

A fine, exposed and serious outing with an energetic finish up the final short pitch of *Hung, Drawn and Quartered*. Follows the lowest of the prominent ledge systems leading rightwards across the face (*North Face* follows the next fault above). Start up the short initial ice pitch of *Deadline*, then traverse right for two pitches along the ledge system. Belay just before a thin section where the ledge narrows. Tricky exposed moves lead beyond the narrowing to a long easier system of ledges ending close to the upper right edge of the buttress below the chockstone finish of *Hung, Drawn and Quartered*. Surmount the chockstone (awkward but well protected) to finish abruptly on the ridge.

SGURR A' BHASTEIR, South-West Face:

Running on Numpty 180m II. Mark Francis, Steve White. 10 Dec 2012.
From Sligachan via the Glen Brittle path, an obvious pinnacle is seen in profile (NG 463 256). Head up Fionn Coire to this. Start at a gully on the left side of the pinnacle over ice steps for three pitches petering out to snow slopes leading to summit. Excellent mountaineering.

SGURR A' BHASTEIR, North Face (NG 466 262):

Window Shopping 180m III. Mark Francis, Helen Urquhart. 15 Jan 2013.

Follow the left edge of *Broad Gully*, then go over easy rocks to a barrier wall. Ascend a groove to an obvious slot just left of the gully. Break through this into a lovely turfy groove with a short rock step. Steeper blocky climbing up ribs then leads to the NE ridge.

Executioner's Gully 130m III,4. Cameron Mcilvar, Nathan Adam. 16 Mar 2013.

Lies between *Window Shopping* and *Broad Gully*, and possibly climbed before. Start from 50m up *Broad Gully* at the base of a rib. Move into the chockstone gully and climb it to a block (30m). Continue up a blocky ramp to the next steep wall (40m). Climb a narrow groove rising to the right before pulling over onto easier ground and continuing to another block (50m). Gain the crest of the ridge (10m).

Hubble, Bubble, Toil and Trouble 500m III. Mark Francis, Murdo Nicolson, Norman Mcleod. 19 Jan 2013.

NG 448 246. Follow the right edge of *Waterpipe Gully* to a rock barrier climbed by a left-slanting ledge. Easier ground leads to excellent steep chimneys to finish on top of Sgurr Fheadain.

Telescope Variation: III. Matt Barratt, Gill Houlsby. 19 Jan 2013.

Follow the same line as above but avoid the rock barrier to the right and follow the rightmost chimney/corner system for three delightful pitches.

COIRE A' TAIRNEALEAR:

Portcullis Gully 110m III/IV,4. Neil Urquhart, Chris French. 11 Dec 2012.

A pair of long parallel faults lie very close together 100m south of *Arrow Slot*. This route climbs the left fault. Approach via 120m easy snow to where the gully steepens.

A short tricky chimney leads to the base of the deep upper fault. Initial progress up the narrow cleft was made over verglassed rock and frozen rubble. A good pitch with a surprising through route below a spectacular high chockstone. Finish on the ridge.

Note: Climbed on good neve with little ice, it would be easier with a bigger build-up (probably rare), and definitely not recommended if not consolidated.

SGURR A' MHADAIDH, North Face:

Slanting Gully VI,7. Doug Hawthorn, Iain Small. 24 Jan 2013.

A complete ascent including the section above Foxes' Rake.

Vixen Groove 140m V,5 *. Spike Sellars, Mike Lates. 21 Jan 2013.

Ascend *Archer-Thomson Route* easily for 50m to a broad bay. *Vixen Groove* is obvious rising leftwards.

1. 40m Enter the narrow groove which opens out after 15m (crux). Turn the rib on the left to reach another broad bay.
2. 40m Climb good ice up and left. The groove above leads to a smaller snow bay below the final steepening.
3. 40m Climb the corner and turn the capstone direct.
4. 20m Finish easily and to blocks on Foxes' Rake.

Dyke Gully and Buttress Route V,6. James Sutton, Ben Wear. Jan 2013.
By the summer route.

SGURR A' GHREADAIDH, West Face:

Forever the Bridesmaid 160m III. Richard McGuire, Chris French, Neil Urquhart. 24 Mar 2013.

This route takes in the obvious right-facing corner which bounds the right-hand side of Hidden Gully Buttress. Start about halfway between *White Wedding* and *Vanishing Gully*. Follow thinly iced slabs and grooves for 70m. Trend leftwards linking pleasant ice grooves to the bottom of the steeper corner. Climb this to reach more open ground. An excellent pitch, ice screw runners used. Either continue to the ridge or, if conditions allow, traverse across the top of *Vanishing Gully* and descend.

Note: The upper half of the route including the corner was climbed in 1991 by Neil Urquhart, following a rising traverse from the foot of *White Wedding*.

Something Borrowed... 160m III,4. Richard McGuire, Mark Francis, Neil Urquhart. 28 Mar 2013.

In the Skye Scrambles guide the mass of rock to the left of *Diagonal Gully* is named Diagonal Buttress. There are several narrow dykes running up this face. This route takes the most prominent one, about halfway between *Vanishing* and *Diagonal Gullies*. A very enjoyable route with a bit of everything! Climb the dyke for 70m over several steep steps, until it narrows to a groove. Either climb the groove or thinly iced slab to the left (unprotected, crux) to a notch which leads to a short snow slope. The crag continues above, so move left and climb a further groove and chimney to the top.

COIRE NA BANACHDAICH (NG 439 218):

Comber Toes 150m III. Mark Francis, Murdo Nicolson; Matt Barratt, Billy Shanks, Norman Mcleod. 2 Feb 2013.

Follow grooves up the left edge of *Banachdich Gully*, through a squeeze chimney, finishing up a lovely blocky rib.

What Numpty Did Next 110m II. Mark Francis, Steve White, Donny Williamson. Mar 2013.

An obvious gully line furthest right on the buttress in the Banachdich Gully area. Two pitches separated by a snow slope, then easy snow leading to gullies ending on the main ridge.

COIRE NA BANACHDAICH, West Face of Window Buttress:

Curtain Call 380m III *. Brendan Croft, Paul Cunningham. 20 Jan 2013.

Start at the foot of the descent gully on the left-hand side of the West Face as approached from the Glen Brittle Hut. Follow easy ground for 100m sticking to the right side of the gully to an open area with a choice of exits. Climb the steep groove on the left (crux) for 35m before escaping right. Follow easy-angled grooves for 200m before joining the final pitches of *Deep Cut Gully*.

Lower Window Buttress:

Perspex Groove 80m IV 4 *. Andy Moles, Iain Murray. 19 Jan 2013.

Follows the obvious slanting basalt dyke right of the eastern descent route on Lower Window Buttress. A groove a few metres right of the dyke gives a good well protected pitch, which leads to easier ground and a belay in the left wall at about 30m. Follow the groove easily to the crest of the buttress overlooking the western descent gully.

COIRE A' GHREADAIDH, An Diallaid:

Branching Gully 260m IV 4 **. Iain Murray, Andy Moles. 20 Jan 2013.

A quality winter line, following the gully directly to where it emerges onto a snow slope at about 150m. Go up the slope beneath the steeper wall on the right for about 40m, where an obvious groove pitch leads to easier ground and the top of the buttress (Diamond Buttress finish?). Potentially a grade easier in very banked-out conditions.

White Pudding 170m III. Mark Francis, Steve White, Matt Barratt. 29 Mar 2013.

On the south side of the corrie is this obvious iced slabby corner behind An Dialliad and across open ground. A stepped corner leads to a steepening, then iced slabs lead to snowfields.

Fish Supper 165m IV,4. Mark Francis, Steve White, Matt Barratt. 29 Mar 2013.

The second gully left of where the An Dialliad ridge abuts the Banachdich slopes. Start at the base of the gully trending left towards an obvious ramp line, doglegging around steep ground and ending on summit snowfields.

SGURR THEARLAICH, Stone Shoot Face:

Deliverance 50m VII,7 **. Guy Steven, Mike Lates. 4 Nov 2012.

Tackles the striking corner near the top of the Stone Shoot. Start 30m below the top of the Great Stone Shoot by a large pinnacle.

1. 30m Climb the steep corner using the accommodating crack-line to a small alcove.
2. 20m Pull out of the alcove and over chockstones to easier ground and the summit crest.

AN STAC (Coire Lagan):

An Stac Chimney 80m IV,5 *. Mike Lates, Ally Macaskill. 28 Nov 2012.

Follows the summer line using the right wall to turn the narrowest sections. Gain the foot of the chimney by easy snow slopes from the An Stac bypass.

1. 30m Surmount the large chockstone after a very tight manouvre beneath it. Ascend the right wall for 10m before regaining the chimney which leads more easily to a small bay.
2. 50m Climb the right wall to gain steep cracks before exiting onto a ledge (15m). Re-enter the chimney line which is easy for 20m. The final narrowing was turned by the right wall to a good block belay on An Stac Direct. Finish by ascending An Stac Direct.

SRON NA CICHE:

Note: Colin Moody notes that on the diagram on p170 in the new guide, *Atropos* (route 41) is marked in the wrong place and should be just left of *Integrity*.

COIRE A' GHRUNNDA, North Crag:

Slab Buttress III. Neil Urquhart, Chris French. 29 Nov 2012.

Low lying and south facing so often stripped in the sun. Loosely follows the summer route with the higher start from *North Crag Gully* providing an interesting first pitch. Much easy ground between steeper rock tiers. Turfy corners were followed rather than the open slabs, in particular the prominent and slimy groove mentioned in *Skye Scrambles* gave a fine 60m corner. The Diff. corner on the top tier was avoided for lack of snow.

Caisteal a' Garbh Choire:

South Ridge 30m IV,5 **. Steve Perry, Antoni Anderson. 19 Jan 2013.

Follow the distinctive crack until it ends on a stance. Finish up the short steep wall on the left.

CORUIK, Mad Burn Buttress:

Lunatic's Wall 110m VS 4c *. Greg Cain, Ferdia Earle, Andy Moles. 17 May 2013.

A very enjoyable route on excellent rock, low in the grade.

1. 40m 4b Take the common start of *Warsle* and *Diagonal*, but a few metres up the dyke above the pulpit, move left to gain a big ramp and follow this easily to beneath a wide vertical dyke.
2. 5m 4c Move up leftwards and climb a left-facing flake-crack to the terrace above.
3. 35m 4b Climb a scooped weakness trending up rightwards to cross the dyke taken by *Diagonal*, continuing fairly directly upwards through a series of bulges and scoops to reach a massive ledge. From here you can walk off or:
4. 20m 4c Take a pick of lines up the wall above the ledge. Again escape is possible from here, or scramble pleasantly to the summit of the buttress.

BLA BHEINN:

Jib 125m VIII,8. Iain Small, Simon Richardson. 19 Jan 2013.

The summer line was followed after starting up the *St Andrew's Crack* variation. From the good ledge at the top of the third pitch, a more natural winter finish up a right-facing corner was taken instead of the summer 4b groove.

BLA BHEINN, Winter Buttress:

Flight of the Colditz Cock 70m V,4 *. Mike Lates, Simon Cunningham. 12 Feb 2013.

Start 10m right of *Sailaway*.

1. 25m. Climb a groove of ice rightward to a good block belay.
2. 45m. Climb the icy slab and corner (20m). Thick ice gave good screw protection for the final steepening. Easier ground leads to a block belay.

CLACH GLAS:

Ramp Route II. Matt Barratt, Mark Francis, Donnie Williamson. 23 Jan 2013.

Follow the line of *Ramp Route* (*Skye Scrambles*, Moderate). Climb the ramp and emerge on Clach Glas! Not to be confused with *Big Ramp II*.

SUIDHE BIORACH:

Overhang Cure 20m E2 5a. Mike Lates, Ian Hey. 25 May 2012.

A prominent large triangular cave lies at the right end of the section that contains *Mother's Pride*, *Hovis* and *Cameron's Climb*. Scramble up into the cave to start. Climb up and right to the roof of the cave before pulling out on large steep holds to gain a ledge 3m above. Finish up the top 5m with care. A stake belay is required.

NEIST, Financial Sector:

Charlie Potatoes 25m E2 5b **. Gary Latter, Alex 'Tam' Thomson. 9 Jun 2012.

An independent direct start was climbed (bold but straightforward climbing), and the route climbed direct up the groove, avoiding moving right.

Cold Comfort for Change 25m E5 6b. Blair Fyffe, Nona Thomas. 5 Aug 2012. Takes the groove and crack in the front face of the pillar to the right of *Brass Monkey*. Start beneath an overhang on the right. Pull up to this and undercut left to the groove and good crack. Climb this to a band of small overlaps. A good small cam can be placed up and left. Make a hard traverse left to a rest in a slight depression. Step back right using some good undercuts to the main roof above. Layback through this and continue up the crack above to where the pillar is spilt by a horizontal crack. Traverse right until a final hard move allow a series of ledges that lead to the top of the pillar can be gained. Finish up *Brass Monkey* or abseil off.

Mimic Bay:

Impunity 25m E4 6a **. Gary Latter, Alex 'Tam' Thomson (ground-up). 9 Jun 2012.

The finger-crack in the wall right of *Wok Warrior*. Climb the crack with difficulty to better holds at a hand-crack, then continue more easily. Scramble to finish.

NORTHERN HIGHLANDS NORTH

BEINN DEARG, Glen Sguaib:

Reuben's Groove 300m IV,5. James Edwards, Simon Nadin, Neil Wilson. 24 Mar 2013.

The broad tiered buttress between *Wee Freeze Gully* and *Edgeway*. Start at the lowest point of the buttress to the right of *Wee Freeze Gully*, right of broken ground.

1. 50m Climb turf grooves trending slightly leftwards.
2. 30m Continue up a narrowing chimney groove, passing a jammed boulder and then trend left under the overlaps to belay on the edge.
3. 60m Climb a groove going back right thus avoiding the overlaps, exit left at top and continue up easy ground.
4. 30m Climb directly up the mixed ground above heading for the niche in the skyline. Belay on the right-hand side of a small icefall.
5. 55m Climb the icefall and continuation groove to just below upper snowfield.
6. and 7. 75m Climb straight to the top on easier snow.

Holy Smoke 200m III. Roger Webb, Neil Wilson. 13 Mar 2013.

A route up the buttress on the left of *Fenian Gully* (with *No Surrender* in its centre). Start about 20m left of the start of *Fenian Gully* and climb an obvious

discontinuous line of ice for a pitch, and thereafter climb easier mixed ground on the right side of the buttress, always keeping to the left of the gully.

BEINN DEARG, Coire Ghranda:

Rebirth of the Cool 130m VII,7. Guy Robertson, Andy Inglis. 17 Dec 2012

Another high quality icy mixed route based on the big vertical fault right of *Tickled Rib* (left of the wall taken by *Final Destination*). Start at the base of the fault, almost a gully.

1. 30m Climb snow and a short step to below an icicle at an impasse. Climb the ice boss on the left to a turf ramp and follow this for a short way before stepping up onto a parallel ramp and belay in a little cave.
2. 30m Climb through the left side of the cave, then work back right into an open groove left of and parallel to the main fault further right. Climb the groove until possible to step right into the main fault-line, then climb a short crack to a flat-topped pinnacle.
3. 30m Here the fault peters out. Climb up and slightly right from the belay to a ledge and niche. Step down and traverse hard right across a tricky slab into a crack-line. Climb this and continue boldly on turf to a thin ledge which leads back left to below a sharply overhanging iced corner.
4. 40m Move left into a steep crack-line and follow this leftwards to easier ground which leads to the top.

SEANA BHRAIGH, Feich Coire:

Belay Grave Gully 150m II/III. Steven Andrews, Peter Herd. 16 Mar 2013.

The gully line at the back left of Feich Coire. Scramble up over large boulders and possible short icefalls to a snow basin. Climb ice on the right before traversing left following the natural line to a constriction with an overhanging left wall. Ice in the constriction and on the slabs to the right leads to easier ground and the top.

Coire Mor:

The Great Escape 300m I/II. Steven Andrews, Audrey Decou, James Howard. 1 Jan 2013.

The central gully at the far south-west end of the corrie (NH 330 864) gives a good way up on to the plateau and through some nice scenery. All snow except for a rocky step at the bottom. The grade will vary depending on whether the step is banked out or not.

ALLADALE SLABS:

The Gully 300m IV,4 **. Dave Allan, Steven Andrews. 30 Mar 2013.

Following the obvious winter line, the drainage line with ice. Much of it was banked out but still gave some nice climbing in a great setting with a couple of steep sections.

BEN MOR COIGACH, Creag Garbh Choireachan:

(NC 08129 03365) Alt 540m

Approach from the end of the Achiltibuie road at Culnacraig. Take the path near the bridge, moving right from the main path to a smaller one that crosses the Allt Coisiche before the gorge and climb the spur to the level ground at 350m. Move right and up on increasingly exposed ground to the crags which lie right beyond broken ridges.

A narrow gully separates the main crags from the West Ridge (Grade 3 or Moderate) and is one of two lines of descent. Another less obvious gully lies just left of the The Wild West and can be used to avoid the top scrambling pitches above the second tier of crag. The crag is in two main tiers with scrambling above on clean rock. The second tier is most easily reached from the narrow right-hand gully where steep ground leads to a terrace below the tier. The left-hand end of this tier, the Upper Tier, has a conspicuous narrow chimney with a companion corner to the right followed by another series of corner cracks and a buttress that forms an arete. To the right of this the crag swings east overlooking the gully. To the left of the gully the longest section of rock forms a narrow ridge with a conspicuous wide corner crack at its base, the route described below.

The Wild West 80m E2 5c **. John Mackenzie, Andrew McKenzie. 13 Jul 2012.

The best line of the ridge. A fine strenuous series of jam cracks interspersed with easy ground.

Pitch 1 could be avoided by a scramble from the left to a ledge above it.

1. 10m 5c A wide corner-crack at the base needs a Camalot 5 or similar.
2. 5m 4c Jam the corner-crack to a level section.
3. 25m 5a Above are two short corners; the first has a difficult landing with the second much easier. Continue easily to the base of a vertical corner which is right of a chimney.
4. 20m 5c 'Profanity Corner'; The raison d'être of the climb. Climb the widening crack strenuously, Friend 4 or similar size runners, in a fine position to a platform.
5. 20m 4a A short step above the platform followed by scrambling (not included in length) up the ridge and a final avoidable corner to finish.

The Upper Tier:

On the left of the tier is a fine squeeze chimney, very clean and well worthwhile.

The Wedgie 15m HVS 5a **. Andrew McKenzie, John Mackenzie. 22 Sep 2012.

Enter the chimney via the wide crack and squeeze into it. Keep on squeezing to the top, great fun!

To the right of Profanity Corner are corners bounded on the right by an innocuous looking buttress and arete with a conspicuous notch.

The Strumpet 60m VS 4c *. John Mackenzie, Andrew McKenzie. 22 Sep 2012.

The innocuous buttress/arete.

1. 25m 4b 'If the leader was dealt a loose hand by her profligacy, the second dealt a firmer one and made her sound.' Reach and climb the slanting break to the arete and follow this to a ledge. Move left to a corner-crack below a straight crack.
2. 10m 4c The short undercut corner is climbed to scramble to below a clean-cut corner left of a wide crack.
3. 25m 4c Climb the pleasant corner to clean easy rock above to a terrace. Escape off leftwards to reach the left-hand gully and descend this to a point halfway down, cairn, where the terrace below the Upper Tier can be reached.

BEN MOR COIGACH, Cadh' a' Mhoraire:

Oslo Buttress 285m III. Bob Reid, Ian Crofton. 8 Apr 2013.

The corrie is distinguished by four gullies that separate four large buttresses. It contains the routes *Nero* (in the guide) and *Hyperborea* (SMCJ 2012). To the left (looking up) of the corrie and east of the leftmost gully is a trapezoidal slabby buttress whose leftmost edge forms a soaring ridge direct to the plateau rim. Start at the base of the ridge at a distinctive large cube shaped block.

1. 50m Climb the gully to its right and which leads to the left-bounding gully of the ridge. Step right to a platform at the base of the ridge.
2. 50m Follow chimney lines and steps up and along ridge.
3. 35m Continue via short steps and corners to a 'flattening'.
4. 50m Climb to the base of the next step, an obvious slabby wall.
5. 40m Turn the slabby wall via a shallow gully, cutting back after 10m onto the crest. Continue up a groove to the right of the crest to easier ground and beneath the next step.
6. 30m Ascend a left-trending chimney line with an entertaining step back right at top and progress on easier ground to beneath a final tower.
7. 30m Continue up a fault-line splitting the final tower with two awkward steps and then to top.

Descent is via the northern slopes of Speicein Coinnich, 150m east of the top of the route.

Agrippa Gully 300m III *. Dave Allan. 3 Apr 2013.

The leftmost gully, just right of the buttress with the previous route. Three turfy icy steps in the first 100m led to a fork at 200m where the left branch was taken.

Trajan Gully 400m II. Alison & John Higham. 23 Dec 2010.

This is the third gully from the left and lies immediately to the right of Nero Gully (the second from the left). NC 105 049. Four main pitches were encountered on this ascent.

CUL BEAG, North Corrie:

Three Wee Chimneys 150m III,5. Dave Broadhead, Des Rubens. 26 Jan 2013.

This route lies to the left (east) of the col between Cul Beag and its satellite, Meall Dearg. It is about 150m left of *Left Buttress*. Three parallel closely spaced ice lines form. The left-hand one forms a steep pillar of about 8 metres. Above, turf and a further easier pitch complete the climb.

Ravens' Ramp 150m II. Dave Allan, Davy Moy. 20 Feb 2010.

Start at the top of the central snow bay right of the icefall of 3Ds and follow the big ramp up and right. Twenty metres before the ramp ends by starting to drop, climb a groove on the left.

CUL MOR, Coire Gorm:

The next two climbs are on a little crag at the entrance to Coire Gorm at NB 165 125.

Das ist Gut 60m IV,6 **. Davy Moy, Dave Allan. 24 Jan 2009.

On the west face of the buttress is a 10m wide square-cut groove. Start on the left side.

1. 30m Climb a short step, then move right and climb a turfey slab. Climb a short chimney on the right and belay on the left.
2. 30m Climb the central fault (crux).

Illegal Alien 140m III,4. Davy Moy, Dave Allan. 6 Dec 2008.

This climbs the left-bounding rib of a big bay near the right end of the north face of the buttress. Start at the foot of the rib and climb it passing a block tower on the right. Go up a groove along a narrow arete. Move right, then climb a short gully to easy ground. Climb an easy snow gully for 30m, then the buttress on the right by a groove 1m right of a deep slot.

REIFF, Stone Pig Cliff:

Notes from Michael Barnard: *Hard Tack* was thought E1 5c (not E2 6a).

Pigs Don't Fly is strenuous and runout and was thought more like E2/3 (given E1/2).

Crevasse Wall:

This is just past and at right-angles to Rocker's Cliff. The following lie on the short north facing end of the wall.

The Crevasse 8m H.Severe 4b *. Michael Barnard. 12 Nov 2011.
The obvious wide crack.

Wee Diedre 5m H.Severe 4b Michael Barnard. 12 Nov 2011.
The corner-crack 5m to the left.

Stinking Geo:

Top Quality Chef on Standby 12m HVS 5b. Michael Barnard, Alan Pergusey. 25 Aug 2012.

Near the left end of the wall is an obvious left-slanting diagonal corner. This route climbs a parallel line up the centre of the wall left of the corner.

Call the Emergency Plumber! 12m HVS 5a *. Michael Barnard, Matthew Thompson. 10 Jun 2012.
The left-slanting diagonal corner.

Piss Take 10m HVS 5a *. Michael Barnard, Alan Pergusey. 25 Aug 2012.
The fine steep flake-crack between *Pooh*, *Pong McPlop* and *Blindside*.

Just north of Stinking Geo and west of the Leaning Block Cliffs is a short north facing wall with an obvious rockfall forming a scarred corner.

Ghost Ship 6m H.Severe 4b *. Michael Barnard. 12 Nov 2011.
Climb the vertical crack in the black wall right of the rockfall scar.

Rubha Ploytach:

Cut to the Jug 10m VC 4c. Dave & Sharon Wagg. 27 Jul 2012.

Start just left of *Pretty in Pink*. Climb the flake and wall above to the break. Finish more strenuously up the right side of the arete.

ACHMELVICH, Creag Rodha Mor aka Super Crag (NC 056 236):

The Assyntialist 35m E6 6b/c **. Niall McNair, Iain Small (both led). 25 Aug 2012.

Between *(My Own) Personal Mingulay* and *The Pabbay Express*. Easy pumpy climbing, a powerful crux and a fantastically positioned headwall comprises this route. Start as for *Personal Mingulay* and where this route goes off leftward along the ramp, forge straight up the grey striated wall boldly to a juggy break (common to *All Abilities Path*). Make hard moves under the overlap to reach for a small hanging corner on the left side of the overlap and follow the undercut flake leftwards to a good flake-jug. Continue up the headwall on flakes until a thin break below the top is reached. Step right and either tackle the orange block directly (powerful) or step right again into a vague corner (awkward) and so to the top.

Note: The unnamed route in SMCJ 2012 is called *The Heart of Beyond*.

Ramp it Up Direct Start E4 5c **. Tess Fryer, Ian Taylor. 3 Aug 2012.

Start left of *Rodha Mor* at a thin crack. Climb the crack which trends rightwards into the big groove and a junction with the original route.

Moonman 35m E5 6a/b **. Niall McNair, Iain Small. 26 Aug 2012.

Fine sustained climbing up the wall between *The Cullinan* and *Browbeaten*. Start 5m to the left of *The Cullinan* where a thin break slants up and to the left on small holds and flakes until some good breaks are gained. From the top juggy break, make tricky moves up some small left-facing flakes for a few metres until a step right can be made into a black intrusion (common with *The Cullinan*). Move left and continue upwards to a big flat hold. A further couple of moves leads into the break of *Browbeaten*; finish up this.

OLD MAN OF STOER:

Note from Ian Taylor: A better description for *Tall Stoeries*. On pitch one, the left-facing corner is gained by climbing up well round to the left to reach a break, then traversing the break right rightwards into the corner, 20m rather than 30m. On the second pitch it is 30m to a belay on a small ledge above the flake, but another 20m on blocky ground to the top. A good route, but not ****. Right at the very top of the grade with some scrittly rock.

