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Chance of Rain ?

Mountaineering is a symbolic activity and may be a way of conquering the unattainable in our lives, or seeing things in the correct proportion. The mountaineering experience contains an element of problem-solving, including minimising the element of risk.

"... any outdoor pursuit has an element . . . of risk attached to it - indeed that is part of the attraction."

(From the Chairman's Report page 3)

Let's pick up the theme of risk-taking.

"To try is to risk failure

But risks must be taken, because

the greatest risk in life is to

risk nothing

The person who risks nothing,

does nothing, has nothing, and becomes nothing

Only the person who risks is

truly free."

(From the poem "Risks" by Janet Rand)

The desire to achieve goals and the incidental rewards should be appreciated by those in the general public, and in the Press, who criticise the victims of mountain accidents for putting themselves and their rescuers at risk.

Nevertheless it is worth thinking about some of the background facts, that is the facts behind the usual statistics within this Report.

What are the sorts of risks people have taken?

Had they properly prepared themselves for "take-off",?

Had they heeded the conditions, including the weather forecast?

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Where, (and when), were they on the hill when their accident happened?

(The variety of actual site of accident is rather surprising.)

Yes we have had 75 rescues, and yes, we have had 38 practices, mostly all with risks for Team members. None of us is immune to risk-taking and, also, of course, misfortune.

Thinking of the latter, we must remember *Murphy's Law*, "*if it can go wrong, it will*", but also we must remember further than this, that when on the hill, "*If it can't, it might.*"

Plan carefully, and allow for the risks and the full Murphy's Law, but do enjoy the Lakeland fells. In this Report, I believe that you will see the depth of our work as a Team and our capabilities should you need our services.

Peter Little



Are you ready for take-off? This RAF helicopter was assisting in a search near Dalehead Tarn.

Photo: Peter Little

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"A quiet year, with no fatalities". That, I had hoped, would be a summary of 2000. Until September, it would have been an accurate representation of the year - for example, there were just two calls in August, ordinarily one of the busiest months.

Unfortunately, and the statistics elsewhere in this Report show how, the last quarter saw the picture deteriorate significantly. Those statistics make interesting reading, and many happy, but fruitless hours can be frittered away analysing the figures and drawing from them meaningless conclusions.

Having frittered away many such hours, I cannot find a discernible pattern in the occurrence of the typical "mountain accident" - that being a slip resulting in a lower leg injury. Nor can I find any discernible reason for the accident occurring. Most casualties are well equipped, used to rough terrain and doing nothing wrong. Accordingly, most such accidents can, I think, be attributed to bad luck.

Indeed bad luck, it appears to me, is the ultimate cause of the majority of incidents that result in a rescue team being summoned for help - although there are always exceptions to the rule (and 2000 saw its fair share of exceptions).

Some mountain accidents attract more than the usual public interest. Invariably, in such instances, the individuals concerned are heavily criticised, and a debate initiated by the ignorant results in calls for the rescued to bear the costs of the rescue. Venturing further from the tarmac than the local park is, to a

vocal few, to tempt fate. It is, they say, a truism that those injured in the outdoors create their own bad luck - if they weren't out there then they could not be hurt in the first place. Rescuers lives are, they will tell you, needlessly put at risk by selfish individuals.

Whilst everyone is entitled to express their view, a more informed and enlightened approach should prevail.

The Lake District is a National **Park** and people come here to play. Walking, rambling, climbing, running, paragliding, cycling, canoeing, sailing - whatever - are all healthy pursuits, beneficial to mind and body. Fit people cost the health service less than unfit people. The local economy is buoyed up by tourism; lots of jobs and businesses rely directly on the influx of outdoor enthusiasts. Many people, including the participants, have cause to be grateful to the spirit of adventure that attracts people to the mountains.

Of course, any outdoor pursuit has an element (and sometimes quite a high element) of risk attached to it - indeed that is part of the attraction. The consequences of even a minor accident, or error of judgement, in a remote place can be significant. Because of that, voluntary Mountain Rescue Teams sprang up. Individuals who would be only too grateful for the benefit offered by such a service, given their own participation in outdoor pursuits, manned the fledgling teams. Their successors, the team members of today, are of the same ilk.

