

1952

- * 26th January. Royal Oak. 5th Annual General Meeting. 16 members present. President - Col Westmorland. Secretary/Treasurer - C Sauer. Committee - Mrs Lyth, Miss Stott, G & R Fisher, Inspector Walton, J Davies, Dr Lyth, G Withington, F Bantok and Mr Beck. A Constitution Sub-Committee was formed.
- * A duplicator was purchased to assist in sending circulars to the Team.
- * A new stretcher was bought by the town Fireworks Committee.
- * New stretcher box in place at Sty Head.
- * Also, paid in part by private donation from Carlisle Mountaineering Club.
- * MRC gave instruction to Bertram Thomas to deliver stretcher to Edmonson at Seathwaite.
- * KMRT was to take responsibility for the Sty Head stretcher box.
- * MRC records state – letter from Eldridge requesting:- blankets (1 pair), Sulphanilamide powder (1 pkt), 3x6" bandages, 2 shell dressings.
- * It was decided not to watch the activities of the LDMAA and not to send a representative to the meetings.
- * Balance at the end of the year: £35-11-10d.
- * Duplicator = £5-10-0d. Lighting equipment = £7-5-0d. 2 Tilley lamps = ?

1 7 May 1952 18:30 Sprinkling Tarn

Call out for a lady, Mrs Humphry, 62 Lawson Street, Maryport, stranded near Sprinkling Tarn suffering from cramp in both legs. Team formed and taken up by Dixon's Laundry van. Met the said case (!) just past Stockley Bridge - she had managed with aid to get down. Carried her on stretcher and brought her into Keswick.

2 September 1952 Scafell - Slight Side

Call out for search for missing man. Lorry from Keswick Motor Company used on both days.

Newspaper report received from Tony Rigby, 7 May 1999:

A man was found dead on Easter Sunday having lost his way. Anthony Clement Edwards, 23, of Crescent Road, Sidcup, Kent died from exposure on Scafell, 3,162 ft. An inquest is to be held at the Outward Bound Mountain School, Eskdale, Cumberland. He was on the mountain all night.

He was spending a climbing holiday at Wasdale Head and on Friday morning set off with a friend, Alfred W.T. Marsh, of Grange Park, Ealing, to climb Scafell. They lost their way and found themselves on the Eskdale side of the mountain. They tried to get back to the Wasdale side but Mr Edwards collapsed.

Mr Marsh made him as comfortable as possible. They spent the night, which was bitterly cold, among the rocks on Slight Side. About 5.45am yesterday they again tried to cross the mountain but Mr Edwards was too weak. Mr Marsh wrapped him in an oilskin and then went to Wasdale for help.

Mr Edwards was conscious when he was left. Mr Marsh reached Wasdale Head about 7.30am. A rescue party found Mr Edwards dead.

3 14 September 1952 Dow Crag, Coniston

Climber Mr J Shepherd (19 yrs), 39 Glasgow Street, Barrow in Furness, was killed. His body was carried down to Coniston.

4 30 November 1952

Unknown incident. Minutes refer to inadequate lighting.

5 25 December 1952 23:15 Great End

Called out to search for 2 climbers (23 yrs & 25 yrs) reported missing, last seen on Great End. Small party taken to make sure they hadn't been cragfast. Found 2 bodies at 0130 hrs. Stretcher used from Sty Head and ours from Police Station. Bodies down to Seathwaite about 0800 hrs. Wearing smooth soled shoes. Mike Nixon's first rescue.