STOER, Clashnessie Bay, Geodh' Dubh, Nightwatch Slab:

(NC 067 320) South facing Mostly non-tidal

An enclosed geo about 200m west of Arch Crag (SMCJ 2010) with an attractive south facing black slab. From the parking spot opposite the west end of Loch na Bruthaich, cross a stile and head over the hillside to a promontory just east of the small island (Sgeir nan Gobhar). The slab is clearly visible across the geo. It is much friendlier and better protected than it looks. The rock is very rough and clean though a little flaky on the surface. Abseil to a good hanging stance at small ledges near the arete at the right edge of the slab.

The Balloon Snail 16m V.Diff *. Ferdia Earle, Andy Moles. 24 Apr 2013.

From the stance, traverse left across the slab. Make a tricky step to gain the corner and up this.

The Dyson Platypus 14m VS 5a **. Ferdia Earle, Andy Moles. 24 Apr 2013.

From the stance, trend up leftwards to an obvious diagonal crack-line. Follow this to beneath a V shaped notch in the top of the crag, and finish directly to this.

Just Another Story 13m E2 5c *. Andy Moles, Ferdia Earle. 25 Apr 2013.
Start as for the previous route, but from the diagonal crack, follow a line of small holds directly up the wall above, passing a small circular quartz patch just below the top.

The Clash 12m H.Severe 4b **. Andy Moles, Ferdia Earle. 24 Apr 2013.
From the stance, climb directly up thin cracks and through a big quartz patch to the top.

White Riot 12m VS 4c *. Andy Moles, Ferdia Earle. 24 Apr 2013.
Follow the arete all the way, keeping mostly on its slabby side.

CONIVAL:

Approach via the path up Gleann Dubh to opposite Breabag Tarsuinn but before the South-Eastern ridge (which borders the Garbh Choire). There are several broken ridges with steep steps; this is the middle one (NC 302 194) and near the South-East Ridge.

Explorers' Ridge 300m II/III. John & Eve Mackenzie. 5 Apr 2013.
Steep broken ground (not included in length) leads up and right to a definite steepening where two ridges are separated by a widening gully with prominent icefalls. Snow leads to the less steep but longer one on the left for couple of pitches, then snow to the left-hand ridge which is followed over mixed ground to the top. The climb finishes onto a little ridge which is west of Conival's summit. Well frozen mixed ground on this ascent but probably better under snowier conditions.

CANISP:

The First White Line 200m III. Geoff Cohen, Des Rubens. 6 Apr 2013.
On the north flank of Canisp, in the area a few hundred metres west of Loch na Faoileige. In persistent cold conditions, several easy angled icefalls form in this area. The first reached (most easterly) is bounded by rocks on either side and was soloed to give a pleasant climb. After it petered out, snow slopes were followed to the summit.

QUINAG, Western Cliffs:

Stairway 150m IV,4. Jonathan Preston, Andy Nisbet. 18 Jan 2013.
Roughly based on the edge where the front face turns left into the sidewall of the gully below the fourth col. Start up a shallow gully on the front face and follow it to a prominent pinnacle. Go up the right side of the pinnacle, cross over its col and traverse easily left on the main gully wall to a gully. Climb the slabby wall just left of the gully to a terrace (50m). Finish up a groove at the right end of the wall above the terrace.

Balconic 120m IV,4. Jonathan Preston, Andy Nisbet. 18 Jan 2013.
The sidewall of the gully further up from *Staircase*. Start about one third of the way up the main gully below a big gully on the sidewall. Go up to below the gully, then take a ramp right of it and leading right before returning left to near

the gully edge. Go up to a corner close to the edge and left of a steep wall. Climb the corner and slowly easing ground above (50m).

QUINAG, Spidean Coinich, North Face:

Unnamed 400m II. Dave Allan. 25 Feb 2005.

The left-hand of two long easy gullies on the face. The gully mentioned in the guide at the bottom of p224 is the right-hand. The gully consisted of 170m of icy steps, then 230m of easy slopes leading to the left of the summit rock buttress.

QUINAG, Sail Garbh:

Note: The right branch of *V-Gully* gives a formidable looking cave pitch in lean conditions. It would take a fair accumulation of snow for this pitch to bank out. In 2013 Geoff Cohen and Des Rubens traversed 30m right from the base of the cave, ascended about 40m up and traversed back in to the gully. Although the traverse back in was easy, the traverse out was difficult and serious (although it may have been possible to move out more easily from some distance below the cave). At least Grade IV, serious and dependent on good turf.

FAR NORTH-WEST CRAGS, Creag nam Phreasain Challtuinne:

(NC 189 468) Alt 120m South facing

Crag of the Wrinkled Hazel. A line of crags lie a short distance back from the northern shores of Loch Phreasain Challtuinne giving short but varied and enjoyable climbs on good gneiss in a pleasant setting. From the A894 take the minor road towards Tarbet and park beyond Warm Up Buttress (p240 NH North) where there is a layby on the left opposite a fenced sheep fank and approach from the south-east end of the loch, over a small ridge to arrive at the crags; 5 to 10mins.

The longer wall in front seamed with cracks is Hazel Crag, the steep west facing wall and slab on the right, Wrinkled Crag and the red slab and wall at the left end of the crag, Juniper Wall which has a couple of narrow slabs to its right. The one nearest Juniper Wall is Trundle Slab and the bigger and broader one between it and Hazel Crag is Deception Slab. Starting from the right, as on arrival, Wrinkled Crag has a steep west wall with a central crack, and an inset groove to the right which overlooks a fine red slab.

Wrinkled Crag:

Routes are described right to left.

Leac nam Phreasain Challtuinne 12m Severe **. Eve Austin, John Mackenzie. 16 Jun 2012.

Climb the delectable red slab from a small niche direct to the top.

Aperitif 15m HVS 5a *. John Mackenzie, Eve Austin. 26 Jun 2012.

The inset groove gives a pleasing delicacy, protected by smaller wires. The block is fine to stand on but is hollow.

Main Course 15m E2 5c **. John Mackenzie, Eve Austin. 26 Jun 2012.

The crack-line on the steep west face gives an interesting climb on good holds. The lower wide crack leads to an overhung alcove split by a crack which is climbed to a wedged block. Move up and right onto a ramp, crux, to finish.

Hazel Crag:

Hazel Crag has a shallow corner on the left with an offset corner above and initially steep crack-lines to the right and a smooth red slab on the right-hand end, left of a jutting flake, reached by a heather tussle. Routes are described left to right.

Hazel Where Art Thou? 20m VS 4c **. John Mackenzie, Eve Austin. 16 Jun 2012.

Climb the shallow corner on the left of the crag, step right to a ledge then climb the cracked corner on the right to the top, a good varied route.

Old Wrinkly 15m MVS 4b *. John Mackenzie, Eve Austin. 16 Jun 2012.

The straight crack to the right of a slanting grassy crack-line which is more entertaining than it looks.

Oh Nuts! 15m VS 5b. John Mackenzie, Eve Austin. 16 Jun 2012.

The companion crack lies just to the right which has a reachy start but then is easier.

Towards the right-hand end of the wall is a red slab to the left of a jutting flake reached by a heathery scramble.

Post-Prandial Delights 12m E1 5b **. John Mackenzie, Eve Austin. 26 Jun 2012.

Start just left of the jutting flake, move up then step left to the thin crack on the left of the slab which is followed to the top.

Eve O'Stick 12m VS 4c *. John Mackenzie, Bob Brown, Eve Austin. 7 Aug 2012.

Start from the jutting flake and climb up and left to a thin crack and flakes and pleasantly to the top.

Which Hazel? 12m VS 4c. Bob Brown, John Mackenzie, Eve Austin. 7 Aug 2012.

Start from the top of the jutting flake and climb up the brown segmented crack on the right to the top.

Deception Slab:

Moving left from Hazel Crag is Deception Slab, a dark grey wall of interesting rock, steeper than it looks from below. There are two obvious lines, a crack-line on the right and a shallow flake corner in the middle. To the immediate right of the slab is a pair of broken longer ribs. Descent is quickest down the narrow gully to the right of Trundle Slab.

Raggedy Rib 30m Diff. Eve Austin, John Mackenzie. 25 Jul 2012.

The right-hand rib is taken from the base direct to the top, a bit heathery in places.

A Dexterous Move 20m HVS 5a **. John Mackenzie, Eve Austin. 25 Jul 2012.

The crack-line is started from the left and steepens to a distinctive crux at a bulge and then continues up the crack to a slab where the little overhang at the top is taken on the right. Good and quite technical but well protected.

Avoiding the Wrinkles 20m HVS 5a **. John Mackenzie, Eve Austin. 25 Jul 2012.

The shallow flakey corner is started to the right of a wide crack on undercuts and sidepulls to a small niche. Continue up the crux section of flakes to the slab and take the overhang in the middle. Good interesting climbing with adequate protection.

Trundle Slab:

Trundle Slab is the narrow recessed slab to the right of Juniper Wall and close to the descent gully to its right.

Trundle Slab 15m V.Diff. *. Eve Austin, John Mackenzie. 25 Jul 2012.

The spikey slab is climbed in the middle via a recess and a little rectangular overhang to the right of a heathery crack to the top. Not a huge amount of protection but pleasant enough.

Juniper Wall:

Juniper Wall, to the left of Hazel Crag has a crozzly slab on the left, curiously patterned and a steeper red wall to the right. Routes are described right to left. Descent is down the biggest of two ramps behind the routes. 10

Hourglass Wall 20m HVS 5a **. John & Eve Mackenzie. 6 Apr 2013. 12 11

A good well protected route up the wall to the right of a curving shallow overlap starting in the middle of the wall and finishing up the clean crack.

Juniper Slab 20m Severe 4a. John Mackenzie, Eve Austin. 16 Jun 2012.

This climbs the red slab above the Juniper bush through the cracked overhang to finish up easy rocks to the descent ramp above.

Noughts and Crosses 20m Severe 4a. Eve Austin, John Mackenzie. 16 Jun 2012.

This climbs the crozzly slab just to the left to the overhang and up its left edge to finish as for *Juniper Slab*.

TARBET CRAGS, Brown Crag:

Light Brown was thought to be VS 4b by Fiona Reid & Mike Watson.

TARBET SEA-CLIFFS, Raven's Crag:

Left of the main cliff is a shorter wall characterized by a large horizontal roof.

Blue, Red and Grey 20m VS 4c. Michael Barnard. 3 Jun 2012.

On the far left is a red wall cut by a series of left-slanting parallel crack-lines. Start just left of a large boulder and climb the cracks. The rock is generally solid but there are some loose blocks near the top.

Black Choss 20m H.Severe 4a. Michael Barnard. 3 Jun 2012.

The obvious black fault-line has few solid holds.

Bloodsucker 15m E2 5c **. Michael Barnard, Alan Pergusey. 26 Aug 2012.

Climb up to under the roof, then exit leftwards with difficulty.

The wall containing the routes *Thrust*, *Parry* and *Feint* is actually south facing. Overlooking the descent ramp is a gently overhanging west facing wall. At the far end is a grossly overhanging corner and north facing wall; the following route crosses the channel below the corner, then traverses right under the overhang.

The Big Splash 20m HVS 4c **. Michael Barnard (unsec). 26 Aug 2012.
Low tide required. From a large block in the channel, pull up on good holds then move right and step down to take the less obvious lower traverse line under a bulge (crux). The upper ramp is possible but involves a 5c downclimb. Continue the traverse to the edge, then step up and climb rightwards up the seaward wall to finish.

Balmy Slabs:

White Wizard, Left-hand Variation 20m E3 6a **. Michael Barnard, Alan Pergusey. 26 Aug 2012.

Start left of the normal route, below a thin left-trending intermittent crack-line. Move up, then up and left to a good sidepull in the initial overlap. Reach up for an obvious vertical slot (good small RP just above this), then make hard moves rightwards to join the normal route where it breaks through the overlap. Pre-practiced.

Note: The original start up *Jeepers Creepers* seemed a bit redundant.

Rubh' a' Cheathraimh Ghairbh (NC 183 527):

This sea-cliff is located on the west end of the peninsular north of Loch Dughail. Park at the end of the Ardmore road and follow the footpath to where it starts to climb up to Ardmore itself. Now follow the north shore of the loch; if the island at the end (Eilean na Saille) becomes visible, the cliff lies back over to the left, 1hr 20mins.

Main Cliff:

Partially Tidal North-West facing

An impressive steep black wall dropping into the sea. Once this is located, scramble down the promontory to the north to view the wall. *Rhinos*, *Winos and Lunatics* takes a long rising horizontal break, gained by an abseil to the obvious non-tidal ledge on the right-hand side of the wall.

Rhinos, Winos and Lunatics 30m HVS 4c ***. Michael Barnard, John MacLeod. 4 Aug 2012.

From the ledge, move up to gain the break which is followed round into the next corner, then under a large roof and on into the main corner. Continue leftwards up the break to near the left arete. Move up, then pull leftwards onto the arete to finish.

Back into the Future 30m HVS 5a **. Michael Barnard, John MacLeod. 4 Aug 2012.

The obvious steep fault on the left side of the cliff. Approach by scrambling down the promontory and traversing in under an overhang.

Slow Motion 15m E1 5b * Michael Barnard, John MacLeod. 4 Aug 2012.

Start 2m left of the above and move up to climb a steep left-slanting crack to a ledge. Ignore easier finishes left and right; instead take the steep crack splitting the prow above.

Dancing Days 10m Severe 4b *. Michael Barnard. 14 Jul 2012.

Start just left of the large part of the overhang. A long reach and pull up gains the line of weakness above.

Sea of Joy 10m Severe *. Michael Barnard. 14 Jul 2012.

The crack and corner at the left end of the wall, finishing as for the above.

Jelly Fish 10m Severe *. Michael Barnard. 14 Jul 2012.

Climb rightwards across the wall to an obvious ledge. Finish up the groove above.

Portuguese Man of War 10m HVS 4c **. Michael Barnard. 14 Jul 2012.

Left of the scramble descent is a lightly coloured grossly overhanging wall. Climb the left-slanting ramp line up the wall. Exciting!

Rock, Salt and Whales 35m VS 4b *. Michael Barnard. 14 Jul 2012.

Start at the base of the promontory. Hand-traverse left (feet on barnacles, low tide advised!) to step down into a large slabby cleft. Follow this to the top.

The large cleft of the above becomes a grassy gully higher up. The following two routes lie on the reddish wall on the right-hand side of the gully:

Marmalade 10m H.Severe 4b. Michael Barnard. 14 Jul 2012.

The most prominent corner on the wall has two clumps of grass.

Marshmallow Pie 20m V.Diff. Michael Barnard. 14 Jul 2012.

Start at the right side of the wall below a right-slanting crack. Climb this and the flake-crack above, continuing directly to the top of the crag.

An 8-10m high slabby wall higher up the gully gives pleasant climbing up a number of lines, all about Severe.

Stoner's Cliff:

Partially Tidal North-West facing

A long steep wall, best viewed from the promontory opposite. The line of *Stone Free* is obvious as a left-right rising traverse across the length of the wall.

Stone Free 40m V.Diff **. Michael Barnard. 14th Jul 2012.

Approach by down climbing to the ledge from near the end of the promontory above. Walk along, then hand-traverse to below the roof. Crawl up the break until past the roof (possible belay), then continue more easily up the traverse line to the top.

The following routes take vertical lines on the wall, gained by scrambling down the slab from the promontory opposite.

Oblivion Express 20m H.Severe 4b **. John MacLeod, Michael Barnard. 4 Aug 2012.

In the centre of the wall is an obvious roof and flake-crack. Start below the roof and move up to climb the flake-crack to the upper roof. Crawl leftwards up the break of *Stone Free*. Once able to stand up, move back right up the fine headwall.

Variation: *Direct Finish* E1 5c *. Michael Barnard, John MacLeod. 4 Aug 2012.

From the top of the flake-crack, reach up for a horizontal break to gain and finish up twin cracks.

The Experience 20m VS 4c *. Michael Barnard, John MacLeod. 4 Aug 2012. Start a few metres to the right and climb a vertical fault up to the break of *Stone Free*. Step right to finish up a slight scoop.

The Arches:

Partially Tidal Several Aspects

Continuing down the promontory opposite Stoner's Cliff leads to this remarkable feature, a channel cutting in northwards with two arches offset from and at different levels to one another.

Broken Arrow 20m Severe ***. Michael Barnard. 14 Jul 2012.

Start on ledges just above the channel.

1. 8m Climb a diagonal crack underneath the upper arch to the top of the lower one.
2. 12m Traverse left along the ledge to finish up the obvious break in the roof.

To reach the next route, walk over the upper arch and descend off the end of the promontory to ledges at the far end of the steep north face.

Archery 10m VS 4c **. Michael Barnard. 14 Jul 2012.

Hand-traverse left, then climb directly up a small groove and the wall above to the top. Steep and improbable but on positive holds.

Space Cowboy 15m H.Severe 4b *. Michael Barnard. 14 Jul 2012.

Climbs the centre of the north face - approach by scrambling down the slab opposite. Climb a steep crack leading to the top break of *Broken Arrow*. Hand-traverse right to finish up the obvious corner.

Variation: H.Severe 4b. Michael Barnard. 14 Jul 2012.

Finish directly up the top break.

Creag Mhor:

Tsunami 15m VS 4c *. Michael Barnard. 12 Jul 2012.

Right of the main crag is a short steep wall with an obvious right-facing corner at its top. Start below this at a short red corner-crack. Move leftwards up this, then continue up into the top corner.

Creag Beag:

A few minutes walk past Creag Mhor is this short steep crag with a fine flake-crack left of centre. North facing.

No Quarter 12m VS 4c *. Michael Barnard. 12 Jul 2012.
Climb the flake-crack to finish up the top slab.

Penny Farthing 10m V.Diff. Michael Barnard. 12 Jul 2012.
The vertical fault-line at the right end of the crag.

Big Little Crag:

A few minutes further again is this fine red overhanging wall, also well seen from the Kinlochbervie area. West facing.

Semolina Pilchard 20m HVS 5b **. Michael Barnard, John MacLeod. 5 Aug 2012.

The lefthand line of weakness in the central section of the crag. Climb a left-facing corner to a small ledge. Step left and climb a hanging groove to reach another ledge below a roof. Continue slightly left up cracks in the slab above.

Fish-head Custard 20m HVS 5a **. Michael Barnard, John MacLeod. 5 Aug 2012.

Start 2m right of the above and climb a left-facing corner-crack to a large ledge. Step left, then climb leftwards up the wall to the slanting break, before moving up right to below the roof. Hand-traverse left to finish up the slab above.

Tangerine Wall 20m E1 5b **. Michael Barnard, John MacLeod. 5 Aug 2012.
Right of the above, a steep start up twin cracks gains the ledge below the central groove in the crag. Move up a steep shallow groove on the right before stepping left into the main groove. Continue up this to the top.

The Bervie Nipper 15m E2 5c **. Michael Barnard, John MacLeod. 5 Aug 2012.

On the right-hand side of the wall, take the steep crack through the bulge to gain and continue up the groove above.

The Angler 12m Severe *. Michael Barnard. 12 Jul 2012.

A right-slanting line up the slabbier wall immediately right of the main crag.

Gone Fishin' 10m Severe. Michael Barnard. 12 Jul 2012.

Start a few metres right of the above and climb straight up the wall.

Ridgeway View Crag:

Nagging 15m Severe. Fiona Reid, Mike Watson. 1 May 2012.

Right of *Classic Crack* is another heather choked groove. Ascend the crack system to the right of this.

BEN HOPE:

Gracefall 80m III **. Steve Perry. Apr 2013.

The stream in the lower section of the wide gully between *Brown's Ridge* and *Bell's Ridge*. It leads to the following route.

Hopefall 170m III. Katie Long, Andy Nisbet, Steve Perry. 15 Feb 2013.

An icefall which forms on the left side of the upper section of the wide gully between *Brown's Ridge* and *Bell's Ridge*. After the 50m icefall, 120m of Grade I

snow led up and right on to the finish of *Brown's Ridge*. The summit of Ben Hope was gained by following a line of ice (Grade II) left of an easy gully which is left of the difficult step on the upper continuation ridge.

WHITEN HEAD, Mainland Cliff:

Dreaming of Mint Cake 30m E5 6a **. Simon Nadin (unsec). Jun 2011.

Tackles the overhanging crack above the cave to the left of *Mosscheeper*. Pull rightwards through the roof of the cave (Friend 4 on left) to gain good holds and gear at the start of the crack. A difficult sequence leads steeply to a partial rest below the next step in the roof from where more difficult moves gain the less steep wall above. Continue in a more or less direct line to the top, keeping to the left of the final corner of *Mosscheeper*. Well worth the walk?!

BEN LOYAL, Sgorr A' Bhatain, Lower Tor:

Jacobite Gold 75m E3 ***. Simon Nadin, Neil Wilson. 12 May 2011.

A superb route. Start below the obvious snaking crack-line.

1. 35m 6a Climb a corner-crack to gain a small pedestal to the left of the main crack-line. Climb diagonally rightwards with increasing difficulty to access the hand/fist crack. Sustained jamming leads to an awkward exit from where the crack closes. Continue trending rightwards to a final hand-traverse and belay below the continuation crack come corner above.
2. 25m 5b Enjoyable climbing follows a series of cracks and corners until the heathery ground above is reached.
3. 15m Scramble rightwards to finish.

Note: *Top Hat Crack* (SMCJ 2010) has been renamed *Divided Loyalties*.

Sgorr A' Bhatain, Middle Tor:

A previously unclimbed tor midway between the upper and lower and with an obvious square-cut roof at the top of the crag.

Unnamed 25m VS 4b. Dave Allan, Neil Wilson, Simon Nadin. 12 May 2011.

Climbs the corner on the left-hand side of the roof. A short traverse from the left gains the slab below the corner. Follow this before breaking out into the right-hand branch of the corner and finishing above the roof. Pleasant.

CAITHNESS SEA-CLIFFS, Auckengill:

Deal Breaker 8m VS 5a *. Steve Perry, Katie Long. 15 Jul 2012.

Follow a crack 3m right of *Horsepower* through breaks to the top. Sustained.

LATHERONWHEEL:

Note: The shore park at Latheronwheel has been fenced off as a deer farm. The field extends from the stile at the top of the path from the harbour to a point south of the climbing. So far this doesn't affect access for climbers, although the dog walkers of Latheronwheel are not happy. In fact they are meant to be removing the old fence, so it will be marginally easier for climbers; they would follow the line of the deer fence without hindrance.

ORKNEY, YESNABY:

More routes have been received and there is a big backlog waiting to be written up.

ORKNEY, South Ronaldsay, Halcro Head:

There's good climbing in the Rami Geo/Halcro Head area, just north of Tomb of the Eagles.

Approach: As for the Tomb of the Eagles, but head north for a further kilometre along the coastal path, passing Black Geo, to reach the head of Rami Geo (ND 472 851). The north side of the geo is a 200m sweep of gently sloping rock averaging 30m in height. Access is by abseil and an extra rope is required to reach occasional belays. There is a series of good tilted ledges at sea-level though this is not a good place to be in a rough sea. The whole face is seamed with natural crack-lines, mostly on excellent rock, though care is required topping out. Descriptions start from the seaward/eastern end working back inland.

Rami Geo (ND 472 851):

Chabble 25m Diff. Nev Kale, Jim Cox. 13 May 2005.

The first full length crack-line 10m in from seaward corner (broken after half-way).

Cockalowrie 25m V.Diff *. Mick Tighe, Nev Kale. 13 May 2005.

15m left follow the full length crack-line with a prominent left-facing corner at the bottom.

Billy the Priest 25m V.Diff *. Billy Burnside, Simon Fraser. 22 Sep 2012.

Between *Cockalowrie* and *Ottoman Abbott* is a nice little wall with horizontal bedding plains, which can be climbed almost anywhere. Head up the wall aiming for a small left-facing corner above half-height.

Ottoman Abbott 25m Diff *. Simon Fraser, Billy Burnside. 22 Sep 2012.

Climb the shallow left-facing corner line 10m left of *Cockalowrie*. Continue easily up broken ground, finishing in a prominent corner (poor belay).

Kishyfaik 25m Diff. Mick Tighe, Christine Clark. 13 May 2005.

A pleasant crack-line left again.

Thunder Crack 30m VS 4b/c **. Mick & Kathy Tighe. 18 Aug 2012.

Towards the left end of the grey wall is a deep V-recess, climbed to make a tricky exit out right onto a good ledge. Follow a fine grey crack in the wall above.

Opal 30m VS 5a *. Mick & Kathy Tighe. 22 Sep 2012.

A few metres left of *Thunder Crack* is a fine 8m left-facing corner. Climb this and make a tricky but well-protected move through the wee overhang. Turn the next overhang by a right left zig-zag into the finishing recess, which is a little vegetated but still gives good climbing.

Eagle Ronnie 30m VS 4c **. Mick & Kathy Tighe. 22 Sep 2012.

Left again, follow tram-lines up the fine wall crossing a small overhang at one-third height, and a bigger one at two-thirds. Enjoyable climbing, good protection.

Kirsty Kringlick 30m VS 4b *. Mick Tighe, Howard Clark. 10 May 2006.

Start in the one metre wide recess with a small triangular overhang on the right. Climb the recess and follow the crack-line that continues from its right side. Trend diagonally left at the top across a fine dark wall.

Black Gannet 40m VS 4c **. Kathy & Mick Tighe. 22 Sep 2012.

Left of *Kirsty Kringlick*, a big block sits in the middle of the wall at half-height. Climb the wall below and then right of the block before stepping out left onto it. Continue up a delicate slab above with limited protection.

Coronary Bypass 40m HVS 5a *. Mick & Kathy Tighe, Billy Burnside, Simon Fraser. 23 Sep 2012.

An interesting adventure up the corner system right of the second series of overhangs at the left end of the face (birds in nesting season).

Left (inland) of *Coronary Bypass* there is a lot more rock, though whilst it is good low down, the upper half is loose and would require a good deal of cleaning. There is an excellent sea-level traverse of the whole Geo – 200m V.Diff – best done solo on a sunny day in shorts & trainers!

Returning to the seaward, eastern end of Rami Geo and around the corner from *Chabble*, the following routes can be found:

Skraa 20m VS 4b **. Mick Tighe, Nev Kale, Jim Cox. 13 May 2005.