The costs of Mountain Rescue are met by members of the public who drop money in collection boxes, or who send donations direct to the teams. Many donors jokingly refer to their donation as "insurance" should they ever need the services of the Team - well knowing that the chances that they will are low. Such generosity means that to the greater extent Mountain Rescue is self-funding. True, the taxpayer bears the cost of RAF involvement in rescues (we used a Helicopter on 11 of last years 75 rescues). But to the Helicopter crews, time spent on incidents in the mountains is valuable training - quite apart from the human interest and sense of accomplishment (shared with the voluntary rescue team personnel), they feel in saving lives.

There is a well developed, well structured, effective and cost effective, system of mountain rescue in place in the Lake District (as in other parts of the UK). The teams comprise outdoors enthusiasts, acting for the benefit of outdoor enthusiasts, with the whole funded (in the main) by outdoor enthusiasts.

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Whatever is said, people will always be the victims of bad luck, or bad judgement. When that results in a mountain accident, regardless of notions of blame, the rescue teams exist and are willing to deal with the consequences. It is as simple as that.

Mike Fanning



View from the Cockpit.

Photo: Mark Hodgson

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The year 2000 saw the Keswick Team called out on 75 occasions. This figure does not include 29 alerts and 6 animal rescues. This is an increase on the 66 rescues in 1999. For the statisticians, the first 9 months of the year were quiet, with 41 rescues up to the end of September. There then followed 34 rescues during the last 3 months. Amazingly, we were only called out on 2 occasions in August. The busiest period of the year included 14 rescues in a 17 day period in October.

We class an 'alert' as when we are contacted by the Police, for example, in the case of a missing or overdue person, where we sometimes sit and wait to see if the missing person walks in later, either having gone off route or just having taken longer than planned to complete their route. In 9 out of 10 cases, they usually do just that, saving a considerable amount of full-Team effort. The wait and see period is regularly used to identify search plans, routes etc., in readiness for a full-scale response.

Out of the 75 rescues, there were: 22 leg injuries, 17 searches, 9 medical and 3 hypothermic cases amongst others. There were 3 fatalities on the fells in the Keswick area in the year. RAF helicopters assisted in 11 rescues.

Thanks as ever go to all Team Members, their families and friends for the unrelenting enthusiasm shown at all times throughout the year not only on rescues, but also on all the behind the scenes work needed to keep the Team running to the very high standards that we set ourselves. A special word of thanks to those employers who regularly allow Team members to abandon their places of work, inevitably at very short notice, to go on rescues during working hours.

I would like to mention a few rescues from the year, to indicate the variety of incidents to which we have to respond:

- The rescue in May (incident 22) of three climbers stuck on Black Crag in Borrowdale, one of whom had an injured arm. This incident involved three Team members abseiling in from the top of the crag, to reach the individual climbers and their subsequent evacuation by what is known as a "one-man rescue." This involves the rescuer attaching the climber to his own harness and safety system and then abseiling in tandem to the foot of the crag having detached the climber from his own ropes and belays. From leaving the base in Keswick it took just two hours to the return. Many members of the Team would have been more than capable of the one-man rescue of each of these casualties, testament to the excellent training programme in place within the Team, very well co-ordinated by our Training Officers.
- The search for a missing walker in Borrowdale, at the end of September, the biggest Mountain Rescue operation carried out in many years (incident 41). The initial search took place over the weekend of 23rd and 24th September, restricted to the immediate vicinity of where the missing person had been staying. The main search took place over the following weekend. Over the two days of the main search, there were 153 Team members from 11 Rescue Teams, 17 search dogs and a helicopter involved on the Saturday with 95 Team members from 9 Teams and 14 search dogs continuing on the Sunday. No trace of the missing walker was found at this time. Smaller scale searches of other areas were carried out in the following weeks as a result of potential sightings being reported, or as other possible areas were considered that had not been part of the original search plans. This incident came to a sad conclusion several months later.