Around the corner from *Chabble* on the east facing/seaward wall. Good climbing with good protection up a slightly recessed wall with an interesting zig-zag fault-line.

Kittiwake Corner 20m Severe. Mick Tighe, Nev Kale, Jim Cox. 13 May 2005. An open-book corner lies 50m right of *Skraa* and leads up to flat-topped pedestal. Climb the interesting corner.

One hundred metres north of Rami Geo is an inlet with two huge sea-caves, which are divided by a central pillar. The following route climbs the atmospheric pillar in a very spectacular setting, but not the place to be in a rough sea.

Sea Society 40m VS 4c ***. Mick Tighe, Janice Cargill. 9 May 2005.

Abseil from two stakes, lurking in the vegetation, to small ledges at sea-level on the south side of the pillar. Work your way back up the pillar mostly on the left and with generally good protection. The rock is good but with a few loose flakes here and there – the stars are for location as much as quality!

Improbable Wall (ND 474 854):

This is the impressive south facing wall just south of Halcro Head. It is 40m high and 60m wide with a series of overhangs at two-thirds height at the seaward/east end. Looking pretty ferocious from any angle, the wall provides a fine crop of routes at improbable grades. A full rack of cams will find plenty of horizontal breaks and a few wires will locate the odd crack. Abseil from the fence posts up by the stile – extra rope required. There are small ledges at the tide line (guillemot colony in the area of *Bird Society* during the nesting season).

Aanie Onyoo 40m VS 4b **. Mick Tighe, James Armour. 7 Sep 2006.

The fine crack at the left/landward side of the crag finishing up the black corner just below the fence line. It's not as hard as it looks and protection is excellent.

Bird Society 40m Mild VS 4b. Mick Tighe, Callum Forsyth. Sep 2006.

A colony of guillemots set up shop to the right of *Aanie Onyoo* in the late spring/early summer. This route takes a direct line up the middle of the wall, 10m right of *Aanie Onyoo*, and through the colony once they've left. The upper section of the wall is much cleaner and the climb can be started from a good ledge at half-height, above the colony.

Sounds of the Sea 40m H.Severe **. Mick Tighe, Christine Clark. 10 May 2005.

Up the slab to the right of right-facing corner. Break out left through the overhang and up. Good protection.

Copinsay Corner 40m Mild VS 4b **. Mick & Kathy Tighe, Simon Fraser. 23 Sep 2012.

There is a recessed slab at the seaward end of the Improbable Wall. Start easily up a fine right-facing corner and trend right up the excellent slab to finish through small overhangs at the extreme right edge.

SHETLAND, Eshaness:

Note: Gary Latter thought *Foy Corner* to be a superb long pitch, HVS 5a *** or ****.

Grind of The Navir:

Navir Again 30m E4 6a ***. Gary Latter. 31 Jul 2012.

A stunning pitch up the west pillar. Start just left of the base of *Da Droiltin Tree*. Climb the arete to a good incut ledge (unprotected, but straightforward), then by a combination of the crack and right arete to a good ledge. Pull out right onto the slab, step left (good Camelot 0.1 in a small pocket) and round to good holds on the slab out left. Continue veering rightwards past several breaks to the top.

Notes from Gary Latter: *Ponder* was thought to be E4 6a *, sustained crux with fiddly protection. *Two Tone* felt like E3 5c *. *Da Droiltin Tree* was definitely E1 5b.

NORTHERN HIGHLANDS CENTRAL

SLIOCH, Atlantic Wall:

Morgane 240m VII,8. Guy Robertson, Roger Webb. 16 Mar 2013.

Start directly beneath the prominent corner system mentioned in the description of *The Sea, The Sea*. About 10m left of the start of that route is a left-facing corner immediately left of the prow left of its turfy start.

1. 30m Climb this corner to reach a terrace belay below the prominent corner.
2. 30m Climb the prominent corner to belay beneath another corner.
3. 25m Climb this corner to another terrace and belay beneath a corner that develops into a steep chimney.
4. 40m Climb the corner and chimney to belay on a blunt easier arete.
5. 30m Climb the arete (common with *Katabasis*) to reach another steep tier belay in an obvious bay slightly right of the crest.

6. 30m Climb an incipient groove on the right of the bay to reach a more defined chimney groove. Go up this and belay below another steep wall on a narrow terrace.

7. and 8. 85m Move right about 20m and then easily upwards to reach the flat top of Atlantic Wall.

There then follows 120m of grade I/II ground to the summit.

Yggdrasil 220m VIII,8. Pete MacPherson, Roger Webb. 29 Mar 2013.

About 15m in from the right arete of Atlantic Wall (*Skyline Highway*) is a very defined open left-facing corner that ends at an overhang.

1. 30m Climb the corner to a good if possibly dubious ledge under the overhang.

2. 30m Take the overhang on the right and gain the continuation corner above.

Go up this to reach easier ground.

3. 30m Climb directly to the foot of a steep chimney.

4. 30m Climb the chimney and cross some easier ground to beneath a large flake-crack directly above the chimney.

5. 20m Climb the hugely entertaining flake-crack to reach easier ground.

6. and 7. 80m Continue in the same line to reach the flat top of Atlantic Wall.

Continue to the summit (120m I/II).

Note: Both these routes are worth two stars and possibly more.

RUBHA MOR, Mellon Cliffs, Leacon Donna:

Undesirable Variation 6m V.Diff 4b. Mark Collins. 3 May 2011.

This route is on the wall between *Evening Aroma* and *Left Wall*. A steep start (crux) via massive jugs that reaches the mid-height terrace at its leftmost end.

Follow this rightwards to its end and exit via the corner above.

Ray the Otter 8m E1 5a. Mark Collins. 6 May 2011.

The arete between *Foam* and *Squid Direct* is hard to start (crux) and leads to slabbier climbing above. Protection in *Foam* lowers the grade.

GRUINARD CRAGS,

Note from from Ian Taylor: At Goat Crag, Twillo Thunder is E5 6a **.

AN TEALLACH AREA, Beinn Dearg Mor:

Flake Buttress 300m VI,6. Simon Richardson, Roger Webb. 24 Jan 2013.

A winter ascent based on the summer line.

1. 30m Start on the right side of the buttress and follow a horizontal turf break leading out of *Central Gully* to gain easier ground and a good stance below a clean cracked wall on the front face of the buttress.

2. 15m Climb the wall by a shallow left-facing corner then move left to a stance on the left edge of the buttress.

3. 15m Traverse left for 5m along the left wall of the buttress (overlooking the gully of *Deranged*), then climb a short steep groove to a terrace. Belay below a short undercut chimney.

4. 20m Climb the awkward slot left of the chimney, then move right towards the front face of the buttress. Trend up and right to a stance below a steep wall.

5. 20m Traverse right and climb short, steep mossy corners on the right edge before a long reach left gains stacked blocks below a steep cracked wall.

6. 30m Step left around the buttress edge and climb an easy mixed groove to the top of the initial buttress.

7. to 10. 170m Follow the narrow horizontal ridge crossing a narrow neck (70m) to join a gully line curving through the continuation buttress that lies up and left. Follow the steepening gully to gain easier ground and the top (100m).

AN TEALLACH, Ghlas Tholl, Hayfork Wall:

Note: Martin Hind notes that *Hay Heck* (SMCJ 2011) should have been graded VI,6.

AN TEALLACH, Toll an Lochain, Gobhlach Buttress:

Tweener 350m V,6. Brian Davison, Andy Nisbet. 13 Dec 2012.

A route up the face which overlooks *Central Gully*.

1, 2. and 3. 125m Start up a line of three chimneys forming the right edge of Gobhlach Buttress. These are in a line with *Lucky Strike*, which comes in above them. They need to be frozen, which is rare, but can easily be bypassed via *Lucky Strike*.

2. 45m On the left just above the top chimney is a slight rectangular recess with a crack-line either side. In the icy conditions, the right crack was climbed but under powder the harder left would have to be taken. After the crack, move diagonally right before a long traverse left on turf reaches the left end of the next tier. Return right above it.

3. 35m Go diagonally right on turf, climb through an overlap into an icy corner and continue right to below a steep chimney. This chimney is just right of a big V-groove with an undercut base.

4. 45m Climb the fine well protected chimney to an easing in angle. Go rightwards to enter and climb a turfy groove, leading to easy ground.

5. and 6. 100m Continue to the top of the buttress.

Corrag Bhuidhe South Buttress:

Fast Track 350m IV,4. Pat Ingram, Andy Nisbet. 10 Feb 2013.

A gully which leaves *Constabulary Couloir* to head up on to the crest of the buttress. Start up the left side of *Constabulary Couloir* and continue to reach an icefall some 50m up from where the gully wall is fully formed. Climb the icefall and continue up snow to where the gully narrows (45m). Continue up the gully to where it splits (60m). Climb the steep left fork past two chockstones to snow on the right (45m). Go up snow to the crest and finish up this. Climbed in good icy conditions.

Police and Thieves 400m III *. Michael Barnard, Ron Dempster. 6 Apr 2013.

A logical line of weakness up the right flank of South Buttress. Approach up *Constabulary Couloir* (not included in route length) to the foot of a short icefall on the left (*Fast Track*). Climb the icefall and continue up the gully above; where this starts to narrow, step right onto a large ledge (60m). Move rightwards along the ledge for 20m, then climb a turfy groove to gain a right-slanting ramp-line. Follow the ramp-line, then continue in a similar line up the snowfield above to finish up the obvious break in the top wall.

Corrag Bhuidhe:

Rongbuk 235m IV,4. Dave McGimpsey, Andy Nisbet, Jonathan Preston. 18 Dec 2012.

A left-hand line up the triangular buttress containing the route *Potala Buttress*. Start as for *Potala Buttress*.

1. 45m Move left as for *Potala Buttress* but then continue trending slightly left to a ledge. A serious pitch with only turf protection.
2. 45m Continue trending slightly left to reach the bottom left side of a wide shallow depression.
3. 45m Go up the left side of the depression, then go diagonally left.
4. 50m Continue trending left on turfy ground, then snow, to enter an icy gully.
5. 50m Go up the gully to reach snow. Follow this left to reach the crest of the ridge.

Note: Andy Nisbet & Jonathan Preston made a free ascent of *Potala Buttress* on 27 Dec 2012 and thought it V,5.

Lady's Gully Lower Continuation 100m II/III. Brian Davison, Andy Nisbet. 2 Feb 2013.

The fault-line which forms the gully continues down through the lowest tier and makes a very good start when fully iced. This is right of the *Swiss Approach* and the icefall start to *1978 Face Route*.

Note: From high up *Lady's Gully*, twin gullies lead off right and reach the crest between the first and second Corrag Bhuidhe pinnacles. The left is Grade III (Brian Davison, 2 Feb 2013) and the right is Grade II (Andy Nisbet 2 Feb 2013). These add more technical interest and some length to *Lady's Gully*.

THE FANNAICHS, Sgurr nan Clach Geala:

Slanting Rib 100m III. Richard Higham, John Higham. 26 Dec 2010.

A short rib defines the right side of *Slanting Gully* and is composed of two main steps. Ascend these directly, the first easily, the second with more difficulty. Easy ground leads beyond onto the descent slopes. An alternative finish is to move left and follow the steeper upper section of *Slanting Gully*. This provided 75m of continuous ice on this ascent.

THE FANNAICHS, Creag Dubh a' Gorm Lochain (NH 237 693):

Gormless Gully 250m I. Martin Hind. 27 Dec 2012.

Climb an obvious gully cutting up and rightwards to the shoulder of a spur starting above the right end of Loch Gorm and finishing on the shoulder of *West Buttress*. At a narrowing, the chimney icefall leading up left is the start of *Roseroot*.

Wandering Gormlins 100m III. Martin Hind. 27 Dec 2012.

Near top of *Gormless Gully* a series of short icefalls form on the left-hand side. This takes the upper one leading into a runnel heading up and right of an upper rocky cliff via a narrow gully to the upper slopes. Route length an estimate.

West Buttress Chimney 190m III. Martin Hind, James Edwards. 15 Dec 2012.

Climb an obvious narrow gully right of *Gormless Gully* and keeping to the right avoiding an escape out left halfway up the lower section. Cross a snowfield and climb up through mixed section to finish. One can traverse round left into *Gormless Gully* at half-height to give a Grade II.

SGURR MOR:

Blue Sky Thinking with Right-Hand Start 200m III,4. Martin Hind. 22 Feb 2013.

Start just up from base of *Easter Gully* on its left wall where an obvious icefall forms with an easier ice runnel just to right. The right-hand runnel was taken avoiding the steeper direct start. Traverse left once above the steep start and join the main line where easier ice pitches lead to snowfields above. Finish to the right of a small buttress at a point which can cornice.

Note: The direct start was climbed a few days later by Rob Bryniarski.

Happy Ravens 200m III/IV, 3/4. Martin Hind. 1 Mar 2013.

A counter line to *Gelid Groove*, taking an obvious ice runnel midway between the big ice pitch of *Gelid Groove* and *Easter Gully*. Climb the ice runnel (II) to a snowfield before taking a rising diagonal line to a left-facing groove on the upper buttress left of *Gelid Groove*. Increasing difficulty with the crux near the top.

Note: The obvious line is to take the start of *Gelid Groove* finishing up *Happy Ravens* for a classic grade IV with more sustained climbing than *Resurrection*.

BAC AN EICH, Coire Toll Lochain:

This scalloped coire lies above Gleann Chorainn and presents a steeply graded slope of 200m plus in vertical height. On the upper right-hand side of the north-east face is a much steeper section of about 100m; *Cop-Out Buttress* can be identified by a thin but prominent icefall. To the left of this, past a smaller grooved buttress and nearer the left end of the north-east face is another buttress with a tree, *Horses 4 Courses*, and to its left the spur of Sgurr Toll Lochain which faces due north with one route, *Angels Delight*. To the right of *Cop-Out Buttress* is a wide shallow gully with a solitary ice pitch in narrows at the start where the face starts to swing south-east, *Funnel Gully*.

Horses 4 Courses 100m III,4 *. John Mackenzie, Andrew Mackenzie. 12 Dec 2012.

Approach from directly below and follow broken but steep ground which may include sections or pitches of ice separated by snow. The buttress has a section of steep brown rock running below it with potential icefalls which could join to form a continuous curtain and would extend the route considerably. The route described takes the icefalls to the right of a large icicle festooned cave which is to the right of a turfy funnel.

1. 30m Climb the steep icefall direct to a difficult landing. Go more easily up mixed ground to the tree belay on the right.
2. 25m Move back down and left from the tree and climb an iced groove to reach a slab, thinly iced on this occasion. Move right to a belay.
3. 45m Move back left to the iced slab and climb this to mixed ground and a short steep step which is climbed to easier ground to finish on the plateau.

The lower section of the corrie can form ice runnels in frosty and lean conditions and the best of these can be found right of centre more or less below an open groove which lies left of *Cop-Out Buttress*.

The Narrows 100m II. Dave Broadhead, John Mackenzie. 20 Jan 2013.

A narrow groove starting not far above the loch forms a shallow gully which gave continuous ice separated by well frozen turf with steep sections. It ends on a snowfield band that crosses the face. A good way to reach the routes above and to the right.

Cop-Out Buttress Left-Hand 140m III. Dave Broadhead, John Mackenzie. 20 Jan 2013.

The route starts as for *Cop-Out Buttress* at the groove that runs directly down from the icefall above.

1. 50m An awkward initial ice bulge led up the gully groove over turf and ice to reach a poorish belay on the right wall.
2. 40m Traverse up and left on the ramp to follow the headwall left and then up right to a peg belay below a steep groove and just right of a short vertical icefall.
3. 50m Climb the steep groove to easier mixed ground and a cornice which was small on this occasion.

GLEN AFFRIC, Coire Crom:

Daft Laddie 100m III. Matt Smith. 29 Mar 2013.

The right branch of the Allt a' Choire Chruim west of Meall a' Ghraidh. Start at about 470m (NH 150 203) as Grade I with Grade II or III steps available. Higher, it became more interesting and with less scope for easy options. Finish at a nice wee icefall that might be tech 4 taken direct or 3 left to right.

GLEN STRATHFARRAR, Sgurr na Lapaich, Creag Garbh-choire:

Heart of Glass 70m IV,5 **. Simon Nadin, John Mackenzie, Neil Wilson. 30 Mar 2013

This is the innocuous looking corner to the left and marks the left-end of the crag. The second pitch gives good escalating climbing with a steep and exposed finish. Seconds falling from the top will swing rightwards!

1. 20m Climb ice and a turf bulge to belay below the tree on the left.
2. 50m The icy chimney/gully above gives mounting interest to a very steep shield of ice at the exit; some rock protection to its left. Climb this, then move right some way to good belays.

Hollow Heart 100m V,5 ***. John Mackenzie, Simon Nadin, Neil Wilson. 30 Mar 2013.

This is the route of the crag and forms a narrow straight gully near the left-hand hand of the face. Under normal conditions it is a series of chockstones with thin vertical screens but on this ascent formed a continuous icefall with good belays but limited protection and was high in the grade on the day.

1. 25m Climb an ice pitch to a cramped stance on the left.
2. 50m Climb the near vertical icefall above.
3. 25m Finish easily up the gully.

Plinth Buttress 95m IV,4 *. John Mackenzie, Neil Wilson. 16 Jan 2013.

The central buttress left of *Deer Grass Gully*. Graded for poor conditions of powder and semi-frozen turf. A potentially good line under leaner well-frozen conditions.

1. 40m Climb the left-hand of two left-slanting corners over a chockstone, then up and right to the base of a prominent gully/groove with a small tree on the left.
2. 55m Climb the gully/groove and where it steepens, take a steeper narrow groove on the right to a plinth. If well frozen climb directly up left of an icy slot, but on this ascent a left traverse from the plinth, then up, led to a saddle belay. Another 60m of Grade I ground either left (better) or right leads to more level ground.

SGURR NA MUICE, North-East Face:

Left Pork 200m V,6 **. Dave Broadhead, John Mackenzie. 24 Feb 2013.

Climb the first three pitches of *Pearls Before Swine* to the blockage where the normal route goes right. The left fork climbs up a slab and corner which is devoid of turf and requires a thin coating of ice to be possible. Well worthwhile but probably not often in condition.

1. 20m Thin ice up the slab corner leads into an overhung alcove. Stand on a sloping yardarm to reach ice above. Continue up an ice runnel to a block on the right, a sustained and interesting pitch.
2. 30m Continue up the ice chimney above to a tight exit and continue more easily.
3. 50m Continue up the gully above over minor obstacles to easy ground. The summit is not far above.

STRATHCONON, Creag Ruadh, North-East Face (SMCJ 2011):

Central Rib 120m II/III. John Mackenzie, Eve Austin. 27 Dec 2012.

Somewhat to the right of *Creag Ruadh Corner* and roughly central in the face is a narrow buttress with a prominent groove above its first pitch.

1. 25m Climb the turfy rib direct to the groove.
2. 20m A steep step leads into a bowl which is climbed direct via steep turf right of centre to easy ground.
3. 45m A narrow snow and ice gully leads up just to the right of a rocky buttress.
4. 30m Continue to the top over a short ice pitch in the narrows.

BEN WYVIS, An Cabar:

(NH 442 664) Alt 600m

The south-west face of An Cabar comes into climbable conditions given a low level freeze. Approach via the normal route from Garbat and continue along an ATV track into the Bealach Mor until below the crags which lies on the western side of the face. The most prominent features are a square buttress with a defined edge and a prominent gully/groove. To the right of these feature and higher up are isolated ribs and shallow gullies. Descents are most easily attained by continuing up to the track on the western ridge.

President's Groove 120m III *. John Mackenzie. 2 Feb 2013.

The well defined gully/groove with a rocky right wall. The gully is a watercourse in summer and forms ice readily being well sheltered from warm winds. On this occasion it gave continuous ice with steepenings but a steeper icicle pitch at two-thirds height was avoided a few metres on the left by an overhanging shelf before the gully was regained and a tight exit up a short steep corner finished the route.

Staggies Gully 75m I/II. John Mackenzie. 2 Feb 2013.

Above and right of *President's Groove* is a well defined gully with a prominent rocky right wall. It is probably Grade I taken up the line of the gully but on this ascent the left wall was a run of ice at Grade II, leading to a cornice which extends around the exit of both variations.

NORTHERN HIGHLANDS SOUTH

BEINN SGRITHEALL:

Broch Inspector 150m V,5. Simon Richardson, Iain Small. 20 Jan 2013.

The south-east face of the north-east ridge of Beinn Sgritheall contains a schist crag, and its most prominent buttress is cut by a chockstoned gully.

1. 60m Entry into the gully is guarded by an awkward constricting groove capped by a chokestone. Struggle through this and continue up the easier continuation gully to a broad terrace.
2. 60m Climb steep turf up the continuation gully and pull through the two capping chokestones above to reach easier ground.
3. 30m Broken mixed terrain leads to the crest of the north-east ridge.

DRUIM SHIONNACH, Mid-Way Buttress:

Vice Cruise 90m III *. Steve Kennedy, Andy MacDonald. 31 Mar 2013.

The broad buttress right of *Mid-Way Gully*, starting about 15m right of the gully at a break in the lower wall. Climb up and right into a prominent fault-line which leads into a left-facing corner which is followed (45m). From the top of the corner, move left and continue directly by a shallow depression leading to easier ground (45m).

Creag Coire an-t Slugain:

Undercover 70m IV,4 *. Steve Kennedy, Andy MacDonald. 31 Mar 2013.

The small isolated buttress immediately left of *Far Left Gully*. Start right of the lowest rocks and climb a steep chimney-groove (crux), then move leftwards to easier ground (45m). Continue up the crest and finish via a nice snow arete (25m).

AONACH AIR CHRITH, Coire na Eirechanach:

Manic Depression 130m IV,4 *. Steve Kennedy, Andy MacDonald. 13 Apr 2013.

The right-hand of two prominent parallel buttresses, separated by an easy gully, situated high on the right (west) side of the corrie. Start above and right of the foot of the buttress and climb an obvious groove come gully containing a steep ice pitch at the bottom. Belay left of a roofed alcove at the top of the groove (50m). Continue fairly directly in the same line following a vague depression to reach the crest of the buttress (50m). Finish easily up the crest (30m).

CREAG NAN DAMH:

Fraoch Choire Icefall 150m V,5. Dave McGimpsey, Andy Nisbet. 27 Mar 2013.

A waterfall in the valley which leads up east of Creag nan Damh, and marked as a waterfall at NG 995 116 on the 1:50000 map. North facing. Park at NG 990 131 and follow an old forestry track up through the forest. Turn left at the top boundary fence and follow this for a short distance to meet a stalkers' path which leads to the icefall. Some 90m of Grade II/III ice leads to the 30m crux pitch. This was a helpful shape, as wind seemed to have blown water on to a hanging slab on the left, and was perhaps only IV,5 on the day but would be much harder as a straight pillar. An easier 30m pitch followed. Rock belays.

BEINN FHADA, Coire an Sgairne:

World's End 120m III,4. Dave McGimpsey, Andy Nisbet, Jonathan Preston. 21 Dec 2012.

A big groove left of the crest of the leftmost (excluding Atta Buttress) buttress is not seen well until high enough up the corrie to be level with the buttress. The

groove was iced and the Mayan prediction of the end of the world that day didn't happen. It would be distinctly harder without ice. Climb steep snow to the first step (10m). Climb the turfy lower groove (35m). Gain the big clean V-shape and climb this to a terrace (50m). Go up the left side of a huge block and gain its top. Step left and climb easy turf to the top (25m).

Mayan Gully 150m I. Dave McGimpsey, Andy Nisbet, Jonathan Preston. 21 Dec 2012.

A snow gully forming the right side of the leftmost buttress might have two short icy steps in lean conditions. Used for descent.

Grandstand 100m III,4. Dave McGimpsey, Andy Nisbet, Jonathan Preston. 24 Mar 2013.

The buttress right of *Mayan Gully* is *Rumbling Ridge* (SMCJ 2011). This route climbs the gully wall of the ridge. Start just inside the gully and climb a ramp leading up left to a platform overlooking the gully. Continue for a short way, then take a turf groove which leads to the crest, followed to the top (as for *Rumbling Ridge*).

The End is Nigh 120m II/III. Jonathan Preston. 21 Dec 2012.

The buttress right of *Mayan Gully* is *Rumbling Ridge* (SMCJ 2011). This is the gully between it and the next buttress. A steep start, then easier.

Doomsday 120m III,4. Dave McGimpsey, Andy Nisbet. 21 Dec 2012.

The next buttress to the right. Start up a short steep groove with an awkward bulge. The main buttress now has a central heathery groove which curves left over a difficult step before returning right to the crest. Climb an easier groove up the crest leading to increasingly easy ground.

Cataclysm 100m III,5. Dave McGimpsey, Andy Nisbet, Jonathan Preston. 24 Mar 2013.

A gully right of *Doomsday* often ices but there was little on this occasion. Easy after the first pitch.

Skinny Buttress 100m III,6. Dave McGimpsey, Andy Nisbet, Jonathan Preston. 24 Mar 2013.

The narrow buttress formed between *Fatties and Lightning Gullies*. Start up *Fatties Gully* to reach a recess on the steeper left side of the buttress. Climb this and continue up left to below a roof formed by a wedged block. Pull through the roof (crux by far) and continue left on turf to reach an easy finish up the crest. The crest could be climbed throughout but might feel escapable on to the easier right side of the buttress.

INVERINATE FOREST:

Eas Bhan 60m II/III. Andy Nisbet. 28 Mar 2013.

A waterfall on the Allt an Eas Bhain at NG 974 239, alt 400m. The ice was thin and wet; might be Grade II in better conditions. Approach from Dorusduain up forestry tracks, then fight your way through the last forest to where it is clearly seen.

SGURR NA FEARTAIG, Coire Leiridh:

Boyo's Groove 100m IV,4. Greg Parsons, Stephen Venables. 23 Mar 2013.
(see topo)

Takes the left and more obvious of two grooves slanting out right from the upper part of the big deep set gully. Climb easily up the gully and exit right onto turf ledges to reach the start of the groove, which is climbed in two long pitches. Sparse but adequate rock belays and runners.

SGORR RUADH, Upper Buttress:

Original Route 170m V,6 **. David Amos, Andy Nisbet. 21 Mar 2013.

A winter ascent of the summer line up the crest. As noted in the guide, it seems very unlikely that this is what was climbed in 1973 at Grade III. The first pitch was the crux, steep but helpful and generally well protected. The through route was not found but there was deep snow on the route.

MAOL CHEAN-DEARG, Summit Buttress:

(NG 926 500) Alt 830m North-East facing

A steep sandstone cliff under the summit area and just right of the upper section of *Hidden Gully*. The cliff was approached from the summit by descending *Hidden Gully* (which is Grade I, not II) to reach the base of a defined rib on its north side. Traverse north under the cliff. Below the cliff is more broken steep ground and the quartzite cliff with *No Birds* etc. is further below.

Hidden Rib 150m II. Andy Nisbet, Jonathan Preston. 28 Nov 2012.

The well defined rib which forms the north side of upper *Hidden Gully*. There are several short steep steps, mostly climbed just right of the crest. Moderate in summer (Andy Nisbet, 22 Jun 2011).

Bald Eagle 100m IV,4. Pat Ingram, Andy Nisbet, Jonathan Preston. 28 Nov 2012.

Takes the easiest line in the centre of the cliff.

1. 20m Climb a turfy step in the lowest tier, then traverse right to below a left-slanting line of weakness.
2. 50m Climb the left-slanting line of weakness to a ledge below a steep upper tier.
3. 30m Move right and go up a short steep corner which leads to a right-slanting line, followed to the top.

MEALL GORM:

Note: On an ascent of *Rattlesnake* by Keith Ball & Dave Rudkin in Feb 2013, the corner was climbed direct throughout whereas the original ascent left it briefly. The grade was thought VI,7. This is thought to have been climbed before.

SGURR A' CHAORACHAIN, Far North Buttresses:

Allt Coire nan Arr 200m III. Dave McGimpsey, Andy Nisbet. 30 Mar 2013.

A branch of the main stream which flows down the descent depression (NG 788 430) and can freeze to form continuous ice with four main steps of the grade with easier sections in between and even a through route on ice. The stream continues below where the route started but was not frozen. The first three pitches were all in a gully but the top pitch is more open and wider, and has been climbed before.

BEINN BHAN, Coire na Feola:

Suspended Animation 150m VIII,9 **. Pete Macpherson, Martin Moran. 16 Jan 2013.

A direct line up the steepest section of the big wall on the right side of *Suspense Gully*. Pitch 3 is comparable to the crux of *God Delusion*. Start 10m up the right gully at the first horizontal break in the wall.

1. 30m 8 Traverse 6m along the break and climb a wall to a higher break, then go strenuously over a bulge into a right-facing corner. Break out left to a ledge and ascend diagonally left to a terrace; block belays under a bottomless chimney.
2. 25m 6 Move up under the chimney but traverse 4m right and climb a rather more friendly right-facing corner. Belay 10m higher under a belt of overhangs.
3. 40m 9 Traverse 10m left and climb to a higher ledge. Go up the corner above for 4m and traverse 4m right to a rib; then make precarious moves up to a tiny ledge and continue to a resting hold at a block – an intense passage. Traverse 4m right to a spike and climb the open-book corner directly above on thin hooks to easier ground. Belay 6m higher at a terrace.
4. 20m 6 Climb the corner directly above to a big terrace.
5. 40m Easy ground to the top.

Note: Martin Moran thinks the quickest approach to routes on Suspense Wall is to climb the slopes NW from Tornapress and over the summit ridge (Pt 763m) then drop down *Suspense Gully* to the start, 2hr in ascent. The top of *Suspense Gully* is easily located at a kink in the ridge just before a steeper rise (NG 810 442).

Fleshpot 250m V,5. John Lyall, Andy Nisbet. 26 Jan 2013.

The rib which forms the right side of *Y-Gully*. Start as for *Indigenous* but then traverse left to the base of the rib (60m). Climb a groove in the rib to a steepening. Traverse left to the crest of the rib and climb this to snow. Move back right to a continuation groove (40m). Climb the continuation over a steep and poorly protected section, then take a ramp leading back left to the crest and a snow terrace (45m). Go up the easier rib crest (35m) to an easy finish (70m).

Coire na Poite:

Advice from a Caterpillar 180m III,4. Dave Riley, Rob Reglinski, Rick Hines. 26 Jan 2013.

The deceptively steep buttress to the right of *Teapot* and ending on the A' Chioch Ridge below its main difficulties. Start up and to the right of the lowest broken rocks on the buttress beneath a series of parallel corners. Climb a depression to their left past a short wall and continue via turfy steps until beneath a more continuous rocky section. Go up a steep groove then trend right for 15m to a short hard corner (crux). Pull strenuously through this and continue to easier ground and follow this to the top of the ridge.

Haigha 340m VI,7 **. Malcolm Bass, Simon Yearsley. 22 Jan 2013.

An enjoyable direct route up the left-hand side of the buttress cutting across *Adventures of Toad*. The climb is characterised by technical climbing in a series of barrier walls interspersed by easier turfy sections.

1. 40m Start 20m right of the foot of *March Hare's Gully* at a right-slanting groove. Climb this and continue straight up easier ground. Climb a short corner to a blocky ledge beneath a steep wall.
2. 50m Climb the obvious narrow ramp on the right for 20m (technical and bold). Go up and slightly left to a snow terrace beneath a steep barrier wall.

3. 55m. There are a series of open grooves in the barrier wall. The next pitch takes the groove third right from the left-hand buttress crest (crux). Climb this past an in-situ peg, a needle shaped block in an alcove, and then a large clump of turf just above this at half-height. Once above the wall climb straight up to the next steep wall and belay below a right-facing corner of creaking flakes. *The Adventures of Toad* traverses in from the left here and continues to the right.
4. 50m Climb the creaking flake-corner for 3m to a good turf ledge. Continue up the fine V-groove with a steep pull out the top, then easier ground to a large snow terrace. Above is yet another barrier wall with a number of grooves cutting through it.
5. 55m Climb the left-trending narrow flakey corner (to the left of a right-trending turfy corner with a rock spire at its base). Gaining the flakey corner is tricky, but the corner is steep but positive. Climb easier ground and a 3m steep wall.
6. and 7. 90m The angle eases; climb to the top by a succession of walls and corners. The climbing remains fun.

Silver Machine 320m VI,6. Dave McGimpsey, Andy Nisbet, Jonathan Preston. 26 Mar 2013.

A mixed line left of *Silver Tear*. Start just inside *Mad Hatter's Gully* where a slabby fault leads out right. Go diagonally right across snow to slabby ground (15m). Climb up on turf to follow a ledge right, then continue diagonally up the fault (40m). After a steeper step, continue up the fault to its end (50m). Go left up a short chimney before climbing straight up on mixed ground (45m). Continue up towards an upper barrier wall (the top ice pitch of *Silver Tear* breaks through this further right), then move slightly right towards a point where the barrier wall is at its smallest (45m). Go through a short steep tier until directly below the barrier wall (15m). Make steep moves up to a ledge below a turfy open corner. Climb a crack-line and turf some 5m right of the corner to another ledge. Climb a corner above until forced to move right on turf to a terrace (25m). Climb up on turf before moving right behind a pinnacle. Go up a wide crack to the upper snow slopes (25m). Climb these to the top (60m).

A' Phoit:

Bhantage Point 200m III,4. Andy Nisbet. 19 Jan 2013.

A prominent left-slanting fault in the centre of the face between *Bhantasia* and *Beinn Bhan Grooves*. Climbed and graded for well frozen conditions with some ice. Start below the lowest tier and climb the lower continuation of the fault to reach its steepest section at the main cliff. Climb this, steep but helpful, and continue up the fault past one further steep section to where the fault peters out. Finish straight up turfy ground.

BEINN DAMH, Creagan Dubh Toll nam Biast:

Fawn Gully 250m II. Andy Nisbet. 27 Jan 2013.

A left-slanting gully in the centre of the furthest right buttress (but *Creag na h-Iolaire* is further right). Climb this gully, avoiding three steep steps by using its left rib, until it peters out. Go up snow to a final rock band which was climbed diagonally rightwards.

Stirrup Rib 350m III. David Amos, Andy Nisbet. 20 Mar 2013.

The rib right of *Stirrup Gully* gave a natural line up a line of grooves for several pitches before finishing up a well defined but easier crest. Being north facing, it

was in condition when some of the east facing routes had been stripped by the sun.

DIABAIG:

Atomic Bimble 60m VS 5a. Ferdia Earle, Andy Moles. 15 Jul 2012.

An unbalanced route and open to variation, but with some good climbing. It takes a fairly direct line up a buttress above the approach path to the Main Wall with a large angular boulder at its base, about 50m before the *Pointless Eliminates* buttress. Start just right of the big angular block at the base of the cliff.

1. 15m 4b Pull on steeply to gain leftward-trending cracks, left of the big open groove in the middle of the lower wall. Follow the cracks until it is possible to traverse right into an overhung niche. Pull over the bulge above on good holds.
2. 20m 4a Climb the left side of the scrappy slab above to a big grassy terrace.
3. 25m 5a Climb an obvious left-slanting diagonal crack in the red wall above (crux) to a big quartz slot. Go up this and trend rightwards onto the slab above. Finish easily.

LIATHACH, Meall Dearg, North Face:

Spring Roll 250m IV,4. Dave McGimpsey, Andy Nisbet. 31 Mar 2013.

A gully system right of *Spring Gully*. Start some 50m right of *Spring Gully* and climb a snow gully leading right, then go up a large gully to a steep wall with twin grooves above (80m). Climb a chimney to gain the right groove and follow it to a terrace (30m, crux). Move into the left groove and follow it to easier ground near the rib right of *Spring Gully* (50m). Follow the rib to snow slopes above (90m). Continue to the top of Meall Dearg.

BEINN EIGHE, Far East Wall:

Immortal Memory 100m IX,9. Guy Robertson, Jason Currie. 26 Jan 2013.

A top class winter-only route based on the prominent line between *Colgarra* and *King of the Swingers*. Start not far left from the base of the latter route, where turf grooves and steps lead up left to a shallow chimney.

1. 30m Gain and climb the chimney to ledges, then traverse left to a fine belay below a right-facing roofed corner.
2. 30m Climb the deceptively steep corner to the first roof, take a deep breath, then traverse right and pull over its right side to some turf below the next roof. Turn this in a similar fashion, then climb a steep turf groove to a semi-hanging stance with a good thread.
3. 40m Continue directly up the crack-line above, go over a bulge, then kinking slightly right to below another roof. Pull directly over this, move up on thin turf, then step right into a corner. Climb this to an overhang, then pull back out left and up into the final trough and so to the top.

West Central Wall:

Shoot the Breeze IX,8. Guy Robertson, Greg Boswell. 15 Jan 2013.

A superb and absorbing mixed route. The first two pitches are as for summer, but on the third pitch instead of returning straight to the arete climb the overhanging grooves directly above the belay which lead back to the arete below the final overhangs. The climbing is extremely sustained and very well-protected apart from a nasty section to gain the arete on pitch 2.

Sail Mhor:

Lightning Jack 140m VI,6 *. Michael Barnard, James Duthie. 20 Jan 2013.

Climbs a three-tiered line of weakness up the centre of the wall left of *Achilles*.

Start just left of the base of that route, below a vertical square-cut chimney.

1. 55m Start up a left-facing corner before stepping right then up to climb the chimney. Continue more easily up a turfy corner, moving left then back right and up to gain the terrace. Walk back to belay below a steep left-facing corner leading up to a roof.
2. 35m Climb the corner until a thin move can be made along a good foot ledge. Step round into a groove on the right then move up through a short corner to gain the next terrace. Belay below the continuation fault.
3. 50m Climb the continuation fault to easy ground right of *White's Gully*.

Lucky Strike 85m IV,4 *. James Duthie, Michael Barnard. 19 Jan 2013.

Left of *Lightning Jack* is another line of weakness, a deep chimney which would make a fine prelude to *Cave Gully*. Avoid the lowest tier on the left and move up to below the chimney.

1. 40m Go up an easy snow groove to the base of the chimney.
2. 45m Climb the chimney to easy ground near *White's Gully*.

Cave Gully, Left-Hand Finish 35m IV,4. Michael Barnard, James Duthie. 19 Jan 2013.

Probably not as good but allows the route to be climbed without ice.

3. 10m From the cave belay move left along a break (serious) to gain the crest of the buttress.
4. 25m Go up and left into a turfy groove leading to easy ground.

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COIRE AN T-SNEACHDA, Mess of Pottage:

Spotlight 105m E1. John Lyall, Dave McGimpsey. 11 Aug 2012.

Start at a triangular recess 5m right of *Wachacha*.

1. 25m 5a Take the left edge of the recess to a steep wall, and move up rightwards to flakes glued onto the wall. Move back left and delicately gain the slab above, then follow the right-facing corner to the horizontal cave of *No Blue Skies*. Belay at the right end.
2. 30m 4c Step right across *No Blue Skies* and follow a groove through a break in the roof, then follow the slabby curving groove to ledges.
3. 15m Short walls to beneath twin cracks in the headwall, under the large roof.
4. 35m 5a Follow the left-hand crack for 5m, then move to the right-hand crack and follow this to the large roof. Finish on the right by *The Melting Pot*.

Aladdin's Buttress:

Note: Michael Barnard climbed the fault-line right of and parallel to *Paddy Whack*, gained from the right (50m, IV,5, Jan 2013) but due to a peg and nut in-situ, assumed it has been climbed before (but not recorded).

Fluted Buttress:

Fingers Ridge, Left Start VS. Hamish Burns, John Lyall. Sep 2008.

An inferior start up the left rib of *Broken Gully*, with a delicate 4c section up a crack overlooking the gully. The route continues straight up the rib above the *Broken Gully* traverse.

COIRE AN LOCHAIN, No. 3 Buttress:

Karmasutra 50m IV,7. Ian Stewart, Nathan White. 3 Nov 2012.

A prominent V-corner right of *The Deviant* and left of *Y-Gully Left Branch*. Climb to and up the corner till below a steep overhanging wall. Move right around the arete and continue up easier ground to the top. The grade is for early season powder and would be easier if iced; some may bank out with a big build-up.

Candy Shop 75m VII,9. Guy Robertson, Greg Boswell. Nov 2012.

A worthwhile addition giving a long pitch up the steep wall right of *The Gathering*. Climb up to where *The Gathering* steps left, but continue up for another 10m or so to below a short corner leading to overhanging cracks in the leaning wall (30m). Climb the corner and above, the pumpy crack which turns into a groove system where the angle eases. Continue up the grooves avoiding a final wide crack on the right (45m).

CREAGAN COIRE A' CHA-NO:

Captain Fairweather 60m III,4. Simon Richardson, Roger Webb. 30 Dec 2012.

A direct line up the rightmost rib of Blood Buttress to the right of *The Blood is Strong*.

1. 40m Climb the right side of the steep lower wall defending the rib and continue up the steep twisting corner above to a good stance below a steep corner-crack.
2. 20m Move up a left into the corner-crack (junction with *The Blood is Strong*) and follow this to the top.

Gallows Groove VI,7. Dafydd Morris, Matt Buchanan. 16 Dec 2012.

Follow the initial narrow chimney of *Arch Wall* to a ledge, then follow the lower of two grooves rightwards across the steep slab (crux) on thin moves aiming for a turfy blocky chimney and continue up this to the top.

One Finger, One Thumb 45m IV,4/5. Jon Hubbard, Chris Edmonson, Chris Brook. 9 Mar 2013.

Start as for *Fingers and Thumbs*. When the corner is reached, start to thrutch and twist up the broken twin cracks to the right of it gaining easier ground to finish. Exit on the right of the small snow bowl.

Dive In 60m II. Sandra McCabe, Mark Beecher. 26th Jan 2013.

Follow the open gully to the right of the wall to the right of *Fingers and Thumbs*. Branch right at approx 10m from the top. The top may have a deep cornice hence the name!

CNAP COIRE NA SPREIDHE (NJ 015 050):

Just under the summit of Cnap Coire na Spreidhe and overlooking Strath Nethy lies a small buttress. Approach by scrambling down the south side down a grassy gully.

Nethy Arete 30m HVS 5a *. Gwilym Lynn, Raphael Bleakley, Rik Higham. 19 Aug 2012.

Climbs the right arete as closely as possible. Follow the arete to a short corner and step out left from under the roof to regain the face. Follow the upper part of the arete to finish.

Nethy Crack 30m VS 4c *. Rik Higham, Raphael Bleakley, Gwilym Lynn. 19 Aug 2012.

Climb the first obvious crack about 5m to the left of the arete. Follow the crack initially on its left side before climbing it directly to the top.

STACAN DUBHA:

Thread of Doom 220m III,4. Andy Nisbet, Jonathan Preston. 24 Dec 2012.

The line of least resistance between *The Shuttle* and *Atlantis* (SMCJ 2012). Start up a scoop left of the initial rib of *The Shuttle*, moving left and right at a steepening, then moving right to climb grooves which lead to a left-rising snow terrace under an overhanging wall (50m). Follow the terrace up left to a deep chimney which breaks back right through the wall (70m). Climb the chimney, then up easier grooves above (50m). Finish more easily (50m).

CARN ETCHACHAN, Upper Tier:

Snake Charmer Severe. John Lyall. 8 Sep 2012.

Follow the winter line.

GARBH UISGE CRAG:

Muscovite Chimney 120m IV,4. George McEwan, Allen Fyffe. 23 Feb 2013.

This route lies on the left side of the broad buttress between *Garbh* and *Quartz* Gullies and takes an icy chimney at about mid-height. Start at the lower left corner of the buttress and climb up by short rock steps and snow patches to a prominent outcrop with a vertical right wall. Head up and left into the obvious chimney. Climb this to the top and exit left onto the rib. Climb the continuation groove to the upper snow slopes then the top.

LURCHERS CRAG:

Note: John Lyall & Andy Nisbet made a harder start to *Pinnacle Ridge* on 8 Feb 2013, by starting low down on the *South Gully* side of the ridge and following a line of weakness up left to the crest (50m).

SRON NA LAIRIGE:

Tsar Wars 200m IV,5. Pat Ingram, Andy Nisbet, Jonathan Preston. 5 Nov 2012.

Climbs the slabby left face of the buttress with *Polar Bear* up its crest. Near the left end of the base of this buttress is a wide groove.

1. 60m Climb a shallow groove in the crest just right of this, then climb a continuation of the wide groove to reach a steep band.
2. 10m Traverse right to a groove come corner.
3. 30m Climb turf to a bulge, then go over the bulge and continue to an easing. Follow the same line, then move right to belay 10m below a large flat block which lies across a groove.
4. 35m Climb the groove over the flat block, then move left and back right to avoid a smooth section before finishing steeply to a horizontal crest.
5. 65m A buttress on the left leads to an easy crest and final slopes.

SGOR GAOITH, A' Phocaid:

Skinflint 150m II. Andy Nisbet. 29 Dec 2012.

The front face of the buttress right of *Deep Pockets* (*Spymaster* and *Mixed Spice* are on the right wall of the gully). Start at the base of the buttress, just right of *Deep Pockets*. Climb straight up to the left edge of a snowfield, which is bounded by a steep wall on its left. Follow the steep wall up to the right side of a triangular rock shape. Break through the wall using this right side (short but technical for the grade) to gain a smaller snowfield. Finish up a groove leading to easier ground.

Lookout Rib 150m IV,4. Andy Nisbet. 29 Dec 2012.

The rib right of *Spyglass Gully* was surprisingly thin. Start up the rib to gain and climb a prominent steepening groove. Where this peters out, move left on to the crest and follow this to a ramp trending right and leading to easy ground.

CARN BAN MOR, Coire Odhar:

Where the Carn Ban Mor plateau overlooks Coire Odhar, there are a group of buttresses. At the NW end of the group are three short steep ridges, then next to the SE is a larger buttress at NN 904 971.

Ramplestiltskin 120m IV,4. Andy Nisbet. 29 Dec 2012.

Start just left of the base of the buttress. Climb a big easy ramp curving right. Where it peters out, traverse right across two awkward gaps to gain its continuation. Go up this to a steep icefall, followed to the crest and an easy finish.

A' BHUIDHEANACH BHEAG (Drumochter):

The climbing isn't continuous and mostly escapable on the gully sides. However, both gullies provided some very pleasant water ice climbing and great scenery in a very quiet location.

Ski Sunday 120m III. Jonathan Foden, Martin Holland. 31 Mar 2013.

The stream gully line (right fork) leaving Cama' Choire at NN 685 785 contains several waterfalls. The gully may bank out completely in very heavy snow.

1. From where the gully splits take the right-hand fork in two ice steps of 6m and 15m.
2. A horizontal section leads to the main 25m icefall, which is climbed direct.
3. Another horizontal section leads to a 10m icefall.
4. Easy ground and short ice steps lead to the top.

Barrow Boys 100m III. Jonathan Foden, Martin Holland. 6 Apr 2013.

The north facing stream gully leaving Cama' Choire on at NN 6890 7865 is mostly easy angled snow, but contains one stepped icefall at mid-height, and which gives a good 50m pitch. Easier lines possible to the right. The gully may bank out in very heavy snow.

Barrow Boys, Left Fork 50m II. Jonathan Foden, Martin W. Holland. 6 Apr 2013.

From the base of the waterfall pitch on *Barrow Boys*, a line of ice leads up left around a small crag and narrows to a thin gully containing several saplings before finishing on the snow slope above (turf or snow belay). This may be a more

reliable alternative if the ice pitch on *Barrow Boys* isn't formed and the main gully can be regained above.

CAIRN TOUL, Coire an t-Saighdeir:

Steadfast Corner 60m II. Simon Richardson. 6 Jan 2013.

The distinctive corner-gully 30m to the right of *Resolute Gully* has a prominent left wall.

Two-Tier Buttress 80m II. Simon Richardson. 6 Jan 2013.

Follow easy grooves up the crest of the broad buttress that defines the left side of the prominent gully in the centre of the crag. This rises to point 1167m on the lowest point on the plateau rim and lies 300m north of the previous route.

Coire Lochain Uaine:

Double Distance 80m IV,4. Roger Everett, Simon Richardson. 27 Oct 2012.

The buttress between the gullies of *Double Helix* and *Double Trouble*.

1. 25m Climb easy steps up the lower slabs to below a prominent left-facing corner.
2. 20m Climb the corner, exit right at its top, then make a delicate series of moves up the wall above to a small stance.
3. 35m Continue up the slab above, and exit up the corner above that leads to the summit of the buttress. Continue across the neck and finish up easier slopes above.

BRAERIACH, Garbh Choire Mor:

Adventure 150m V,5. Sandy Allan, Dave McGimpsey, Andy Nisbet. 4 Mar 2013.

An iced groove immediately right of the arete which forms the right side of the corner system of *Positive Charge*. It would seem to be unusual for the groove to be iced and yet the cornice passable, as perhaps the largest cornice of the corrie forms here. Start up steep snow just left of the Grade I gully which bounds this section on the right (40m). Gain and climb the groove, which has a large spike on its right wall at half-height, to reach an easier angle and a slight rib on the right (50m). Continue up snow and an icy groove to below the cornice (30m). The cornice was large but was climbed (with difficulty) by traversing left over the arete and finishing above the groove of *Positive Charge* (30m).

Jackpot 150m III. Andy Nisbet. 11 Jan 2013.

An iced groove some 10m right of the previous route. It was early season and the cornice had collapsed, so no problems. Start up the Grade I gully for around 30m (depend on build-up) before gaining the groove.

Coire Ruadh, Main Crag:

The Apparition 100m IV,4. Simon Richardson, Graham Dudley. 18 Nov 2012.

The longest line on the cliff following the left crest of the crag. Start at the toe of the cliff below a distinctive right-facing corner-line.

1. 50m Climb the corner to its top by a jammed block and continue up short walls and grooves to a good ledge. A fun 'climb anywhere' pitch.
2. 15m Move up and right past a steep nose to the left-slanting terrace above.

3. 35m Climb a left-facing corner (about 5m left of the distinctive flake passed by *Persistence Wall*), traverse right and move up to the top of the barrier wall above. Move steeply left and finish directly up the crest to the top.

Phantom Cracks 70m III. Simon Richardson, Roger Everett, 11 Nov 2012.
A direct line up the centre of the crag. Start at the same point as *Persistence Wall* and climb straight up the broad corner-depression, which steepens at mid-height.

There are two lines up the broad Birthday Buttress, right of *Phantom Cracks*.

Anniversary Groove 80m III. Simon Richardson. 25 Nov 2012.
About 20m right of *Phantom Cracks* a line of turf leads up via a series of steps and short grooves to a prominent horizontal flat jammed block after 60m. Climb onto this from the left and continue up to an exit in the snow scoop above.

Birthday Treat 80m III. Graham Dudley, Simon Richardson. 18 Nov 2012.
The right-hand line up Birthday Buttress follows the distinctive left-facing corner-line in its lower section. Follow this over a couple of awkward steps to reach a ledge on the left. Continue up a depression of huge blocks to the top.

Lower down the corrie, on the dividing ridge between Coire an Lochain and Coire Ruadh is a small compact crag. The routes are described from left to right.

Enterprise Corner 80m II. Simon Richardson. 25 Nov 2012.
The turfy line up the big left-facing corner bounding the left side of the cliff. The climbing becomes steeper with height and finishes with a steep step on a distinctive triangular block.

Eye of the Tiger 80m III. Simon Richardson. 25 Nov 2012.
A good climb up the prominent line of weakness just left of centre. Follow a series of short grooves and corners trending left where the angle eases. Finish up the right side of a converging triangular corner to make a sudden exit on to the ridge crest.

Tempting Fate 80m V,6. Roger Webb, Simon Richardson. 13 Jan 2013.
The line of steep corners defining the right side of the central pillar to the right of *Eye of the Tiger*.

1. 30m Start at the toe of the buttress and climb an easy left-slanting ramp to reach a terrace and the foot of the corner system.
2. 20m Move right and climb a slabby corner to where it steepens. Hand-traverse left and make a difficult exit onto a ledge. Another awkward step up and left leads to a good stance.
3. 30m Traverse 5m left to gain a hidden chimney that leads to easier ground and the top.

Hostage to Fortune 80m III,4. Simon Richardson, Roger Webb. 13 Jan 2013.
Right of centre is another prominent corner-line. Start at the toe of the buttress and climb easy ground to gain the line of the corner. Climb this more steeply and take the natural continuation trending left to the top.