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- In November (incident 64) the Team was called upon to provide safe access for various agencies at the scene of a crashed explosives vehicle on Honister Pass at the head of Borrowdale. The vehicle had gone off the road and ended up in Honister Ghyll. Team members spent several hours ensuring the safe approach of personnel to and from the vehicle. Not a difficult rescue, but another one that demonstrates the wide variety of skills which the Team can call upon.
- On New Years Eve, we were called out to the assistance of two walkers who had succumbed to the weather and had 'gone to ground' on the summit of Skiddaw (incident 74). The weather forecast had been advising of heavy snow and strong to gale force winds for several days. The conditions encountered on that rescue were the most severe that any member of the Keswick Team can remember. For the last 500 feet of ascent to the summit, the wind was so strong that it became almost impossible to walk alone across the summit plateau. Team members 'buddied-up' in pairs to literally hold on to each other to prevent being completely blown off their feet and bowled across the fellside. The location of our two casualties was fortunately known, thanks to their mobile phone calls, as it would have been impossible to search for them in such conditions. The strength of the wind was such that the only way to descend was to carry on going downwind, 180 degrees contrary to our required direction and to come down into Barkbethdale. Some of the news coverage of this rescue in the National Press, by one paper in particular, was wildly exaggerated with regard to the attitude of the two walkers involved and was completely unfounded. Despite writing to the paper in question, several phone calls

and various e-mails, they have chosen not to respond to us or even acknowledge our correspondence. They have no doubt moved on to sensationalise the next news item. Needless to say the local press, having taken the time and effort to ring up and check the story reported the incident accurately and professionally.

Whilst the above are just a few of the rescues from the year, every rescue is just as important as any other to which we are called. Each casualty rescued has usually suffered the trauma of injury, or the distress of being lost, often in poor weather. The need to reassure, treat and evacuate a casualty no matter the seriousness of their injuries, or the technical difficulties involved with the rescue, is paramount. This remains, as ever, the prime reason that all Rescue Team members become involved in Mountain Rescue.

If there are lessons to be learnt from the years incidents, they are:

- Let someone know where you are going, leave a route card or the like.
- Take notice of the weather forecasts, and be prepared to change plans in the case of bad weather. Also, recognise that a forecasted change in weather may occur earlier, or later, than the forecast. There are several sources of accurate local forecasting available.

The mountains of the Lake District are a wonderful place in which to walk and climb, ever changing as they do by season and weather conditions - enjoy them!

Mark Hodgson



A Training Exercise on the fells above Thirlmere.

Photo: Mark Hodgson

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Some winter kit ! Photo: Chris Higgins

I wish to begin this report with a big thank-you to Chris Francis. After an enormous period of time, (people's memories have failed here as to the exact dates though I'm sure Chris will remember), of something of the order of fifteen years, Chris, at the end of 2000, stood down as Equipment Officer of Keswick Mountain Rescue Team. For the past five years, Chris and I have worked together, sometimes at very unsociable hours doing particularly onerous tasks, to ensure the readiness of the equipment for callouts and update equipment as technical advances or new protocols came along. When I became the second equipment officer five years ago, Chris was highly supportive and guided me through my formative years. His unremitting presence after rescues to clean and restock kit has been an inspiration to myself and again I wish to thank him for all that he has done.

Last year saw 75 callouts, and over 30 training sessions which involved, at some point, the use of all of the Team's equipment. Equipment which needs cleaning and packing away, maintenance and repair. Fortunately, much of this is done by team-members after a callout or practice and the role of the equipment officers is simply(?) to manage the vast stock of equipment. It goes without saying that the equipment needs maintaining to a high standard when you consider the nature of the rescues we undertake. The Team does not know from one minute to the next whether we will be required to carry a casualty off the hill with a broken ankle, search for a missing person at two o'clock in the morning or evacuate a fallen climber with multiple injuries from a ledge in the middle of a 400 foot crag. As such, the stock of equipment we use is vast and some of it very technical.

A callout is usually responded to with the quick dispatch of a lead vehicle, one of our two Land Rovers, with six rescue

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personnel on board, which is then followed by a second vehicle, usually the 4 x 4 Ford Transit carrying additional team-members. As such the first response vehicles must carry all of the equipment with which to initiate a rescue of any type. The contents of each Land Rover are summarised below;

2 x First Aid sacks with medical equipment to save lives and stabilise casualties

1 x Cas Bag - a bulky fibre pile sleeping bag to keep the casualty warm

1 x Vacuum Mattress which, when the air is evacuated, forms a rigid body splint

3 x Oxygen and 3 x Entenox bottles to assist respiration and give pain relief

1 x Splint sack with a variety of splints to stabilise bone fractures

1 x Exposure sack with two complete sets of dry, thermal and fibre pile clothing

2 x Crag Rescue sacks containing technical climbing equipment

2500 feet of rope in various 200', 300' and 600' lengths

1 x Split Thomas Stretcher in two halves which can be assembled on the hill

Miscellaneous lifting gear, torches, maps, snow & ice rescue kit etc.