Coire an Lochain:

Blade Buttress 60m IV,4. Simon Richardson, Roger Everett. 11 Nov 2012.

The prominent narrow buttress diving the two branches of *Y-Gully*.

1. 40m Start at the foot of the buttress and climb a short corner and awkward slabby step on the left flank to enter the prominent corner cutting the lower left side of the buttress. Climb the corner to near its top, exit right onto the crest, then step left across the corner to gain a good ledge.
2. 20m Continue past a prominent flake to reach the easier upper buttress that merges into snow slopes at the top of *Y-Gully*.

The Guardsman 100m VI,6. Roger Webb, Simon Richardson. 4 Nov 2012.

A good sustained route up the prominent left edge of *Derelict Buttress*.

1. 15m Start at the foot of the left edge and climb a short steep left-facing corner and ramp that leads to a narrow terrace. Traverse left across this and belay below a well-defined right-facing corner.
2. 20m Climb the corner, exit right at its top and move up the ridge above to below a steep blank wall.
3. 10m Step right and climb the shallow crack running up the centre of the wall to a steep turf exit (bold). Belay a few metres above.
4. 40m Move up and left on flakes to gain the crest. Step left and climb a steep crack on the left wall (overlooking the gully of *Dishonourable Discharge*) to regain the crest. Move up to the final tower and surmount this via an overhanging corner.
5. 15m Finish easily along the connecting ridge to the plateau as for *Derelict Buttress*.

DERRY CAIRNGORM, Coire na Saobhaidh:

(NJ 027 955) Alt 750m East Facing

This corrie lying near on the southern end of the Derry Cairngorm ridge and overlooking Glen Derry is home to the following route:

Power of Balance 55m HVS 4b. Michael Barnard. 9 Sep 2012.

Climbs the obvious line up the main slab in the centre of the corrie (well seen from Glen Derry). Good clean rock but takes a while to dry. There is little or no protection. Start below the left end of a small grassy ledge. Move up to the ledge then step right and climb the slab past a small overlap to gain the main fault-line on the left. Climb this up through a shallow corner to the bulge at the top. Step onto the slab on the right and pad up to a sidepull (crux). Step back into the fault-line and follow this, finishing up a large flake (45m). To belay continue up heather to the rowan tree (cracks in wall behind this).

BEN MACDUI, Coire Sputan Dearg, Spider Buttress:

Tarantula 45m E2 *. Michael Barnard, John Nelson. 19 Aug 2012.

Climbs the small buttress formed between the corner of *The Web* and a grassy fault further right.

1. 20m 5b Start up a left-facing corner to a ledge, then continue up a fault in the steep wall above to a tricky exit onto the slab (crux). Move up a ramp to the left edge of the buttress then climb through the groove above to the large mid-height ledge.
2. 25m 4c Move up right to climb a line of excellent flake-cracks in the wall above. Continue easily to the top.

Terminal Buttress:

Flame Sky 50m E2 *. Michael Barnard, John Nelson. 19 Aug 2012.

A good sustained route cutting through *The Chute*. Bold and delicate on both crux sections.

1. 20m 5b Climb the arete left of *The Chute* (bold) to belay on top of the jammed block (right end).
2. 30m 5b Move up to climb through the roof to a ledge. Follow the shallow groove above (bold and delicate) to a good horizontal break, then continue more easily up to below the top prow. Climb steeply past the right side of this to finish.

Note: *The Swing* is good and fair at VS but certainly not low in the grade. 4c, possibly 5a (not 4b).

BEINN A' BHUIRD, Dividing Buttress:

Kissy Klub 20m E3 5b. Gaz Marshall. 21 Jul 2012.

A blank slab solo between the two obvious converging cracks in the slab just above the Smith-Winram Bivouac.

Sentinel Buttress 180m V,6 *. Simon Yearsley, Neil Silver. 27 Dec 2012.

A pleasant climb taking the obvious buttress between *Sentinel Route* and *Sentinel Gully*. Start at the foot of the buttress, just left of *Sentinel Gully*.

1. 50m Climb the right-trending ramp line just on the right of the buttress crest for 25m. Pull up into an open corner and at its top, teeter rightwards across a slab to a steep turfy wall which is climbed to a belay in a fine position on the buttress crest.
2. 50m Immediately right of the belay is a short steep groove. Pull up this, then move slightly left and follow easier ground up for 5m. Swing right across two difficult ribs to gain the fine bottomless V-groove. Climb the groove with a steep exit and move up to belays.
3. 80m Easier ground leads to the upper part of *Sentinel Gully*. Cross this and finish up the open buttress on the right.

Note: The ascent was in very icy conditions, with heavy rime/hoar on most of the buttress.

MOUNT KEEN, Quartz Cliff:

Although from the 1:50000 map, this looks to be a smaller version of the grassy corrie "Corrach" seen on the Glen Tanar approach to Mt Keen, on inspection the Quartz Cliff turns about to be a long, 25 to 50m high-angled slab of knobbly quartzite providing some very good climbing. Probably best avoided in the nesting season. Generally sound, though with the odd loose flake and block, often vegetated, but with some superb clean sections. Approach in about 1.5hrs by cycling to the Shiel of Glentana, following a track west to the waterfall, and striking diagonally up the hill via deer tracks in deep heather to the crag, which remains completely hidden until the very last moment. Sheltered and west facing and gets a lot of afternoon sun. Two of the routes were originally climbed in 2 pitches as only a minimal rack was carried in.

The Roaring 25m VS 4c. Iain Young, Trevor Jones. Oct 2011.

As the crag increases in height from the north end, the initial slabs become increasingly clean until they terminate in a prominent arete. Start just left of this

and climb up and right to gain the arete at the base of a solid white quartz bulge. Pull over this and then step left to climb a clean slab to a poorly protected finish in a heathery scoop. Significantly more than 25m of rope is needed to belay well back on some blocks.

Heliotrope Wall 50m VS 4b. Iain Young, Trevor Jones. Mar 2011.

The left centre of the cliff is dominated by a fine sweep of clean rock. Start just right of a large detached block at its base and pull on to a ledge/ramp that leads up and left to a steep shallow groove (just right of a bigger left-facing corner). Go up the groove for a couple of moves and then launch up and right across the wall before climbing directly upwards. Runners do appear in some surprising places. Finish via some layback cracks and a smooth scoop, just right of a heathery recess.

This Glorious Land 45m HVS 5a. Iain Young, Trevor Jones. Jul 2011.

Right of *Heliotrope Wall* there is a heathery break up and right of which is a fine high-angled slab split by a system of flakes running up and rightwards. Under this slab is a vegetated, overhung recess. Start on the right of this recess and gain and climb a wide crack on the right side of a huge, alarming-looking block. Move up and leftwards from the top of the block to gain a short horizontal crack (possible belay). Move right from this into a shallow scoop and then climb upwards and just to the right of the flakes to a huge jug below a small overlap. Step right and layback the flake until a move right can be made to finish up the arete on the left of a grassy gully.

LOCHNAGAR, Perseverance Wall:

Ring of Fire 80m IV,4. Simon Richardson. 27 Apr 2013.

A direct line up the third rib taken by the start to *Lunar Eclipse*. Start at same point as *Lunar Eclipse* and climb the right side of the initial slabby wall by a crack and short awkward chimney to gain a higher ramp line. Follow this to near its top and break out right up a hanging groove to exit at the apex of the lower wall. Continue directly up the well-defined rib above that leads to a snow arete and break in the cornice.

Pick Curler 80m III,4. Simon Richardson. 27 Apr 2013.

The rib between the groove lines of *Cumberland* and *Tempress*. Start by climbing the prominent V-groove (crux – ice useful) between *Delilah* and *Cumberland* to reach a snow patch. Cross *Cumberland* and weave left and right between short walls and blocky towers to gain the top of the rib. The final snow slope of *The Gift* leads to the cornice.

Sinister Buttress:

Insurgent 120m VI,7. Roger Webb, Simon Richardson. 16 Dec 2012.

A winter version of *Direct Route*. Start by climbing easy ground to the foot of the prominent chimney, then make a difficult move up and left to gain a vegetated groove. Climb this to near its top, then make a strenuous traverse right over the chimney above its overhanging pitch. Move right across steep ground on the right to gain a prominent overhung corner. The route up to this point is the same as the summer line, which then takes the overhung corner. Instead, continue slightly right and climb a steep left-slanting ramp above to reach easier ground. From here, climb the broad snowy ramp up right, then trend back left beyond the little

tower. The easier upper section is the same as the winter line *Terrorist*, which starts further right and climbs the overhung corner.

Central Buttress:

Fancy Free 60m VII,9. Guy Robertson, Pete Benson, Greg Boswell. Mar 2012. Another excellent short route, with a desperate but well-protected crux, based on the next big groove left of *Footloose*.

1. 20m Climb the first pitch of Mantichore (the first pitch of *Footloose* is an alternative).
2. 20m Step down and go horizontally left, then back up to below a short left-leaning corner below the main groove line. Climb the short corner with much difficulty but excellent protection to a belay in the main groove.
3. 20m Climb the excellent sustained groove to a difficult exit out left.

Parallel Buttress:

Parallel Grooves 90m VII,9. Guy Robertson, Pete Benson. Mar 2012.

An excellent variation start to *Parallel Buttress* with three pitches up the obvious grooves in its lower right edge, overlooking *Parallel Gully B*. A hard but very safe crux; the first ascent had useful ice. Start just left of *Parallel Gully B*.

1. 25m Gain and follow the obvious icy groove system, stepping right past a large overhang to a belay 10m above.
2. 25m Continue up the groove with increasing difficulty to get established on a small ledge on the left wall, then pull out left at the top.
3. 40m Follow the now left-trending groove and corner system with continued interest to a junction with the original route at the base of the shelf / ramp overlooking the *Parallel Gully B*.

Tough-Brown Face:

Nevermore X,10. Nick Bullock, Guy Robertson. Apr 2013.

A magnificent and super-sustained route, very strenuous and technical but well-protected on pitch 2, and very tenuous and serious on pitch 5. The start of the fourth pitch is bold also. Follow the summer line throughout, belaying as for *Mort* after the second pitch, then making a short descending traverse on pitch 3 to regain the groove line. Pitch 5 is probably the crux – very tenuous breaching the roof above the belay, with the only protection thereafter a small clutch of pieces at the top of the groove.

Note: *Mort* was repeated by Greg Boswell, Guy Robertson & Nick Bullock in March 2013, confirming the grade. The technical grade may have increased following the demise of a good foothold on the lip of the roof.

Clais Rathadan:

The Gravestone 30m VI,7 **. Craig Lamb, Findlay Cranston. 5 Dec 2012.

Start at the wide crack below the small tree. Climb this and pull onto a ledge to gain the slab. Climb the slab via a series of crack-lines on good hooks, before traversing right to the small tree at a two-thirds height sloping ledge, sustained but excellent. Gain the ledge via an awkward mantel round the tree. Step up and left, to either escape on the right at VI,6, or traverse left to take on a twin crack-line in the headwall before pulling through the boulder roof at the top, VI 7.

Note: Led by the easier option. One yo-yo.

Coire Loch nan Eun:

Leaning Buttress is the next feature left (east) of Balloon Buttress. It is cut by twin grooves on its front face and the whole buttress leans to the left.

Leaning Tower 40m II. Simon Richardson. 20 Apr 2013.

A steep start gains the left-hand groove, which leads to an exit on the left.

Puzzling World 40m III. Simon Richardson. 20 Apr 2013.

Another steep start leads into the right-hand groove-line. Follow this past a steepening to reach a small snow patch and continue up the impending narrow flake-groove above. When this steepens, step boldly up and right onto the crest and continue more easily to the top.

The impressive west facing sheet of granite at NO 235 856 is set at a moderate angle and largely banks out in winter. An icefall forms on its right side and provides a straightforward early (or late) season route.

Cac Carn Fall 150m II. Simon Richardson. 20 Apr 2013.

Climb the icefall passing a steeper step at two-thirds height to exit on snow slopes above.

Eun Corner 150m I. Simon Richardson. 20 Apr 2013.

A right-facing corner 50m left of *Cac Carn Fall* provides a straightforward way up the crag when well banked out with snow.

CREAG AN DUBH LOCH, Central Gully Wall:

Vapouriser 140m VIII,8 ****. Guy Robertson, Greg Boswell. 11 Dec 2012.

A stunning winter line cutting up directly through *Vertigo Wall* and finishing up the obvious right-trending slot above the headwall. Brilliant climbing, steeper, icier and more sustained than the original. On the first ascent conditions elsewhere on the cliff were not great, but the route had substantial ice on every pitch. Start a short way down the gully from *Vertigo Wall* where a slab leads right to the start of the line.

1. 10m Make an awkward traverse right across the slab to gain the line proper (may bank out).
2. 40m Climb an icy crack and steep bulge directly, then traverse left across a slab before heading back right into steep icy grooves which lead boldly and with sustained interest to a commodious niche.
3. 40m Climb the icy overhanging chimney above onto snow-ice which leads to a junction with *Vertigo Wall* above the ice chimney on its third pitch. Follow *Vertigo Wall* for 10m but then break out onto the bulging left-hand icefall and follow this up a steep runnel to belay at a huge platform below the headwall.
4. 20m The next pitch is common to the *More Vertigo Variation*. Climb a short ice bulge on the right, then crawl left along the ledge to an alarming swing down onto the exposed edge. Follow more ice up and trend right to the Diving Board belay.
5. 30m Gain the icy slot above and climb this with sustained interest (but good protection) in a wild position to a steep pull out left onto turf. Easier ground now leads up and slightly leftwards to the top.

COIRE KANDER:

Nordwanderer 200m IV,4. Geoff Cohen, Raymond Simpson, Mike Thoules. 10 Feb 2011.

From the lowest point in *Y-Gully*, climb a 30m ice covered slab on the left, cross a snow bay and take the most direct ice line through broken ground to convex snow slopes and the plateau.

Twisted Groove 200m IV,4. Graham Penny, Raymond Simpson. 28 Feb 2011. From the bottom of the right wall of *Twisting Gully*, an icy V-groove curves up and left to join a long ice pitch. Convex snow slopes lead to the plateau.

GLEN CLOVA, Coire Farchal:

Age Before Beauty 150m III. Simon Richardson, Henning Wackerhage. 1 Jan 2013.

The left-facing corner system to the left of *The Art of Growing Old Gracefully*. Follow easy-angled ice in the corner to a steep step at about 100m. Surmount this via a long reach up a turf wall on the right to reach easier ground and the top.

The Art of Growing Old Gracefully 150m III,4. Simon Richardson, Henning Wackerhage. 1 Jan 2013.

The prominent gully about 100m left of *Farchal Gully* cutting through the full height of the crag. Climb the lower gully over a couple of steep steps to the final steep chimney. Climb this via a steep crack on the left wall. A good route and possible in lean conditions. Later in the season it may bank out (rare) and become Grade II.

Silver Threads Among the Gold 150m IV,5. Henning Wackerhage, Simon Richardson, Tim Chappell. 10 Mar 2013.

An excellent route taking the crest of the prominent buttress defining the right edge of *The Art of Growing Old Gracefully*.

1. 50m Start just right of the gully and climb the corner-ramp cutting through the left side of the lower wall. Above, continue right via a steep chimney and climb two steep walls to a terrace.
2. 40m Climb the centre of the short impending headwall above and continue through the chimney splitting the giant boulder above. Belay on the prominent terrace.
3. 50m Ascend the headwall by climbing first right, then left up a steep turf wall to reach an easier gully leading to the top.

Pearls Before Swine 150m III,4. Henning Wackerhage, Simon Richardson. 1 Jan 2013.

A line up the right flank of the *Silver Threads* buttress. Climb the steep fault-line defining the bottom right side of the buttress to reach a prominent break.

Continue delicately up and right by a shallow groove to reach a long ledge below the steep final tier. Move right along a ramp and step left into a well-defined finishing gully that leads to the top.

Brains Before Brawn 130m III. Simon Richardson. 13 Apr 2013.

The well-defined gully-groove to the right of *Pearls Before Swine* provides a logical line up the cliff. Start up a steep vegetated groove (crux), then follow the curling groove above to a terrace and a steep exit just right of the finishing gully of *Pearls Before Swine*.

Farchal Ramp 150m III. Simon Richardson. 13 Apr 2013.

The prominent ramp starting from the foot of *Farchal Gully* is the most prominent line of weakness on the cliff. Follow it to below a steep buttress well defined gully that leads right of the buttress to the top.

Pipe and Slippers 150m III. Simon Richardson, Henning Wackerhage, Tim Chappell. 10 Mar 2013.

A line up the centre of the right-bounding crest of the cliff

1. 60m Start near the foot of the buttress and climb a right-trending corner-gully to a terrace. Continue directly up the heathery wall above to a large boulder.
2. 40m Continue up the steep-looking step above via excellent turfy corners and short walls.
3. 50m Continue in the same line up the buttress crest to the top.

Unnamed 130m III. Simon Richardson. 13 Apr 2013.

The right flank of the right-bounding crest. Start 30m right of *Pipe and Slippers* and climb a short steep corner to the terrace. Move right and take the short stepped ramp through the wall above. This leads to a second terrace and a well-defined gully on the right flank of the buttress. At its top continue up easier ground right of the buttress crest to the plateau.

Winter Corrie:

Stalingrad 100m VI 6 **. Brian Duthie, Forrest Templeton. 2 Feb 2013.

This route follows the left corner of the wide stepped square-cut groove right of *Sun Rock Blues*. *Moon Ice Jazz* follows a line that approximates the right-hand corner of this feature. The climb has tenuous technical sections and limited protection in places but follows a natural line with some interesting rock. Start at the off width crack to the left of the overhanging overlap at the foot of the feature and about 15m up from the start of *Sun Rock Blues*.

1. 35m Climb this with some difficulty using a crack on the left wall. Break into the off-width and gain the top of the overlap. Move up to the next overlap and cross this. Move right to overcome a second smaller overlap on good ice. Move diagonally left to enter the corner. Follow the corner-line until forced right slightly before breaking back left using icy/vegetated grooves. Belay in a corner with a protective roof beside a large cracked block.
2. 30m Step up left onto the cracked block, then step rightwards over it and follow the groove until a ledge is reached which leads left onto *Sun Rock Blues*. Move up slightly rightwards to rejoin the groove line. Climb up a snow slope to belay just above an obvious flake on a ledge below the final corner pitch. The final pitch can be escaped by moving left onto *Sun Rock Blues* at this point.
3. 35m Move easily up into the base of an overhanging groove and break out right onto a slabby ramp. Move up and right into a left-facing corner system until below an obvious overlap. Follow the corner by climbing over the bulge and continue to a second icier bulge. Climb this to a ledge system which leads leftwards to the top belay at the end of the difficulties on *Sun Rock Blues*. Climb one final undercut bulge before moving up and right to a large isolated boulder. Follow easy mixed ground for 60m to the plateau.

Lynx Variation to Wild Cat Wall 40m IV,4. Bill Church, Brian Findlay, Greg Strange. 24 Feb 2013.

This ice line climbs ramps on the right wall of the introductory gully to *Wild Cat Wall*. Beyond the chokestone, climb a short ice pillar to gain a ramp. Follow this out right, then up and left to a ledge (25m). Continue up right on thinly iced slabs to reach easy ground below the basin.

Grampian Club Buttress 70m IV,5. Kevin Murphy, Forrest Templeton. 29 Mar 2013.

A mixed line up the small buttress between the gully start of *Wildcat Wall* and *Pinnacle Gully*. Start at the base of the compact area of buttress to the left and below of *Pinnacle Gully*. Follow a groove line, veering slightly leftwards to a horizontal ledge system. From its left end, a corner system was taken over a couple of bulges to ledges below a steep head wall immediately right of a narrow chimney (50m). Climb the thrutchy chimney before moving out left below the capping chokestone (20m, but belay well back). There was an old peg at the base of the chimney.

Note: Raymond Simpson's partner on the FWA of *Diamond Slab* (1980) was Lew Cass.

Corrie Fee:

Frozen Forest 220m IV,4. Robbie Miller, Henning Wackerhage. 10 Feb & 17 Mar 2013.

Start at a right-trending icy groove to the right of *The Wild Places* (as drawn in the Cairngorms guidebook).

1. 40m Easily ascend the ramp to a tree below an icy left-facing corner.
2. 50m Traverse left, climb an icefall and then climb a turfy line just to the right of the large overhanging rock band which splits the face.
3. 30m Traverse left above the large corner on the left onto easy ground on the upper face.
4. 50m Climb the gully line to the right of the buttress to reach a left-facing ramp on the highest buttress..
5. 50m Climb the ramp and then turfy ground to the top.

Clova Direct 265m V,6. Robbie Miller, Henning Wackerhage. 10 Feb & 17 Mar 2013.

Start as for Frozen Forest.

1. 40m Easily ascend the ramp to a tree belay below an icy left-facing corner.
2. 50m Climb the icy corner above to reach a ledge for another tree belay to the left of the large overhung niche.
3. 50m Traverse right on ice into the niche and then up to the steep chimney above. Do not climb the chimney but instead traverse left to reach another groove with trees to another tree belay (common with *The Wild Places*).
4. 25m Climb easily directly to the bottom of the buttress above.
5. 50m Climb corners to reach the top of the buttress and via a saddle reach the bottom of the highest buttress.
6. 50m Climb a left-facing corner and then follow a steep crack on the right to a ledge. Climb an overhang with good hooks (crux). Traverse to the bottom of an offwidth crack and climb this to the top.

Note: Both routes are on the face to the right of *Look C Gully*. The original FA routes crossed each other but the described lines are more logical.

Corrie Sharroch:

Note: Martin Cooper & Elliot Palmer on 30 Dec 2011 climbed an obvious buttress at the left end of the band of crags that form the east facing flank of A Buttress. It is bounded by an obvious gully to the left and a further smaller buttress to the left again. The foot of the buttress is at NO 254 743. Climb the right side of steeper rocks to the top of an obvious ramp that rises across the buttress from the left. From the ramp climb through a hole to exit via a step to gain the crest of the buttress. Follow the crest to an overhanging crack. Climb this or the shorter corner to the left (easier). Follow the crest to the top.

WATER OF SAUGHS (Glen Lethnot), Corrie na Berran (SMCJ 2011 p486):

Note: S Gully was climbed by Greg Strange on 19 Dec 1999 and Pythagoras by Bill Church, Brian Findlay, Bob Ross & Greg Strange on 6 Mar 1994. The steep triangular wall mentioned in the description of *S Gully* is dominated centrally by an impressive hanging icefall dubbed the *Berran Appendix*. To its left, below *Isosceles*, is a wide curtain of ice. This was climbed on its right side by Brian Findlay & Greg Strange on 21 Jan 2001 (*Cateran* 45m IV,4).

GLEN PROSEN, Bawhelps:

Walk up Glen Prosen to reach the white glen. Bawhelps is the broken crag on the western side facing north-west. It offers some mostly easy gully lines.

Zig Zag 150m I. Robbie Miller, Henning Wackerhage. 24 Feb 2013.
Start at the top right corner of the snow bay. Climb the clearly defined snow gully, then zig-zag up the crag.

Prozac 120m II. Robbie Miller, Henning Wackerhage. 24 Feb 2013.
Right of *Zig Zag* is a left-slanting gully and right again is an icy corner. Climb this for 40m. Above several easy variations are possible.

Pro 100m I. Robbie Miller, Henning Wackerhage. 24 Feb 2013.
Climb the well defined short gully at the right end of the crag.

GLEN PROSEN, South Craig:

Brian's Ramp 75m IV,4. Forest Templeton, Piotr Wisthal, Henning Wackerhage. 20 Jan 2013.

Start just to the right of the large deep corner.

1. 25m Climb up to a squeeze chimney and then climb the slab to the right of the corner.
2. 50m Climb the lower or higher icy ramp and then turfy ground to the top.

Polish Parade 90m III. Robbie Miller, Henning Wackerhage. 27 Jan 2013.
Start to the right of *Brian's Ramp* where there is a turfy line.

1. 50m Climb mixed ground to reach a gully line.
2. 40m Climb the gully line to the end.

NORTH-EAST OUTCROPS

Long Slough:

A Momentary Lapse of Reason 12m E1 5a. Michael Barnard, David Bird. 23 Apr 2013.

Climb the arete left of *Leaning Meanie* to gain and finish up the obvious hanging groove. Good climbing with reasonable protection but with some suspect blocks near the top.

Pink Band Cliff (NEO p119):

As the current guide states, a neglected cliff but hopefully the addition of the following routes will change this and make it a worthy companion to its near neighbour Earnsheugh. The rock is excellent at the base but deteriorates with height but is mostly sound although the occasional crumbly hold will be encountered. It requires similar conditions to Earnsheugh but big seas would prevent climbing here.

Pink Fink 20m E1 5c *. Piotr Wisthal, Tim Rankin. Sep 2012.

Just right of *Frontier Rib* the cliff turns inland a little and forms a slight arete. This route climbs the fine puckered wall and obvious wide crack on the right side of the arete to swing round onto the left side of the arete and a finish up *Frontier Rib*.

Pink Elephant 20m E2 5b **. Tim Rankin, Piotr Wisthal. Sep 2012.

Just right again is a longer crack starting at 8m and leading almost to the top of the cliff. Start up the huge slanting groove. From the first hand slot in the back of the groove, reach out left to jugs on the right edge of the puckered wall. Move up to good hidden pockets above an obvious slot in the lip of a roof (good cam). Use a good side pull to reach left to the base of the crack. Follow the crack with sustained interest until its top, step left and finish past a thin hollow flake with care. Very sustained but well protected.

Tickled Pink 20m E5 6a **. Tim Rankin, Piotr Wisthal. Sep 2012.

Probably the best route on the wall. Climb the huge slanting groove until forced out onto the right wall, then up twin cracks to a jug. Climb pockets to a good break, step left and make a hard move up to a good hold (small cam in break on left). Move up again to a jug below a small overlap. Now tackle the pink band above direct to a good side pull below a roof. Pull over this and move up left to a good break. Finish leftwards. Great sustained climbing.

Pretty in Pink 20m E6 6a *. Tim Rankin, Piotr Wisthal. Sep 2012.

Another good very sustained route. Follow *Tickled Pink* to the good break, then move right into the short hanging corner. Go up this to a rest on the right at the start of the pink band. Move back left to boldly climb the pink band firstly leftwards (0 Friend in slot on left), then right to a good pocket. Continue straight up to better holds and a poor rest before a sustained finish straight up.

Red Band Cliff (NEO p119):

Impregnator 20m E1 5b **. Tim Rankin, Russell Birkett. 23 Sep 2012.

Climb the rib as for *Breech Birth* but continue up the edge to a perch. Step left onto a granite slab and climb the steep wall above to good holds at the obvious ledge. Now move right and up to the arete. Climb the steep arete in a fine position to finish. Finishing left from the ledge is easier and less satisfying.

Viper 20m E3 5c *. Tim Rankin, Neil Morrison. Summer 2012.

Climb *Strainer* to a large triangle niche; pull out right onto the wall at a good break, then climb the overhanging wall direct. At its top step right and pull over to the top of the *Arachnid* crack. Make an interesting finish up the left edge of the red band past a superb pocket.

Moth in Molasses 20m E7 6c *. Tim Rankin, Neil Morrison. Summer 2012.

Climb the direct start to *Colander Wall* then follow that route to a comfortable perch. *Colander Wall* now takes the wall on the right but instead climb the thin crack directly above to gain a good break beneath the roof (eliminate but good). Reach out to holds on the lip of the roof, then make desperate moves over the roof and up the wall to finish. Escape is possible below the roof into *Strainer* but this is before the hard climbing. Head pointed.

Orchestra Cave (NEO p126):

Resinate 30m E4 5c *. Tim Rankin, Graham Tyldesley. Spring 2012.

The obvious line of weakness just right of the short sport route (*Mad Cows*) up the full height of the cave and finishing up an exposed hanging groove. Start just right of *Mad Cows* below twin cracks. Climb an easy groove to a ledge, then climb the cracks with an excursion right to start. Continue up the line of weakness above and at its top step out left to the ledge before returning right to steeply gain a line leading right and up into the hanging final groove. Exit out the top left of this to finish. Reasonable protection but often behind resinating blocks on the upper wall.

Little O Wall:

This is the fine wall just south of Orchestra Cave and is clearly seen when using the south approach access to the cave. Unfortunately it seeps for much of the year and has bird issues during the nesting season probably explaining its neglect for so long. However when dry and bird free, it offers excellent climbing on immaculate rock. The best time to attempt climbing here would appear to be either in a dry spring or autumn. Approach as for Orchestra Cave down the V.Diff chimney and walk south or by abseil.

Choir Boy 18m E2 5c ***. Tim Rankin, Graham Tyldesley. Spring 2012.

An obvious central feature of the cliff is two groove lines separated by a shorter roof topped groove. This route climbs the right-hand line which forms a slot and fine crack higher up. Start up an undercut arete just right of the roof topped groove. Make powerful moves up and through the red granite band, then follow a thin hanging crack to the groove proper at the slot. Continue up the fine crack above to the top. A top quality route very well protected except one bold move higher up.

Berrymuir Head:

A small cliff to the south of the main cliff at Berrymuir Head, west of the Sea Nose.

The following route lies on its north wall.

Snappy Crack 10m VS 4b. Gwilym Lynn, James Prowse. 20 Aug 2012.

Climbs the J-shaped crack starting from the left side.

PASS OF BALLATER:

Note: Iain Small on 11 Mar 2012 climbed a route on the wall to the right of *Anger and Lust*, to the right of the E4 direct finish but to the left of *Lech Gates*, probably at E6 6b.

CLACHNABEN:

Various winter routes have been recorded on Clachnaben, but it is not known whether records are complete, so the following may have been climbed before. On 15 Jan 2013, Henning Wackerhage & Simon Richardson made a winter ascent of *Central Gully* (IV,4), and on 30 Mar 2013 Simon Richardson made a winter ascent of *Micro Route* (III,5). On the same day, Richardson also climbed the prominent groove-line left of *South-East Gully – Southern Groove* (II) and the turf wall just right of *Fissure Feugh – North End* (II).

HIGHLAND OUTCROPS

GLEN NEVIS, What Wee Wall:

Die Another Day E7 6b. Jules Lines (solo). 11 Apr 2013.

The direct finish to *Carpe Diem*. Where the original goes left, climb direct up the bulging wall on tinies to the left of a vertical seam to reach a sidepull on the left. Using this, exit into a scoop. Easier if chalked.

Whale Rock:

Hold Fast, Hold True 20m E(a lot). Jules Lines. 16 May 2013.

The true finish of *Hold Fast* (which is E9 7a!). Where the original traverses off left at half-height, shake out and launch up the wall on distant hidden holds to reach a flake jug. Follow flakes up and right to finish. Protectionless, although there could be a possible poor skyhook at half-height. The top section is a grade easier than the lower section but far more serious. It probably adds a half to a full E grade and an extra star of quality to the original route. A world class solo.

Caldera Crags:

(NN 170 699) Alt 650m

Tiers of granite slabs of excellent rock quality lying some way up the steep slope directly above the Steall car park. The crags are easily seen from the car park, some way right of the water slide. Approach directly up the slope in 45mins. Most of the lines (yet unclimbed) dry quickly although some are affected by seeps after heavy rain.

Pallor 15m E7 6b **. Dave MacLeod. 26 Jul 2012.

Climbs the attractive smooth lower tier near the right side of the smooth slab. Start a few metres left of an obvious shallow groove. Climb up a few metres on the curving overlap and arrange some cams which will only stop you rolling down the hill if you fall from the climbing above. Step right and climb directly to the attractive crescent feature. This provides good respite and a chance to consider whether you want to commit to the very serious crux above. Continue directly, thin, to reach ledges just below the top. Headpointed.

Wafflin' Blues 15m E2 5c. Kevin Shields. 27 Feb 2013.

The obvious groove to the right of *Pallor*. Climb over a small roof onto the blank slab to finish. Take boots to walk off or pre-rig a lower-off.

CREAG NA H-EIGHE:

Wacky Mullets 12m E1 5a *. Michael Barnard, Graeme Watson. 31 Jul 2012.
A good bold route up the wall between *Woodworm* and *Jaggy Bunnets*. Start at the base of the latter and follow the initial arete to a ledge. Reach up to place a small RP and continue delicately up the wall to below the roof (first good protection). Step back right to the arete and surmount the top bulge.

Hit the h-Eighe 15m E1 5c *. Michael Barnard (unsec). 31 Jul 2012.
Right of the direct start to *Jugs* is a thin crack. Climb this (crux) then continue directly up the steep wall above to gain the block on *Just a Pech*. Finish as for that route.

Note: *Separation* is good, definitely worth a star.

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Little Brenva Face:

Grooverider 30m V,6. Pete Davies, Donie O'Sullivan, Ross Cowie. 1 Feb 2013.

A steep rock wall between *Ramsay Gray* and *Right Major* (2011) contains a nice mixed pitch up a steep groove about 5m right of the prominent hanging icicle that forms here. It was gained by easier angled ground and finished on the big snow field above the icicle, which was followed to join the rest of *Route Major*.

North-East Buttress, First Platform:

Note: Guy Robertson & Pete Macpherson made an ascent of the complete summer line of *Steam Train* in Apr 2013 to provide an excellent sustained and well-protected VII,7.

Orion Face:

Urban Spaceman, Suburban Spaceman Start 65m VII,8. Iain Small, Robin Clothier, Doug Hawthorn. 30 Mar 2013.

An alternative start to *Urban Spaceman* based on the overhung gully defining the right side of the Great Slab Rib. Start as for *Urban Spaceman*, but instead of moving on the crest of the Great Slab Rib continue up the gully to its right. This culminates in a cul de sac that is breached by a thin ice streak on the left wall to reach the top of the second pitch of the original route. On the first ascent, unconsolidated snow in the gully approaching the cul de sac (possibly a normal occurrence), added to the difficulty.

Note: Robin Clothier & Richard Bentley on 23 Feb 2013, started up *Astronomy*, continued up *The Black Hole, Urban Spaceman, Smith-Holt Route*, then two new pitches to reach a point overlooking the Basin. They climbed a chimney left of *Epsilon Chimney*, continued up *Zybernaught*, and followed pitch four of *Space Invaders* to join *Journey into Space*. A long snow slope then led to the summit cairn of *North-East Buttress*. They called it *Shooting Star* 500m VI,6.

Spaced Out 240m VII,7. Iain Small, Murdo Jamieson, Nick Bullock. 6 Apr 2013.

A direct route between *Space Invaders* and *Journey into Space* on the Orion headwall. From the top left corner of the Basin an easier pitch leads to an obvious V-groove in two steps to a good ledge and belay, then a steep corner with a stepped arete and more open groove above that tackles the steepest part of the headwall. Excellent climbing on thinly iced slabs.

Observatory Buttress:

Deadly Presence 330m VIII,7. Iain Small, Doug Hawthorn. 22 Feb 2013.

A serious thin ice route up the wall up and left of the ramp of *Left Edge Route*. The route serves as a natural continuation to *Appointment with Fear* (which joins *Left Edge Route* for its third pitch).

1. and 2. 70m Climb the first two pitches of *Appointment with Fear* to its junction with *Left Edge Route* (normally climbed as a single long pitch).
2. 60m Step left onto the steep left wall, and climb it on thin ice to the *Girdle Traverse* ledge. A serious and committing lead.
3. 60m Continue up the two icy walls above. Another bold pitch.
4. to 6. 140m Finish up the *Direct Finish to Left Edge Route*.

The Wolves are Running 200m VII,7. Iain Small, Simon Richardson. 16 Mar 2013.

A direct ascent of Observatory Buttress just right of *Rubicon Wall* with a steep finish up the vertical headwall. Climbed in rare icy conditions with some poorly attached ice. The grade assumes optimum ice conditions.

1. 50m Start at the lowest left toe of the buttress and climb a right-slanting ramp onto the front face. Continue up iced slabs to a stance below a steep left-facing corner (taken by *Atlantis*).
2. 60m Climb the wall left of the corner and trend up and right to the terrace of *Observatory Buttress Direct*, which is joined after 20m. Break through the steep wall directly above (bold) and continue up a series of thinly iced walls and slabs to below a steep groove system that cuts through the left side of the headwall.
3. 40m Climb the lower groove to gain a tenuous set of terraces trending up and right. Move left to gain a distinctive groove and climb this on this ice to an exposed ledge at its top. The final ice wall looms above. Step down and left and climb a thin groove in the vertical icefall above to reach easier ground.
4. 50m Easier angled ice followed by snow leads to a good rock belay near the top of the *Girdle Traverse* ledge.

Night of the White Russians 260m VII,6 **. Pete Davies, Tim Marsh, Donie O'Sullivan. 16 Mar 2013.

Icy mixed climbing that links a superb first pitch on the steep right flank, with an attractive icy corner above the depression. Low in the grade as good wires protect the hardest climbing on P1 and the section of serious climbing on P4 is short. Start 20m left of *North-West Face* at the right arete of a steep slab that bounds the left edge of a snowy corner.

1. 50m Climb the arete for a few moves, then traverse left into the centre of the slab. Climb straight up to reach a well defined, right-slanting groove beneath an area of steeper rock. Climb the groove using a thin ice smear. Follow the upper groove direct and belay on the left, where the angle eases.
2. 60m Climb a wide, ice-choked crack up the centre of easier angled mixed ground to reach the *Girdle Traverse* ledge.

3. 45m Move left and climb to the very top of the depression on Observatory Buttress. Belay at the base of an icy corner capped by a prominent square roof.
4. 55m Climb the corner to the roof. Move boldly rightwards under the roof on steep thin ice to reach an easier chimney leading to a snow arete.
5. 40m Follow the snow arete to the plateau.

Tower Ridge, East Flank:

Angry Chair 80m VII,8 *. Dave MacLeod, Helen Rennard. 26 Feb 2013.

This route follows steep corners and cracks on the wall right of *Clefthanger*. The wall is often in condition when other buttresses are bare. Start 15m right of *Clefthanger*, below the left side of a snowy recess in the cliff.

1. 25m Climb up snowy ledges to the base of a prominent arete. Just left of this is a shallow corner-crack which opens into a ramp. Climb this passing a dubious flake and belay at the top of the ramp.
2. 30m Step left around a block and climb the steep corner directly above with strenuous climbing. At its top move left onto a ledge formed by a huge perched block (the angry chair).
3. 25m From the top of the block, make a bold traverse along a thin rail to gain the icy ramps 5m to the left. Finish up the ice ramps and belay at the top of the snow slope above. An exit left can be made from here on snow into Tower Gully.

Douglas Boulder:

Jacknife, the Off-road Finish 30m IV,4. Michael Barnard, Ron Dempster. 27 Dec 2012.

A more independent final pitch giving a longer route. From the belay above pitch 2 step down left and go up a short crack onto a ledge. Climb the corner at the back of the ledge and continue up through the obvious square-cut chimney above.

Secondary Tower Ridge:

Beggars Belief 190m VII,7 *. Simon Yearsley, Helen Rennard. 16 Jan 2013.

An absorbing climb taking a right-curving line left of *Vanishing Gully*. The climb is quite high in its grade. Start as for *Beggar's Groove* (the chimney midway between *1934 Route* and *Vanishing Gully*).

1. 30m Climb the chimney to a grassy ledge, then the slabby rocks immediately on the right for 10m.
2. 40m The open groove above leads to a large block. Traverse left over the block to a ledge and climb the steep wall 2m left of a brown V-groove. A square flake at half-height provides a welcome runner. At the top of the wall, move diagonally up and left, then straight up to another (slightly booming) block. Cross the short thin slab on the left to belay just short of the arete.
3. 30m Move up and left round the arete, and climb down into the snowy gully (*1934 Route*). Move up the gully for 5m until a short groove lead up to steeper ground. Care with rope drag on this pitch.
4. 40m Climb upwards to reach a wide, right-sloping easy angled ramp. Climb this to its top with a fine belay on the sharp crest.
5. 50m Move down and right and pull up the short steep wall. Climb the vertical crack and then a committing mantelshelf up and right onto a small patch of turf on the blunt rib. Move up a few metres, then follow a well-positioned turf slab rightwards, then up to finish on the traverse line around Little Tower. A precarious pitch.

From the top of pitch 5, it is straightforward to either descend *Tower Ridge* (as on first ascent), or continue up the ridge to the summit.

Secondary Tower Ridge:

No Success Like Failure 110m IX,8. Iain Small, Simon Richardson. 2 Feb 2013.

A sustained and technical mixed route taking the slim elegant corner running up the steep front face of *Rogue's Rib*. It is undercut at its base, and defended by several roofs along its length.

1. 30m Start at the bottom left side of the buttress and climb an easy ramp that undercuts the main mass of the buttress to a point where it narrows and steepens. Above is a possible overhanging direct entry into the groove, but instead, climb a short steep corner to a sloping stance on the front right side of the buttress. (This point can also be reached by climbing slabby ground from the right toe of the buttress – as climbed by Iain Small and Blair Fyffe on 27 Dec 2012 on a previous attempt on the line).
2. 30m Traverse 5m left to enter the groove and follow it, exiting left near its top to bypass a large roof, to gain a small stance.
3. 30m Continue up the groove to a prominent double roof. Levitate through this and climb the groove above to gain a foothold stance on the left.
4. 20m Continue up the continuation of the corner above, then traverse right across a vertical wall to avoid the capping roof. Step left on to the crest above and move easily up to broken ground at the top of the initial section of the buttress. From here, either continue up *Rogue's Rib Direct* or descend by abseil. One long abseil from a large block leads to the junction of *Italian Climb* and *Italian Right-Hand*. From here, a second abseil from an in-situ anchor leads to the corrie floor.

Migranya Profunda 120m VIII,8. Tony Stone, Iain Small. 10 Feb 2013.

The overhanging corner-line between *Fat Boy Slim* and *Rogue's Rib*.

1. 30m Climb up and left of the initial corner to a stance. A bold and delicate pitch
2. 30m Continue up to a terrace. Another bold pitch.
3. 60m The final pitch up the prominent groove provides a more relaxing finale to the testing pitches below.

Pinnacle Buttress of the Tower:

Unnamed 190m IV,5. Simon Richardson, Iain Small. 2 Mar 2013.

The zig-zag groove system left of *Fatal Error*.

1. 40m Start on the first terrace of Pinnacle Buttress of the Tower midway between *Broad Gully* and *Fatal Error*. Climb a right-slanting ramp to below a deep chimney cleaving the left wall.
2. 50m Climb the icy chimney (steep to start) to its top.
3. 50m Cross the upper section of *Broad Gully* to belay below the central icy weakness in the wall leading up to the crest of *Tower Ridge*.
4. 50m Follow the line of ice trending right to the crest of *Tower Ridge*.

Garadh na Ciste:

Blue Nosed Baboon V,5. Blair Fyffe, Nona Thomas. 9 Dec 2012.

A winter ascent of the summer line. The first pitch is quite bold.

Goodeve's Buttress:

Unnamed 130m V,5. Simon Richardson, Iain Small. 3 Mar 2013.

The attractive narrow icy groove nestling in behind the rib left of *The Gutter*. Facing north and lying high on the mountain it stays in condition late in the season and is resistant to thaw. Start by climbing *Glover's Chimney* for three pitches to belay below the rib.

1. 50m Climb easily up snow and make a steep pull up an impending wall into the groove. Climb this with interest to a belay in a small steep snow bay below a steep wall.
2. 50m Climb up and left for 10m then follow a shallow groove up the left side of the steep wall. Continue up an easier groove above to join open snow slopes.
3. 30m Continue up easier angled snow and mixed ground to the crest of *Tower Ridge*.

No.3 Gully Buttress:

Uranus IV,4. Tim Neill, Keith Ball. 2011.

An iced groove on the left of *Green Gully*, the first line of ice after the narrows in the middle of *Green*, heading out left to belay below the centre of the triangular headwall. The last pitch climbs right of the obvious dark wall on the crest of the comb, linking the snow patches first a little to the right, then leftwards up a hidden gully to the big boulder on the crest of the Comb.

Note: Rich Bentley, Tony Shepherd & Mark Davies climbed a similar route on 3 Feb 2013, the difference being that they started some 15m lower down *Green Gully* and it went at VI,5.

Tomahawk Crack 80m VIII,9. Greg Boswell, Adam Russell. 29 Nov 2012

A crack-line right of *Sioux Wall*.

1. 25m Start as for *Sioux Wall* and climb up rightwards behind the big rock fin. Then move up and left to belay on its small ledge.
2. 20m Step left and climb directly up the wall above to gain a faint crack-line and onto an obvious mid-way ledge.
3. 35m Go straight up the technical crack above, eventually moving right once the angle eases and the climbing becomes easier to gain a capped pod. Climb out the top of the pod to the top of the *Sioux Wall* buttress.

Note: Al Halewood, Guy Stephen on 1 Nov 2012 climbed an early season version of *El Nino* at V,6. Their line climbed twin cracks above a snowy ledge just left of its right-hand arete.

Creag Coire na Ciste:

Note: Jim Higgins & Neil Adams linked the two lower corners of *Angels with Dirty Faces* with the upper two corners of *Avenging Angel* on 2 Feb 2013 to complete the logical line of *Avenging Angel Direct* (VIII,8).

South Trident Buttress:

Titan Cracks 100m V,6. Simon Richardson, Helen Rennard. 1 Dec 2012.

The steep cracked pillar between *Poseidon Groove* and *Triton Corners*, finishing up the continuation spur above.

1. 30m Start below the left side of the pillar and climb the steep shallow chimney, step left, and climb a corner-crack above to a terrace.
2. 20m Move slightly right and climb the bulging wall above via a short left-trending ramp and shallow corner with an awkward exit to gain a second terrace.

3. 50m Finish by climbing the a right-facing corner in the rib above and exit left below a steep wall at the top to finish.

The Copenhagen Interpretation 200m VI,7. Blair Fyffe, Helen Rennard. 18 Dec 2012.

A good route up the ramp and wall to the right of *The Minge*. May be significantly more difficult without consolidated snow/ice on the slabs. Start as for *The Minge*. Climb the obvious right-trending icy ramp to a large snow bay (40m). From the top of this climb a short turf ramp, then pull up left onto a series of hanging slabs. Head diagonally leftwards across these to below a steep crack (20m). Climb the steep crack (crux) to a groove above. Trend up and right across some steep slabs to a slight scoop. Technical moves up and left regains the groove just before the angle eases. It would also be possible to climb the groove directly to this point. Above a snow slope leads to an outcrop above (40m). Continue up easier ground above in two long pitches to reach the crest of South Trident Buttress (100m).

Carn Dearg Buttress:

Olympic Spirit 140m E1 *. Michael Barnard, John MacLeod. 11 Aug 2012.

Climbs a vertical fault-line parallel to and right of *Route I*. Start at the large brownish right-facing corner 3m left of the start to *The Bullroar*.

1. 35m 5b Climb the corner (*Bullroar* Direct Start). Generally well protected but with a bold section in the middle.
2. 30m 4c Continue easily up the grassy groove above; once past the overlap, move up and right to climb a slight steepening to belay level with the base of the chimney of *Route I*.
3. 45m 4c Continue up the fault-line past two steeper sections to belay at the left end of the main overhangs.
4. 30m 5a Move up left then back right to gain a steep groove. Climb this, exiting right, then move up to finish up the final flake-crack of *P.M.*

The Centaur 195m E1 **. Michael Barnard, John MacLeod. 11 Aug 2012.

A right-trending line up the central section of the buttress, giving some good sustained pitches. The main feature of the lower section is the obvious diagonal crack on the left wall of the corner of *Centurion*. This is gained from the left by a rising traverse up the lower slabs. Start down and right from *The Bullroar* (left of *Cowslip*) below a large block propped up against the base of the wall.

1. 45m 5b Climb onto the block then step right to follow a crack to a grassy ledge. Above the right end of the ledge is a fine hidden crack (*Cowslip*); climb this to below the overhang then hand-traverse right into a groove. Downclimb the groove to gain a line of holds leading rightwards then up to an obvious spike (*Red Rag*). Step right and climb a groove to below the overhang, then undercling right to belay on the arete.
2. 20m 5b Climb up into the pod above and continue up the diagonal crack to the top of the *Centurion* corner.
3. 20m 4c Move leftwards up flake-cracks to gain the arete. Follow this to the lip of a big overhang (as for *Centurion*) then step right to belay below a fine three-tiered corner right of *Centurion*.
4. 30m 5b The three-tiered corner gives a quality pitch.
5. 40m 4c Above is a large overhang. Move up to climb the edge on the left then step right and move up through a small upper overlap. Continue up and right to a

good grassy ledge below the right end of the upper overhangs (junction with *Route II*).

6. 40m 4c Step right and move up near the edge, continuing up and then leftwards through the upper wall to a ledge. Step left and climb a groove to the terrace at the top.

MAMORES, Sgurr an Iubhair, Coire nam Miseach:

(NN 163 654) Alt 880m West facing

The crag runs diagonally up the west face of Sgurr an Iubhair and is clearly visible from Stob Ban. It runs up towards the summit, then round the corrie rim to where the routes in the Ben Nevis guide are situated. With the crag so obvious, it would be surprising if nothing had been climbed before, although the routes are short. At the left and low end of the crag is a gully, starting just right of the lowest rocks.

Over Yew 100m III. Andy Nisbet. 10 Dec 2012.

The rib left of the gully. Start at the lowest rocks and climb a steep icy groove to a terrace. Climb the rib, moving to its right side at half-height and overlooking the crux of the gully.

Yew First 100m III,4. Brian Davison, Dave McGimpsey. 20 Feb 2005.

Climb the gully, moving right and back left low down (left and more direct would normally be easier). The gully is mostly easy but with an awkward double chimney high up.

Yewff 100m III. Andy Nisbet. 10 Dec 2012.

A direct line up a turf fault parallel to and just right of the gully. It touches *Yew First* where it moves right low down but then continues up a shallow groove and corner system.

Down Yew 100m I. Andy Nisbet. 10 Dec 2012.

In the centre of the crag is the most obvious feature, a big shallow gully. Start by moving left on turf to gain the gully proper. There are short steps and could be Grade II if icy.

Pinnacle Rib 100m III. Andy Nisbet. 10 Dec 2012.

The rib right of the gully. Start up a turf fault just right of a prominent wide crack and climb this to an easy middle section. Continue up right of a pinnacle and finish up a left-facing corner.

Yew Cleft 80m II. Andy Nisbet. 10 Dec 2012.

Some 30m to the right is a striking narrow chimney. Climb a shallow groove into the chimney which is much easier than it looks. Exit the chimney on ice to an easier upper gully. Could perhaps be Grade I with a bigger build-up.

Chock Ice 80m II. Andy Nisbet. 10 Dec 2012.

About 10m right of the striking chimney is a right-slanting gully with two chockstones which gave short pitches.

AM BODACH:

The Dark Toon 120m II/III. Al & Jane Halewood. 2006.

Between the crag with *Solo Gully* and the main crag is this separate buttress. This ascent climbed the crest throughout. A later ascent started a deep V-groove at the right end of its base. This was gained from the right to avoid a steep step and followed to its top before moving right to the defined crest which led to the top.

Old Man's Ridge 200m III. Andy Nisbet. 2 Dec 2012.

Right of this separate buttress is an easy gully leading to the south ridge of Am Bodach. Right of this and at the left (south) end of the main crag is this well defined ridge. There is a small isolated ridge down to its left which was climbed as a 50m start but is completely optional (not included in length). The crest has many flakes and pinnacles and was followed as closely as possible, but some difficulties can be avoided on the left.

Redbreast Gully 180m III. Andy Nisbet, Duncan Tunstall. 5 Dec 2012.

A gully right of *Old Man's Ridge* has three small steps and one steep step at half-height which was avoided by turfy ground on the right before traversing back in immediately above the step. Probably Grade II with a good build-up.

AN GARBHANACH, East Face:

Alt 850m - 950m

There are two main gullies on the face which may have been climbed before.

Left-Hand Gully 120m I/II. Ed Edwards, Dave McGimpsey. Feb 2006.

Steep snow, then a nice narrow steeper bit.

Oak Howe Grooves 40m III,4. Dave McGimpsey, Ed Edwards. Feb 2006.

Climbs the slabby grooves immediately right of Left-Hand Gully. Start under the central groove of three and follow it for 20m, then climb up and left to finish up the left-hand groove to easy ground. Another 80m of Grade I leads to the top.

Right-Hand Gully 120m I. Jamie Hageman. 30 Oct 2008.

An easy curving snow runnel.