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In addition to this, the 'first truck', as it is affectionately known, is topped-up with a helicopter frequency radio, radios for team-members, yet more torches, a mobile phone (yes, even we use mobile phones) and an automatic monitor which displays a casualty's pulse, oxygen levels and heart rhythm. This electronic kit is kept on constant charge and must be added to the vehicle prior to departure. Did I say the equipment officer's job was **simply** the management of all that?

In terms of specific equipment matters, last year a number of things stand out. Early in the year the team concluded it's appraisal of a vast number of waterproofs and decided that the most suitable garments for our needs were produced by Lowe Alpine. The order was placed and in October we took delivery of forty five sets of distinctive red and black jackets and trousers. Let's hope you never need to see us homing in on yourself in our full waterproof garb!

Torches, torches, torches - the unending saga of torches; bulbs blown, battery failure, falling to pieces on the hill, ingress of moisture and on it goes. Phil Newton has been invaluable in his striving to maintain and replace our aging torches and we now have a good stock thanks to his work.

Following on from a Swift Water Rescue course in North Wales, the team enhanced its white water rescue kit with a number of small but nonetheless important items such as chemical lightsticks to secure to the helmets of rescuers. These small lights are intended to indicate the whereabouts of a rescuer who may fall into a swollen river during a night search and thereby speed up the rescue of the rescuers (see last years report page seventeen). Two 300 foot floating ropes were also purchased to reduce the possibility of entanglement in a river rescue situation.

Incident 64 on 20 November presented us with a substantial headache. A considerable quantity of technical climbing equipment was contaminated by spilt diesel during the rigging of safety lines used in the extrication of a crashed explosives lorry from Honister Gill. All of the metal items were able to be washed in detergent and returned to service, but enquiries of a number of technical experts all confirmed that the man-made fibre items (ropes, slings etc.) could be degraded by the diesel (and any additives within) and must be condemned. Many thanks to the suppliers of the replacement equipment who so rapidly responded to our needs.

All that remains for me to say is welcome to Martin Bell who now fills the second equipment officer post. Martin and I intend to continue the development of the Team's equipment resources. It seems that Keswick M.R.T. has often been at the forefront of advances in equipment and procedures in the past and we will strive to continue in this tradition.

Chris Higgins



Landing in Crow Park.

Photo: Jill Messenger

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Training this year has been aimed at consolidating the core areas of our work. These areas have been: navigation, crag work and 1st Aid.

With this established core, the team, including the new and probationary members, is a competent and effective unit on the mountains. To enhance this a lot of training has been done as realistic scenarios using the skills formed in the core sessions. With these two elements combined the team has proved to be very competent and efficient when asked to produce the goods in a rescue situation.

Training has also diversified in to situations outside our normal remit. One area has been looking at possible incidents with paragliders as this is becoming a bigger and bigger sport on our patch. Intensive work has also gone into swift water rescue due to the increasing realisation that this highly dangerous environment needs to be trained in, given the current climatic conditions and the abundance of swift water in our area.



Helicopter Training exercise on the fells above Thirlmere.

Photography: Jill Messenger

The team now has 5 members trained as swift water rescue technicians, with most of the team now "in-house" trained in water safety and basic rescue techniques.

At the beginning of the year emphasis on training was given over to 1st Aid and the M.R.C. casualty care certificate.

Our thanks go to the team doctors for their input here. Two of the team have also now been trained to "emergency medical technician" standard. There has been a drive to send members on external courses to gain further knowledge and look at different rescue techniques. These have provided valuable insight and further knowledge to the team as a whole.

All in all it has been a very busy and successful year.

Our thanks go to all those who helped the training officers deliver the programme.