AONACH BEAG, An Ghaidh Garbh:

Situated at the east side of the corrie, just east of the summit of Stob Coire Bhealaich, is a small slabby buttress with prominent flakes on the right (NN 205 709). The following routes are on the largest section left of the flakes.

Blood Brothers 60m III. Steve Kennedy, Andy MacDonald. 24 Feb 2013.

Start at the lowest point and climb a short icefall up a left-trending ramp. Move right and follow a prominent ramp on the right side of the buttress before moving back left at the top to finish.

Soul Searchers 60m III. Steve Kennedy, Andy MacDonald. 24 Feb 2013.

Start just left of the initial icefall of *Blood Brothers* and climb to a steepening at the top of an open groove come gully. Traverse right onto the buttress edge which is followed via mixed ground to the top.

AONACH BEAG, Central West Face:

Note: On a lower tier below Broken Axe Buttress is a 30m icefall which follows ice into a runnel which trends left and reaches a ledge below the main buttress. It

offers an additional start to routes on that buttress. Climbed by Brian Davison, 13 Mar 2013.

Glacies Interruptus 220m IV,5. Sandy Allan, Andy Nisbet. 19 Feb 2013.

An ice line right of *Glycerol Gully*. Gain and climb a long iced groove in the buttress right of *Glycerol Gully* (80m). A deep left-slanting diagonal gully now appears unexpectedly. Abseil into it and climb the icefall on the other side (140m). The start was quite steep thick ice but the finish had an ice bulge (crux) followed by an icy mixed section.

Note: The diagonal gully was used in descent – 250m Grade I.

Tardis 180m IV,4. Dave McGimpsey, Andy Nisbet. 28 Feb 2013.

An ice line to the right of *Glacies Interruptus* and left of *Sublimation*, but it only forms above the diagonal gully. Start at the base of the diagonal gully. Climb over snow and sections of lower angled ice to below an ice bulge in a groove (45m). Climb over the bulge, then traverse right on ice until more ice leads to a snow terrace (50m). Gain an iced slab on the right and climb this towards a big overhang. Traverse left to an icefall and climb this to snow (45m). Climb easier ice and snow to the upper slopes (40m).

Glacial Groove 150m V,5. Dave McGimpsey, Andy Nisbet. 21 Feb 2013.

An ice line down a groove in the rib right of *Sublimation*. Climb ice leading to the base of the groove (50m). Climb the groove to a barrier and exit up its right wall (thin ice) to its right arete. Climb thicker ice up the barrier and up towards a continuation groove (40m). Climb the continuation groove and another ice step to easier ground (50m). Gain the upper snow slopes (10m).

Wingman 170m IV,5. Andy Nisbet. 6 Mar 2013.

An easier option to *Beyond the Call of Duty*, which would have involved 10m of vertical ice and at least Grade V,6 on the day. Start up the right edge of the *Beyond the Call* lower icefall and trend up right to the steep wall containing the standing pillar. Move up left on ice to a shallow iced corner some 10m right of the pillar. Climb this (crux), then move left into the *Beyond the Call* main fall. Follow this over one short step, then break out left on a separate icefall. This leads left, then up, then left again, then up to the top slopes.

Wingbro 150m V,5. Brian Davison, Andy Nisbet. 13 Mar 2013.

Thick ice which forms over the right edge of the steep wall containing the standing pillar then leads to thin ice above. Start at the right edge of the *Beyond the Call* lower icefall, as for *Wingman*, but move further right and climb the thick ice right of the steep wall and which leads to a steepening left of a deep chimney which slants right to join *Osmosis*. Move left and climb the steepening on some turf and thin ice (crux, could be much easier or harder dependent on the amount of ice) to reach a long ice smear. Climb this to a steep wall, then go up the left wall of a left-slanting turf corner to reach easy ground.

Hidden Corner 150m III. Dave McGimpsey, Andy Nisbet. 28 Feb 2013.

An iced corner to the left of *West Central Route* (which was taken to be the next thick icefall right of *Osmosis*, second right of *Beyond the Call of Duty*. But with a huge amount of ice, it clearly bore little resemblance to the original ascent). Start close on the right of *Osmosis* and climb ice diverging away from it to an

overhang. Traverse right and go up on snow to below the corner. Climb the corner to the upper slopes (50m).

West Central Route Variations III. Andy Nisbet. 6 Mar 2013.

Climb direct on ice and snow towards the upper right-facing groove, then move right and climb a separate groove leading up right to snow slopes and the top. Much of this may be similar to the original ascent but with much more ice. The separate groove is definitely different. *West Central Route* would have been Grade III whatever variations were taken.

Begging for More 200m III,4. Dave McGimpsey, Andy Nisbet. 21 Feb 2013.

A thinner ice line starting some 40m to the right of *West Central Route*. Climb a steep icefall on a lower tier and continue more easily to the base of a groove (50m, 50m). It is also

possible to gain this point more easily from the left. Head up left on thick ice and continue up to rock (50m). Either climb ice up left, then left over a rib and climb a long groove to easier snow (D.McG).or go right up a short chimney, then straight up over ice and up a final iced groove to easier snow (AN) – both 50m.

Facets 200m IV,4. Sandy Allan, Andy Nisbet. 19 Feb 2013.

Another thinner icefall right again. Gain the base of the groove as for *Begging for More*, but this time go up right following the groove and climb ice for two long pitches to the easier upper snow basin.

Scrambled 150m III,4. Brian Davison, Andy Nisbet. 13 Mar 2013.

Mostly ice but some mixed climbing up the rib left of *Poached Egg*. Start just left of *Poached Egg* and climb ice runnels before moving left on to the rib below a steepening. Climb a short corner leading left (or move further left and climb ice) to gain an ice line. Follow this to another steepening. Move left again up a short corner to regain ice and climb this to finish up a steep blocky chimney which leads to the upper snow slopes.

AONACH BEAG, Lower West Face:

The Edge Effect 50m V,6. Simon Richardson, Helen Rennard. 2 Dec 2012.

A mixed line up the left edge of the upper section of *Prominent Chimney*.

1. 30m Start 10m left of the chimney and climb a short steep groove to gain a slim right-facing corner Exit right at the top to reach a terrace.

2. 20m Finish up the steep square-cut gully above.

BEINN NA SOCAICH:

Deception 80m IV,6. Rich Parker, James Thacker. 23 Jan 2013.

Start at an icy runnel on the left of the rounded tower. Climb this to belay at a fork (40m). Take a steepening ramp to the right. An awkward flaring groove (possible turf protection) leads to easier ground above.

STOB COIRE AN LAOIGH:

Note: Steve Addy & Finlay Wild made a variation start to *Taliballan* in

December 2012 at IV,5. After the first couple of steps of the normal route, they went further left and returned back right above to the cave belay, thereby missing out what the guide says is the crux ramp (although not everyone agrees this is the crux).

STOB A' CHOIRE MHEADHOIN:

Great Rift Direct Finish 45m VII,6. Brian Davison, Andy Nisbet. 14 Mar 2013.

Central Groove (2000) is not central so has been renamed *Great Rift*. From a cave belay at the top of the steep ice on the original line (IV,5 would be more correct for this), move left and climb a steep iced ramp. Move right over an overhang and climb up to another overhang. Step left under it on to ice, then make steep moves back right above it, and continue to another overhang. Step left on to a rib, then over the overhang, before climbing an easier left-slanting groove on the left. This leads to the top.

Zee Zee Top 220m VI,6. Andy Nisbet, Jonathan Preston. 10 Mar 2013.

Start up the easy lower section of *Great Rift* but soon move out right to climb a wide but easy angled ice pitch before continuing up snow to a cave under an overhanging wall (80m). Step down from the cave and traverse ice rightwards to an awkward move up to gain a narrow ledge immediately under the overhanging wall. Traverse this rightwards to an ice smear up a steep slab which bound the overhanging wall on the right. Climb this to snow and move up left to flakes (50m). There is a groove immediately on the right, but instead traverse further right and go up a short ice pitch and snow to a steep ice-filled groove. Climb this with difficulty and a continuation icy groove above (60m). Finish up snow.

Nagini 160m III. Andy Nisbet, Jonathan Preston. 10 Mar 2013.

Right of the central groove, which is a very large feature is a buttress. Start 30m up and right from the lowest point of the buttress. Climb a shallow iced groove to reach snow and continue up this to a prominent groove. Climb the groove to snow. Climb this up left to a snow arete then move right to another prominent ice-filled groove which is followed to the top.

Slytherin 150m IV,4. Andy Nisbet, Jonathan Preston. 10 Mar 2013.

Start 15m up and right from *Nagini* at a more prominent ice-filled groove. Climb this to snow and touch *Nagini* (50m). Traverse 15m right to another icy groove and climb this to snow (50m). Climb a deep narrow icy groove and continuing ice grooves to the top (50m).

Goblin Gully 150m II. Andy Nisbet, Jonathan Preston. 10 Mar 2013.

Between this buttress and a smaller separate buttress on the right is this wide snow gully with a steep section moving left to start.

The following three routes are on the smaller separate buttress on the right.

Routes here can continue to the top on 50m of snow or traverse right on steep snow before descending to the buttress base.

Parseltongue 100m IV,4. Andy Nisbet, Jonathan Preston. 11 Mar 2013.

In the centre of the buttress are twin iced grooves. Climb the left one to easier ground (50m). Continue up snow and broken ground to the upper snow slopes.

Alchemy 80m IV,5. Andy Nisbet, Jonathan Preston. 11 Mar 2013.

Climb the right groove to near its top (50m). Finish the groove and climb snow to rock spikes (30m).

Fat Lady 60m III,4. Andy Nisbet, Jonathan Preston. 11 Mar 2013.

On the right side of the buttress is a long groove of thick ice. Climb the groove (40m) and snow to the same rock skies as *Alchemy*.

MEALL GARBH, Creagan Coire nam Cnamh:

The Constrictor 230m VI,6. Roger Webb, Simon Richardson. 24 Feb 2013.

The parallel chimney to the right of *Deep Slit*.

1. 30m Start 20m right of *Deep Slit* and climb the lower chimney through a narrow constriction to a deep cave belay.
2. 20m Pull onto the steep wall right of the cave and climb up steep turf to a ledge. Make another steep pull onto the wall above and climb up to a roof. Traverse below this to regain the line of the chimney.
3. 50m Continue up to a terrace, and climb the continuation groove to belay on the right side of the buttress between *Deep Slit* and *Ping Pong*.
4. 30m Climb the buttress by moving left up a ramp to the crest and then climbing a fine groove to its top.
5. and 6. 100m Two pitches of steep snow lead to the top.

Easter Bunny 140m III **. Jonathan Preston. 31 Mar 2013.

Between *Broad Gully* and *Y Gully* there is a narrow gully like a goulotte. Start 30m right of *Broad Gully*. Hop up the narrow gully, which slants slightly leftwards, for a total of about 100m, including two steep icy bulges low down. Reach a snowfield and a rock buttress. Take either of two parallel short snow gullies through the buttress to easier finishing slopes. No discernible cornice problem.

Note: The route lengths hereabouts don't include the Grade I finishing slopes up to the cornice and *Ping Pong* could arguably be recorded as 200m.

STRATHOSSIAN, Creag na Cosaig:

Ossian Fall 100m III. Brian Davison, Andy Nisbet. 15 Dec 2012.

The stream which is marked as flowing through the crag at NN 423 743 on the 1:50000 map has short steep steps with easy angled ice in between. Low in the grade.

BEN ALDER, Garbh Choire:

No Pain No Train 200m III. Max Folkett, Beth Oxley, Michaela Laxton. 7 Apr 2013.

Start at the lowest point of the buttress, immediately left of the snow gully left of the centre.

1. 30m Climb ice to a snow terrace and spike belay.
2. 40m Climb icy grooves and overcome two steep stepped walls before moving up and left.
3. 60m Climb steep snow to an icy bulge, turn this on the right and move up to a steep wall.
4. 60m Climb steep snow to the right until forced left by an overhang to a gully which gives access to the snow bowl.
5. 10m The cornice.

CREAG MEAGAI DH, Pinnacle Buttress:

The Wasp 130m VI,5 *. Michael Barnard, Neil Redgrave. 16 Mar 2013.

Up and left of *Ritchie's Gully* is a fine ice pillar (The Blue Icicle).

1. 25m Climb the initial steep section of the pillar then trend up and right to belay below a turfy line of weakness in the wall above.
2. 50m The turfy line of weakness, a bold pitch.
3. 55m Continue more easily to the cornice.

Post Face:

Centre Post Right-Hand 60m V,5 **. Michael Barnard, Ewan Gourlay. 31 Mar 2013.

The obvious steep icefall on the right wall of *Centre Post*, below its traverse. Makes a good alternative to the Direct. Climb the icefall (30m) to gain the easy snow slope above. Sixty metre ropes may just allow the *Centre Post* belay (ice screws) to be reached; alternatively good turf protection can be arranged on the left at 45m.

Note: The Ordinary goes a little way up the direct until it steepens, then works out right and traverses right.

Inner Corrie:

Moonraker 150m III *. Michael Barnard. 25 Feb 2013.

Climbs the fine two-tiered icy ramp line right of the ice pitch on *Crescent Gully*, finishing as for that route.

GEAL CHARN, Creag Dhubh:

Eagle Eye 80m III,4. John Lyall, Andy Nisbet. 7 Feb 2013.

Start just right of the gully of *Merlin* (SMCJ 2011) and climb steep vegetation and ice to finish up a right-slanting iced groove in the upper wall. The grade will vary according to the amount of ice on a tricky bulge in the upper groove.

Route Beer 115m III,4. John Lyall, Andy Nisbet. 7 Feb 2013.

Start 20m up *Hidden Gully* (the following route).

1. 40m Follow a shallow icy scoop on the left to reach an icy ramp slanting left under a steep wall, and belay on a tree on the crest.
2. 20m Move right from the tree and up steep icy steps to belay.
3. 35m Move left beneath the final icefall of *Hidden Gem* to climb an icy/turfy gully just left of a left-facing corner.

Hidden Gully 110m II. John Lyall, Andy Nisbet. 7 Feb 2013.

The continuation of the *Hidden Gem* gully (SMCJ 2011), by the right fork.

Strange Fruit 120m IV,4. John Lyall, Andy Nisbet. 7 Feb 2013.

Start halfway between *I Scream* and *Neapolitan*, below an iced slab in a recessed section of the crag. This may not normally ice as it was climbed after very windy weather blowing the waterfall on to the slab.

1. 45m Follow the line of thickest ice up the slab, to gain a terrace and move left beneath roofs to a break. This was climbed on weird ice encrusted heather slanting up left.
2. 25m Easy slopes.
3. 50m Climb the next short wall by a wide crack, then move out right and continue up on easy slopes, with one short wall, finishing by a short twisting gully.

GLEN COE

BUACHAILLE ETIVE MOR:

Engineer's Crack VIII,9. Donald King, Mike Pescod. 25 Jan 2013.

Not often in condition. One fall.

Cold Revenge 170m IX,8. Guy Robertson, Nick Bullock. 27 Mar 2013.

A logical link-up on the left edge of the wall, joining *Bludger's* into *Bloody Crack*, with some serious and technical climbing. Follow the first three pitches of *Bludger's*, the third being the hardest, and quite serious stepping round left (60m). Climb the obvious line up and left to the base of *Bloody Crack* (20m). Climb *Bloody Crack* - sustained, technical and bold (40m, crux). Finish up a gradually easing line of corners directly to easier ground (50m).

STOB COIRE SGREAMHACH EAST, Ridge Buttresses:

Open Range 55m IV,5 **. Steve Kennedy, Bob Hamilton. 30 Mar 2013.

To the left of *Eilde Gully* are two steep distinct buttresses, and thereafter a set of lower, less distinct buttresses with a number of grooves before a wide open area (almost a gully). This route aims for a groove situated between two small rock walls (above a triangular shaped snow bay) roughly midway up the buttress to the left of the two distinct buttresses.

Start right of the lowest point in a line below the groove and climb an open groove. Step left at the top of the groove and continue up mixed ground to reach a triangular snow bay. Climb the groove above the bay to reach a further snow bay. Finish up a steep groove leading leftwards from the top of the bay to reach the ridge (an alternative finish up right from the bay is also possible).

Note: *Eilde Gully* was climbed at the beginning of Dec 2012 in lean conditions and found to be a worthwhile Grade III with a steep step near the bottom.

BEINN FHADA, Summit Buttress:

Note: *The Rampart* described in SMCJ 2012 p229, is the same route as *West Rib* (SMCJ 2008, p175).

BIDEAN NAM BIAN EAST, Lost Valley Minor Buttress:

Cutting Edge 50m IV,4 **. Bob Hamilton, Steve Kennedy, Andy MacDonald. 20 Jan 2013.

Essentially an alternative start to *Right Edge*. Approx. 15m right of *Right Edge* is a deep groove containing a small rocky spike (not to be confused with a thin groove immediately to the left). Climb the groove until just above the spike, then follow cracks up the left wall to reach a ledge on the left edge. A natural system of ledges lead up and leftwards into the corner of *Right Edge* which is joined at the top of its first pitch. Finish up *Right Edge*.

STOB COIRE NAN LOCHAIN:

Seattle Grooves 130m IV,5. Harry Holmes, Alex McMillan. 30 Mar 2013.

Nice climbing albeit easily escapable. Start at the lowest rocks on the buttress to the right of the *Twisting Gully*.

1. 55m Climb a snow slope to a short corner. From the top of the short corner follow a snow slope to the base of a steep turf groove and belay on a loose chockstone.

2. 30m Climb up easy snow to a short icy corner. From the top of the ice corner, snow leads to an icy runnel, climbed to broken rocks.
3. An easy left-rising traverse leads to a steep groove on the left-hand side of a small buttress directly below the top of the corrie. Climb the groove to its top (crux) and step slightly right and climb up the final wall to finish. A cornice may form. (45m)

STOB COIRE NAN LOCHAIN, South Buttress:

Moonshine 110m VI,7 **. Neil Adams, Andy Inglis. 16 Mar 2013.

The obvious slim corner rising above the ramp pitch of *Moonshadow* gives a good, sustained pitch.

1. and 2. 75m Follow *Twisting Gully Right-Hand* to above the icefall, then follow *Moonshadow* (or the parallel groove on the right as on the first ascent) to the base of the steep, smooth-sided corner in the left wall.
3. 35m Climb the corner (crux) and the continuation groove above.

Twisted 110m VII,7 ***. Simon Yearsley, Malcolm Bass. 12 Mar 2013.

An excellent climb taking the two-tiered wall and prominent chimney between *Moonshadow* and *Chimney Route*. The route is not sustained, but gives very good climbing with two bold and technical sections in its lower part, then an easier, superbly positioned chimney to finish. On its first ascent it was climbed under icy conditions. Start 8m below the fork in *Twisting Gully*.

1. 30m From the gully bed, swing out right across the steep wall to gain a series of small ledges. Follow these up and right to reach the base of shallow right-facing corner. Move up this for 3m, then move right and up to gain the terrace.
2. 30m Just right of the highest point of the terrace is a steep crack with ice at its top. Gain the crack from the left and pull steeply onto the ice. Follow the icy groove to below the steeper section of the chimney. Belay on a fine pedestal on the right. The wide chimney of *Inclination* lies round the arete to the right.
3. 50m Continue the prominent chimney and pass under a huge chokestone to finish more easily.

STOB COIRE NAM BEITH:

Dairy Milk 240m IV,5. Andy Nelson, Andy Hogarth, Dave Brown. 2 Feb 2013.

The route is Grade III apart from the crux groove. Approach up *Arch Gully* until almost at the narrows. On the right is the toe of a V shaped slabby buttress.

1. 40m Ascend this via grooves and snowy ramps to belay on a left-sloping ramp below a short chimney.
2. 30m Climb the chimney, then go leftwards to below a short wall.
3. 50m Climb a short left-facing blocky corner, then snowslopes passed outcropping rocks to below a 4m wall with an open corner on the right and a cracked groove to the left.
4. 40m Follow the cracked groove (crux), then past blocky ground to a terrace and large boulders.
5. and 6. 80m Pleasant slabby climbing leads to an arete and short steps to emerge on the crest of the buttress separating *Arch & Central Gullies*. Walk off to the left, assuming conditions allow, or continue to the summit as for other routes.

BIDEAN NAM BIAN, West Top:

The following two routes climb the ribs either side of *The Gash*.

The Pash 140m VI,6. Brian Davison, Andy Nisbet. 12 Dec 2012.

Start up *The Gash* to below its steep chimney section (60m). Climb a direct line up a slight fault in the wall to its left to reach a large flake on the skyline (30m, bold but not sustained). Finish up the crest of the rib (50m).

Incision 120m VI,7. Brian Davison, Andy Nisbet. 12 Dec 2012.

Start as for *The Pash* to below a steep crack-line which is on the right side of the right rib of *The Gash* (60m). This is considerably harder than *The Pash* but generally well protected. Climb through a double bulge and up to turf. Move right and up to more turf. Step left to a short overhanging crack and climb this to an easing. Continue up to a final overhang and the crest of the rib (30m). Go up the rib to join and finish up *The Gash* (30m).

SGOR NA H-UDLAIDH, North Face:

Double Scoop 80m II. Ewan Lyons. 8 Feb 2013.

The line on the other side of the rib left of *Subsidiary Scoop*. Start up easy snow onto mixed ground, then the icy groove to finish on open ground.

The next two ice lines are seen on the approach to *Red Gully* lower down on the left.

Boom Boom 80m III. Ewan Lyons. 8 Feb 2013.

The iced slab to left of the curving left facing corner in the centre of the steep ground. Climb the iced slab centrally to a belay, follow the icy continuation groove to open ground.

Basil 70m III. Ewan Lyons. 8 Feb 2013.

The icefall 30m left of *Boom Boom*. Follow the line of least resistance until the final step direct to open ground.

CREAG NA CATHAIG:

(NN 039 436) North-East facing Alt 630m

The Dash 130m I. Andy Spink. 10 Feb 2013.

Follow the obvious easy left to right diagonal heathery ramp and shallow gully. Ascended on old neve patches and new soft blown snow.

MEALL GARBH, Coire Buidhe:

Both routes are found on the north face of Meall Garbh (above Loch Creran) and follow iced up water courses starting approx on the 350m contour line. They face north and are unseen until into the coire. Fun. Escapable. Reached easily by a good estate track from Loch Creran at Druimmavuic.

Dash-Dash 200m II. Andy Spink. 26 Mar 2013.

Start up and left of a large obvious boulder (NN 031 438). Follow water ice up a series of steps.

Dot-Dot 100m II/III. Andy Spink. 26 Mar 2013.

(NN 026 438). Follow a deep stream bed to the left of an obvious spur of land. Easy angled ice leads to a middle steeper section. Pass a tree high up on the left bank. Descent can be made easily down steep grass.

SGURR NA BA GLAISE (MOIDART), North Face:

Summit Gully 260m II. Jamie Hageman. 12 Dec 2012.

A nice line right up the middle of the face with some short icy steps low down and slightly longer and steeper ones at half-height. The gully finishes at the summit.

ARDNAMURCHAN, Dome Buttress:

Magma Storm 25m E4 5c **. Kev Shields, Steve Kennedy, Andy MacDonald. 21 Oct 2012.

A serious lead following a line close to the left edge of the slab just left of *Lava Lout*. Start directly below the left edge and climb the edge into the short left-facing slabby corner taken by *Lava Lout*. Climb to the bulge at the top of the corner (*Lava Lout* steps right). At the bulge move left onto the edge. Awkward, thin moves lead up the edge (joining *Subduction Zone*) to an easier finish. The only decent gear is at about half-height at the base of the slabby corner.

Note: *The Rampart* (SMCJ 2012, p229) is the same route as *West Rib* (SMCJ 2008, p175).

MEALL MEADHOIN, Grian Beag:

(NM 4925 6835) Alt 260m West facing

The following routes were climbed by Andy Bain, Jake Thackrey & Dougie Beck on 21 Oct 2012 and are described right to left. The crag is 500m right of Apron Slab and slightly lower down.

Lilly 22m V.Diff.

Climb slabby boulders to a grassy crack and follow flakey holds to a rippled scoop, then scramble to the top.

Warrior Arete 20m Severe 4a.

Previously climbed in 1999. Start just right of the toe in a corner. Climb a crack to an arete and move rightwards, then easily over a slab to the top.

The Baptis 22m VS 4c.

Start at the toe of the crag. Climb the arete directly to a small amphitheatre and the top.

Apostle Chimney V.Diff.

Climb columns and up over broken blocks to the top.

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

BEINN DORAIN, Creag an Socach:

Michael Barnard wonders if the alternative finish to *The Sting* has actually been climbed, as it seems to end in a blank wall. This alternative finish does, however, work and because of the in-situ peg, may have been climbed before.

The Sting, Groove Finish 60m VI,6. Michael Barnard, Andy Wilson. 24 Mar 2013.

From the belay above the corner-crack, move up then along a ledge to gain the obvious groove on the right. Follow this until a traverse left can be made up to ledges (in-situ peg, possible belay). Climb the steep narrow groove in the headwall above (difficult and serious).

BEINN A' CHAISTEAL:

Little Aquila 85m III. Robert Kincaid. 30 Mar 2013.

This is left of *Aquila* (SMCJ 2010), taking a narrower line of drainage ice 25m left at the start.

Pintail 120m III. Robert Kincaid. 30 Mar 2013.

Start as a corner from close to the bottom of the ramp which leads up to the *Aquila* routes. Climb a smear of ice to reach a thin corner. Go up this and into a gully with a dark headwall. Climb the gully to the dark headwall. Go left round the headwall and up the final ice smear.

Wren 130m III. Robert Kincaid. 30 Mar 2013.

Start at the left side of the steep lower wall left of *Pintail* and *Corax*. Climbed the gully line. There are two possible starts the right being two icicles from overhangs (both too thin on the day). Ten metres left of the icicles is the gully line that curves to the right and into a snow basin. Pitch 2 exits the snow basin and takes the icy gully to finish on the grassy slope above the big lower wall.

Note: Robert Kincaid also climbed the left finish to *Corax*, also at Grade III but harder than anything on the original route. The first ascent climbed the right finish.

BEN OSS:

Oss Ghyll 200m I/II. Michael Barnard. 26 Feb 2013.

The prominent gully in the centre of the northern corrie of Ben Oss. There can be a short icy step low down. The grade will depend on how banked out this is.

BEINN UDLAIDH:

Pigs Might Fly 80m V,6. Chris Thorne, Gaz Davies, Will Nicholls. 26 Jan 2013.

Walk up the gully towards *Organ Pipe Wall* passing below an overhanging buttress which is on the right wall of the gully. The route starts in a short open corner and follows an obvious line of weakness up the left side of the overhanging wall, then continues over turfy ledges to the top.

1. 30m Climb the steep line of weaknesses directly to a large platform.
2. 50m Continue up and left across a slab then follow large turfy ledges to a short steep section on the crest of the buttress. Pull through the steepening and continue to the top.

CREAG THARSUINN, Upper Buttress:

Hangover VI,6. Matt Buchanan, Dafydd Morris. 20 Jan 2013.

By the summer route.

THE COBBLER, North Peak, South Face:

Echo Crack 40m VI,7. Stuart McFarlane, John Williams. 7 Dec 2012.
Started up pitch 1 of *Incubator* (winter variation 50m) and belay on the ledge beneath *Echo Crack*.

Silence of the Rams 45m V,6 **. Jake Thackrey, Dougie Beck, Andy Bain. 30 Dec 2012.

This route branches off left where *Ramshead Gully* goes right. Start at the left-hand side of *Ramshead Gully* under *Ramshead Ridge*.

1. 25m Climb up a groove with a wall on the left to a huge chockstone. Tunnel through and burrow right to a terrace and up to a small cave.
2. 20m Traverse left along the terrace and up a blank slab with a crack on its right (crux) to a small alcove. Climb out left or right of the alcove and up over blocks to finish on a large terrace.

Moss Crack Plus 40m III,4. Jake Thackrey, Andy Bain. 27 Dec 2012.

This is the same as the summer line but with a finish up the headwall.

Start 20m from the top of *Great Gully*.

1. 20m Climb up an obvious groove on the left side of the gully wall and over a tricky overhang to the headwall of North Peak.
2. 20m Climb up turf ledges and steps to the summit of North Peak.

BEINN NARNAIN, Cruach nam Miseag (NN 278 064):

Hellenistic 185m IV,5. Andy Bain, Jake Thackrey. 7 Feb 2013.

Start at a groove just left of the toe of the buttress.

1. 50m Climb the groove to a large ledge. Traverse 10m right to belay at a niche.
2. 25m Climb the groove right of the niche to the next ledge and a chockstone belay.
3. 30m Climb an obvious thin chimney and turf ledges.
4. 40m Head up easy ground to small a crag above and belay before a gully with a christmas tree.
5. 40m Take a right-angle ramp with a crack and up bulging ledges to a terrace.
6. 50m Climb easily to a large overhang and groove on the right, then climb over turf ledges to the top.

The Lepidopterist 225m III/4. Andy Bain, Jake Thackrey. 23 Jan 2013.

Start 20m right of the toe of the buttress at an obvious groove.

1. 35m Climb the groove to a small wall below an overhang.
2. 55m Head up and bridge up the overhang to gain an open gully and a small outcrop on the left.
3. 55m Climb up the gully by a spruce tree to a huge chockstone.
4. 50m Step out and right to surmount the chockstone (crux) and traverse left along a terrace to overlook *Philosophers Gully*.
5. 30m Take the rightward groove and climb broken walls to the top of the crag.

The Shield Crag (NN 273 065):

A new piece of crag below the Spearhead, clearly visible on the walk up Narnain from the top of Cruach nam Miseag.

Middle Ages 100m V,4. Jake Thackrey, Andy Bain, Dougie Beck. 27 Mar 2013.

1. 35m Climb a prominent crack in centre of the crag up and over a bulge into a small amphitheatre. Climb out and into a gully, then towards a wall and possible block belay on the left (23m). Climb rightwards across a slab into a chimney and climb onto a terrace.
2. 25m Walk along the terrace for 3m onto a rightward ramp leading to an arete. Climb the exposed arete to a good ledge.
3. 40m Descend left for 5m and head up easy ground to a small alcove with blocks and ledges.

BEINN IME:

Gangnam Style 185m V,7 **. Stuart McFarlane, Stuart Burns (alt). 2 Dec 2012.

Climbs the obvious hanging right-facing corner system to the left of *Ben's Fault*.

1. 50m As for *Ma Fault* (tech 4 when not banked out).
2. 25m From the cave belay of *Ma Fault*, break out right climbing the very obvious roofed corner system to reach a terrace. Belay at the foot of the continuation corner.
3. 25m Climb the continuation corner passing two roofs. Belay below a short wall.
4. 40m Climb the crack in the short wall stepping left at the pedestal to reach a thinner continuation crack. Continue up grooves to reach easy ground.
5. 45m Easy ground.

Note: A second ascent thought VI,7.

Naebody's Fault 135m IV,5 *. Jamie Bankhead, Graham Boistelle, Davie Crawford. 24 Jan 2013.

On the buttress north of Fan Gully Buttress and left of *Chockstone Chimney* (1999). A good route in good conditions. The route would be IV,4 if the ice bulge on pitch 2 had a bit more ice. Start below a distinctive square-cut flake near the right end of a snow terrace, 30m up and left of from *Chockstone Chimney*.

1. 25m Climb a wall past the flake to a snow terrace. Traverse leftwards to below a short chimney.
2. 40m Climb the chimney and then leftwards up a steep wall and overlap to enter a prominent groove. Climb the groove and ice bulge above.
3. 70m Follow your preferred line up Grade II ground to the top.

BEINN IME, East-North-East Ridge, North Buttresses (NS 261 085):

The ENE ridge of Beinn Ime has two north facing buttresses, the right-hand buttress being an obvious step in the ridge. This is the highest crag in Arrochar and has one existing route – *Lost Highway*. Descent is by the gully between the two buttresses, albeit an abseil may be necessary from the right buttress to reach the col above this.

Left Buttress:

The Darkness Beckons 100m IV,4 *. Andrew Fraser, Ian Magill. 5 Feb 2012. A good route with a surprising first pitch. A turfy ramp slants rightwards across the middle of the buttress. Gain this from the left by the recessed open groove (45m). Continue rightwards along the turfy ramp, then a higher ramp to belay below an overhung corner (35m). Swing out right onto the steep rib and climb this, then easier ground to the top (20m).

Lane Diversion 85m III,4. Andrew Fraser, Ian Magill, James Dalgliesh. 7 Apr 2013.

This climbs the vertical fault at the right end of the crag, with a tricky chimney on the second pitch.

Right Buttress:

Highway to Hell 100m III,5. Andrew Fraser, Ian Magill. 28 Nov 2012.

This follows the grassy fault to the right of the deep chimney of *The Lost Highway*. Start 5m right of the deep chimney. Climb up to and turn a prominent triangular rock on the right, then continue up turf grooves (40m). Climb turf steps to the right of steep rocks (40m). A short gully directly above leads to a dead end, exited by hard climbing on the right wall, then easier slopes above (20m).

Innominate Gully 50m I. Andrew Fraser, Ian Magill, James Dalgliesh. 7 Apr 2013.

This is the scenic gully at the right end of the crag. It may be harder if not fully banked-out.

THE BRACK:

A-B Abyss Variation 83m III,4. Martin Holland, Birgit Hauffe. 15 Jan 2013.

1. 8m Start 15m left of the *The Abyss* and climb a left-facing stepped corner to belay at a silver birch tree.
2. 20m Traverse 15m rightwards and move up and right to the flake belay below the corner pitch of *The Abyss*.
3. 55m Step down left and follow an easy turf ramp up and left. At the top of the ramp follow a corner and ledges back right until easy ground leads up and right to a common belay with *The Abyss* in a large triangular wall. Follow *The Abyss* to the top.

Hell Mend Ya 148m V,4. Martin Holland, Steve Langton, Ian McIntosh. 25 Mar 2013.

1. 8m Start 15m left of the *The Abyss* and climb a left-facing stepped corner to belay at a silver birch tree (as per *A B Abyss Variation*).
2. 50m Move up easily to the highest turf below the slab. Traverse delicately up and left across the slab on turf clumps and ledges to a short roofed corner (gear). Pass the roof on the right and move back left. Easy ground up and left for 25m leads to a belay at the right end of a slightly overhanging wall.
3. 40m Move around to the right and head up turf ramps and walls to a good block and thread below the upper groove/corner of *The Abyss*.
4. 50m Follow *The Abyss* for 3m, then break out right along a stepped ramp line leading to a chimney behind a large flake-pinnacle with a large chasm below (Chockstone Alley). Climb the chimney to gain the top of the pinnacle and make a long step across to regain the crag. Short walls and ramps first right then left lead to the top.

BEN CRUACHAN, Drochaid Ghlas:

Jamie's Lum, Direct Finish 30m VII,7. Stuart McFarlane, Andy Clark. 24 Feb 2013.

For pitch 2, climb up, initially back and foot, until committing onto the left wall. Pull right onto a ledge. Above is a steep turf wall, then a bulging rock groove

with ice on its left wall. Pull into the groove above, good rock gear and finally the belay. Easier ground in this groove led to the top.

BEN CRUACHAN, Sron na Isean:

Radiohead Buttress 150m III,4. Simon Richardson, Chris Sleight. 7 Dec 2012.

The east face of Sron na Isean is cut by a number of easy angled gullies and ribs.

This route takes the most defined central rib.

1. 50m Start below the centre of the rib and climb a steep turfy wall on the left to a terrace. Continue up the right-slanting open corner above (crux) to where the angle eases.
2. and 3. Easier climbing on straightforward mixed ground up the broad crest of the buttress leads to the summit ridge of Sron na Isean.

BEN LOMOND:

Inchmurrin 60m III. Davie Crawford, Andy Nisbet. 12 Feb 2013.

Near the left end of the cliff are three parallel faults. The left fault is a gully with a steepening near the top.

Inchcailloch 70m II. Davie Crawford, Andy Nisbet. 12 Feb 2013.

The central fault, an easier turfy gully.

Inchconnachan 80m II. Andy Nisbet. 12 Feb 2013.

The right fault is more of a ramp, but really only formed higher up. Start by traversing right to gain the easiest line of turf slanting back left. The upper ramp is easy.

Rowardennan Rib 105m V,5. Davie Crawford, Andy Nisbet. 12 Feb 2013.

Some 30m right of *Endrick Corner* is a rectangular rib with a corner either side.

Start below the corner on the right side of the rib.

1. 45m Climb turfy ground to reach and climb the corner with a steep and poorly protected bulge near the top. Belay on a small ledge at the top of the corner.
2. 35m Go direct on turf to reach a band of overhangs. Go through the overhang by a turf ledge and continue to a corner. Climb this to a big ledge.
4. 25m Finish more easily through a final tier.

Haitch Gully 100m IV,7. Dave McGimpsey, Andy Nisbet. 2 Mar 2013.

A gully with a huge chockstone which lies on the next section of cliff right and above *Rowardennan Rib*. It cuts through but largely exists above the "main ledge" which runs left from *Coille Ramp* (SMCJ 2011). It is labelled as Gully H in the diagram in SMCJ vol 6, no.4, p114 (January 1901). Climb ice to reach the main ledge and climb the shallow gully to reach the huge chockstone. Move left round it, a short technical crux much harder than anything else on the route, and finish up the deep but easy upper gully.

MEALL GHEORDIE, Creag Laoghain:

The routes are of quite low altitude. However, being centrally placed in Scotland, ice might form in similar conditions as Beinn Udlaidh.

Springrunner 60m IV,5 **. Des Rubens, Raymond Simpson. 13 Mar 2005.

This icefall is the finest feature of the corrie. It overlooks Allt Laoghain and is less than an hour's walk from the road. The icefall can be seen from the approach

road up Glen Lyon. A 20m pitch leads to the big pitch. This gives 30m of sustained climbing, initially vertical. On this ascent, the pitch was climbed bottom right to top left, where a belay was taken. A few metres traversing completed the route.

Nae Spring Chickens 60m V,6. Des Rubens, Willie Jeffrey, Anne Craig. 7 Feb 2013.

Climb the first pitch of *Springrunner*. Take the left side of the icefall, climbing a vertical step at two-thirds height. An overhung alcove at the finish provides additional interest (this might be avoidable). In the absence of being able to belay on turf, 60m ropes just allowed access to a good rock belay well right of the finish.

The Lyons in Winter 110m IV,4. Willie Jeffrey, Anne Craig, Des Rubens. 28 Mar 2013.

About 15m left of *Springrunner* is a slightly twisting gully line. The first pitch starts below the level of *Springrunner* and climbs a steep spillage of ice over lower rocks. An easy second pitch leads to a fine 40m ice pitch.

A Wee One 60m II. Des Rubens, Raymond Simpson. 13 Mar 2005.

A few hundred metres left and slightly higher than the previous route. A frozen stream with a fan shaped lower section gives a short vertical step and then pleasant climbing up ice left of the bed of the stream.

Pas de Deux 120m IV,6. Willie Jeffrey, Des Rubens. 4 Apr 2013.

About 600m beyond and lower than *Springrunner*, there is an area of crag bounded on the skyline by a ridge with a vague resemblance to the Great Tower of *Tower Ridge*. Before the ridge is a gully. About halfway between the gully and the lowest rocks is an ice pitch beginning 60m above the base of the cliffs. This is accessed by a short pitch and an easy ramp. The 40m ice pitch involved a delicate traverse above steep ice followed by a short vertical section.

Unnamed 130m II/III. Willie Jeffrey, Anne Craig. 3 Feb 2011.

A gully just to the left of *Pas de Deux* is straightforward apart from a steepening at two-thirds height. (NN 503 445).

MEALL DHAMH (near Cruach Ardrain):

Haggis Bon Bon 70m III. Andrew Wilson, Neil Todd. 1 Apr 2013.

On the first steep crags on the east face of Grey Height at NN 396 224, left of a shallow broad gully. Follow an obvious icy chimney for about 30m which then opened up to icy/turfy steps for 15m. A choice of a couple of short icefalls completed the climb but an easy escape can be made right, under the wall and down the broad gully.

Chockstone Gully 150m I/II. Jim Hatfield, Neill Hunter, Andrew Wilson. 5 Apr 2013.

Much further to the left of that and some 200m right of the highest point of Meall Dhamh, there is a left-slanting gully which is broad and shallow in the lower reaches but narrows to a deep overhung cleft in the upper half. There are a couple of chockstones in this cleft and the gully abruptly finishes through a narrow chimney.

Pork Pie Gully I. Jim Hatfield, Neill Hunter, Andrew Wilson. 5 Apr 2013.
Left of this again and about 100m right of a large wedge shaped buttress is another left-slanting gully. This narrows in the centre, then opens out onto a broad snowfield and finishes on small promontory of the main ridge overlooking the large wedge shaped buttress.

On Solids 60m II/III. Jim Hatfield, Neill Hunter, Andrew Wilson. 5 Apr 2013.
About 50m right of the start of the *Chockstone Gully* and at about mid-height on the crag is a 40m icefall which curves to the right. There is a shallow gully below this from where a belay could be taken on either wall.

Note: The route *Meall Damh Ramp* (SMCJ 2010) was also climbed and found very enjoyable, packed with ice. It was quite a steep II but the steps were short lived.

Note: Anne Craig, Andy Willis & Willie Jeffrey climbed a gully at NN 3982 1720 and 20m right of *Stollen Grooves* (120m I, 18 Dec 2011).

CREAG AN TULABHAIN:

Note: Anne Craig & Willie Jeffrey climbed an unnamed 200m Grade I on 1 Mar 2013 on the north face of the crag seen from road (NN 524 418).

STUCHD AN LOCHAN, Coire an Duich (NN 520 405):

Note: Anne Craig & Willie Jeffrey climbed an unnamed 130m Grade 1 on 19 Feb 2012 up the largest buttress in the corrie. It looks like upside down Y with the left branch narrower than the right.

ARRAN

The new guide to the Inner Hebrides and Arran is imminent, so routes have not been reproduced here.

LOWLAND OUTCROPS

GLASGOW AREA, Slackdhu:

Maya 10m E1 5a *. Kevin Woods. 8 Aug 2012.

Immediately left of *Jenny's Lum Arete* is a blank face. Climb the face direct, boldly and without the right arete.

Shadow 12m E3 5b **. Kevin Woods. 1 Apr 2013.

Steady climbing up the unprotected blunt arete between *Rusty Pegs* and the waterfall. Don't fall. Needs dry or sub-freezing weather for the route to dry out.

Note: Both routes were soloed after practice. *Rusty Pegs* is a bit further from the waterfall than 2m as stated in the Lowland Outcrops guidebook, maybe closer to 4m.

GALLOWAY HILLS, Craigdews:

Bonny and the Goats 55m HVS. Graeme Barr, Stephen Reid (alt). 21 Oct 2012.

Start on Halfway Terrace, just up and left from where *Goathouse of Fleet* finishes, at a clean white wall which has a mossy streak running down it with a thin slanting crack to its left.

1. 30m 5a Climb the crack with difficulty, stepping left at its top, then trend rightwards up easier rock to a rock island amidst the heather.
2. 25m 4c Scramble up heather to a short clean-cut arete and make a strenuous pull up this into a gorse bush, then traverse right to gain a clean weather eroded rib of metamorphic rock. There is no belay so take an alpine stance in a hollow way back from the edge.

Craig an Eilte:

Some 500m down and right of the Flesh Market, at the lowest point of the escarpment, is an obvious short gully guarded by chockstones:

Spindrift Gully 70m IV 4 *. Colin Wells, Stephen Reid (alt). 22 Jan 2013.
Climb the gully in two pitches.

Clints of Dromore:

Note: *Dark Slab* pitch 2 (Diff), 35m up the rib above was added by Dan Metcalfe & Michael Paynter, 6 Aug 2012.

Left Flank 55m V.Diff *. Stephen Reid, James Kinnaird. 7 Oct 2012.

Start at the very left edge of the buttress. An airy and exposed route, worth doing despite the heather.

1. 35m Climb up into a square scoop and from its left side follow a left-trending groove, then straight up the left edge of the slab to a ledge. Climb the rib above to just below a heathery bit when an exposed hand-traverse left can be made which enables a pull up to a crack on the right edge of a large slab. Swing onto the slab and climb up to a ledge (round spike belay a metre or so up the broken rib on right).
2. 20m Drop down back to the ledge and traverse left 5m under an easy angled slab to a steeper slab. Climb up just right of this on jugs.

Left Edge Eliminate 55m Severe *. Stephen Reid, James Kinnaird. 27 Sep 2012.

Start 2m right of the left edge of the buttress at a steep, shallow left-facing groove.

1. 35m Overcome the groove, then trend left to the rib and climb it directly to a ledge. Climb the left rib of the groove above and continue straight over the bulge to a ledge.
2. 20m Climb cracks and a flake in the left wall of the rib above.

Central Buttress Eliminate 45m VS 4b *. Stephen Reid, James Kinnaird. 7 Oct 2012.

A serious climb but on excellent rock throughout. Start under a clean, square double overlap in the centre of the lower slab. Climb easy rock to the overlap and overcome it from the right, then continue direct to a ledge, Climb straight up the wall above, just right of a heather groove and 2m left of the white scoop of *Central Buttress*, and keep following this line to a more pronounced crest which is climbed directly to the top.

Pining for the Fjords 45m HVS 5a. Stephen Reid, James Kinnaird. 7 Oct 2012.
An unsatisfactory filler-in taking the lower of the two slanting ramps. Start as for *The Comfy Chair* and climb the rib past the good cam slot to where that route breaks left. Step up right and move up another 2m before crossing the heather crack on the left via some hard moves. Carry on up the slab to gain the lower slanting ramp and follow this until forced out left at its top to finish as for *The Comfy Chair*.

South-East Corrie of Milldown:

(NX 5159 8420) Alt 600m South-East facing

This is the corrie to the left of the corrie containing Biggar Gully etc. *The Great Cleugh of Auchniebut* is the ravine in the centre of the corrie and which gives a long scenic route in a hard freeze (700m II *, Stephen Reid, Colin Wells 24 Jan 2013). Well to the right of this, three obvious icefalls form near the right side of the corrie. *Middle Piddle* and *Lower Flower* are both Grade II and form on the lower tier of rocks; the latter is 100m long (John Biggar, Stephen Reid, 5 & 13 Dec 2012). Directly above the top of *Lower Flower* lies the spectacular icefall of *Upper Gusher Direct* (55m, IV **, Colin Wells, Stephen Reid 23 Jan 2013) which only really apparent when seen from the left. The main pitch can be avoided by exiting leftwards via the *Easy Way* (III, John Biggar, Dave McNicol, Jonathan Grubb 23 Jan 2013). Just left of this is *Little Flusher* (30m, III, John Biggar, Dave McNicol, Jonathan Grubb 23 Jan 2013).

Craighoar:

Pantomime Hoars 11m Severe. Stephen Reid, James Kinnaird. 28 Oct 2012.
The easiest but wettest route on the crag. Start on the far right and climb fractured blocky rock leftwards to a wet scoop. Move up and step left under the arete to finish directly up it.

Clifton:

Note: The hawthorn at the foot of Hollowstones Buttress is no more.

GALLOWAY SEA-CLIFFS, Crammag Head, Little Wall:

This is the short wall of excellent rock just left (north) of the descent gully used to access the left side of the Lighthouse Walls. The routes are described from right to left, ie. as they are accessed from the gully.

Anticlimbax 14m Mod. James Kinnaird, Stephen Reid, 28 Aug 2012.

The juggy hanging rib just left of the descent gully. The crack come groove to its left can also be climbed at the same grade.

Slingsby's Slab 12m Severe *. John Biggar, Linda Biggar. 2 Apr 2009.

Start from ledges near the bottom of the descent gully and climb a rightward sloping line up the steep and juggy slab, ideally without bridging over the groove to the right.

Splasher 10m Severe. Linda Biggar, John Biggar. 2 Apr 2009.

From about the same place, climb more directly, passing a grey pillar on the left.

Variation: Splasher Direct 10m H.Severe. Stephen Reid, James Kinnaird. 28 Aug 2012.

Pass the grey pillar on the right.

Fly By Wire 12m Mod. *. John Biggar, Linda Biggar. 2 Apr 2009.
Start a few metres out to sea from the foot of the descent gully. Climb the obvious left-slanting crack-line past the right side of the huge flake (in-situ wire). Fine and steep for the grade. Possibly climbed before.

Crackin' Corner 10m Severe. John Biggar, Linda Biggar. 2nd Apr 2009.
Start below and left of the huge flake about 5m further seaward and climb a short crack followed by a difficult corner.

Crammag Head, Lighthouse Walls:

Note: *Little Flasher* (1999 in the current SMC guidebook) was previously climbed as *Marine Boy* VS 4b * by John Biggar & Linda Biggar in 1996.

Little Flasher/Marine Boy Variation Start. John Biggar, Jason Seaborn. Jun 2012.
Useful in big seas or high tides. Go up the first moves of *Poisoned Ocean*, then make a bold rising traverse across the black slab.

Ocean Patrol 12m V.Diff. * Linda Biggar, John Biggar. 2 Apr 2009.
From the ledges at the foot of *Little Flasher/Marine Boy*, traverse rightwards over the gully, then climb the narrowing ridge. Can also be accessed from the Hourglass Slab area.

The Lookout (Lowland Outcrops p227):

John Biggar has looked into the access issue here and recommends a new approach to The Lookout. Follow the A710 south from Dumfries, through New Abbey and Kirkbean. Look out for a right turn signposted Southwick Church - this is the road up to Clifton Crag. Just after this there is a big dip in the road and a small parking area by the bridge (NX 909 558). Park here, room for two or three cars. Cross the road and walk straight towards the sea. At the top of the (very) steep slope turn right and walk almost exactly 50m westwards. Just here there is an easier angled "valley" leading downwards. Go down this for about 20m, turn right again before it steepens and traverse steep grass for 20m, then carry on down a small rocky rib for about 20m before a very short, easy scramble down right and an obvious walk down to the foreshore.

FAST CASTLE HEAD AREA:

Wheat Stack 20m Mod. Tom Prentice, Simon Richardson. 6 Oct 2012.
The pyramid-shaped stack situated at NT 862 711 on the east side of Fast Castle Head. Possibly climbed before. Approach by descending steep grass to the bay to the south-east of Fast Castle Head and swimming 100m to the stack. Climb the south-west ridge, on good rock, to the top. Descend by down climbing the route of ascent.

Castle Hole 20m Diff. Simon Richardson, Tom Prentice. 6 Oct 2012.
The second pyramid-shaped stack between *Wheat Stack* and the Fast Castle Head. Possibly climbed before. It has a finer pyramid-form, but is not as visible from Fast Castle Head as is *Wheat Stack*. Approach by swimming as for *Wheat Stack* and climb the sharp north ridge to the small summit. Descend by down climbing the route of ascent.

Black Mask South 35m VS. Simon Richardson, Tom Prentice. 6 Oct 2012.
The left-hand of twin 25m stacks that form an elongated ridge approximately 100m west of Fast Castle Head (NT 859 711). Approach by descending a steep grassy depression from the cliff-top path and scrambling through rocks at low or medium tide to gain the south side of the stack.

1. 10m Climb easily up to a notch.
2. 25m 4b Move up to an obvious beak and traverse left to a slanting slab that leads up to the south-west edge of the stack. Make an exposed step on to the west face and climb this trending left to reach easier ground and the flat summit. Abseil descent.

Black Mask North 65m VS. Tom Prentice, Simon Richardson. 7 Oct 2012.
The right-hand of the two stacks comprises a double-headed slender ridge. Approach as for Black Mask South and cross a narrow channel at low tide to reach the south side of the stack.

1. 25m 4b Climb the left side of the south face to gain a prominent ramp that leads on to the west face. Climb this in an exposed position to gain the sharp crest.
2. 25m Follow the sharp ridge, over the first of the double headed-summits, to reach a col between the two summits.
3. 15m 4a Continue up the final ridge in an exposed position to the second, and higher, top. Abseil descent.

Little Rooks 35m Severe. Simon Richardson, Tom Prentice. 7 Oct 2012.
The big prominent stack marked as Little Rooks at NT 853 710 on the OS 1:50000 map. Approach by descending a steep grassy spur from the cliff-top path, scramble through rocks, and cross a channel at low to medium tide. Traverse right along the foot of the south face and make a steep step to gain the easier-angled east ridge. Climb this on good holds to easier ground and the top. Abseil descent.