Martin Bell
Paul Carter

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Compiled by Paul Horder

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1 16 January 12:12 Blencathra, Sharp Edge

A man (30 yrs) slipped from the Edge and fell down what has become known as the 'usual gully'. He sustained serious multiple injuries. A rescue helicopter was in the area training with Patterdale MRT and was able to airlift the casualty direct to Newcastle.

2 26 January 14:32 Barrow

A man became marooned when his path across some scree collapsed.

3 29 January 15:52 Shepherd's Crag

A female student (20 yrs) lost her footing, and handholds on descent after climbing, sustaining various abrasions and contusions after tumbling about 30 metres.

4 31 January 23:24 Latrigg

A female (17 yrs) was in a collapsed condition on the summit in wet and windy weather. She was carried off and taken to hospital.

5 17 February 17:30 Bowfell area

A request from Langdale/Ambleside MRT to assist in a search for a family lost in poor conditions. They were subsequently located at the top of Rossett Gill.

6 20 February 17:47 Quayfoot Buttress

A climber (20 yrs) fell 35' and sustained various injuries.

7 26 February 21:10 Central Fells

A request from Wasdale MRT to assist in search for 4 overdue men in rapidly deteriorating weather conditions.

8 6 March 04:32 Piers Gill, Corridor Route, Scafell Pike

A request from Wasdale MRT to assist in evacuating 2 stretcher cases, after a search had found them suffering from the poor weather conditions.

9 25 March 16:00 1000' Boulder, Sty Head track

A man slipped on the path and broke his arm when trying to stop his fall.

10 10 April 14:02 Threlkeld Knotts

A novice paraglider lost control and landed badly on a rocky hillside. He sustained a broken wrist and various other bruises and abrasions.

11 15 April 12:53 Beckstones Gill, Barf

A man (65 yrs) slipped on the path, and broke his ankle.

12 17 April 14:16 High Raise area

A male walker became lost and disorientated in cloud and snow. He used his mobile phone to call for assistance!

13 23 April 14:07 Cat Bells, Manesty

An 8 year old boy sustained head injuries when he lost control running downhill.

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Crag Rescue at Troutdale Pinnacle.
Photo: Stephen Reid

14 5 May 18:11
Brown Crag, Whiteside

A man (58 yrs) slipped on wet ground and sustained a triple fracture of his tibia when he fell awkwardly.

15 8 May 12:16
Latrigg summit

A lady in her 60's fell over on a raised section of the summit plateau on to her face. She received facial injuries.

16 10 May 15:27
Honister Pass

A man (63 yrs) was reported missing from home in Manchester. After his car was found abandoned, a search was undertaken, involving several teams, over several days. He turned up in Carlisle 2 weeks later.

17 13 May 21:00
Caldbeck area

7 girls reported missing. They turned up as the Team was moving into the area.

18 21 May 14:46
Harrop Tarn

A lady (66 yrs) slipped on a stone while crossing a stream and broke her forearm.

19 27 May 11:10
Latrigg path above Spooner Green

A man (31 yrs) collapsed having fished.

20 27 May 21:00
Base Brown, Gillercomb

A youth (16 yrs) fell off the path and cart wheeled several times, sustaining head lacerations and suspected broken clavicle.

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21 29 May 07:33
Angle Tarn/ Esk Hause area

A man had suffered severe abdominal pains for 8 hours but had recovered before the arrival of the Team!

22 29 May 17:51
Troutdale Pinnacle, Black Crag

A climber with a dislocated shoulder became cragfast.

23 30 May 16:18
Skiddaw House

A woman who was 21 weeks pregnant suffered severe stomach cramps. She was airlifted to hospital.

24 13 June 20:46
Scafell Pike

An 80 year old man was reported overdue. He turned up as the team was mobilising.

25 24 June 16:42
Langstrath - foot of Stake Pass

A girl (16 yrs), a member of a D of E group, sustained a sprained ankle.

26 25 June 16:43
South Castle Rock, Thirlmere

A man (20 yrs) was being lowered having completed the climb, when the belay failed, dropping him 50-80 feet. He sustained various injuries and was airlifted to hospital.

27 2 July 19:58
Grains Gill above Stockley Bridge

A man (46 yrs) suffered gout, causing immobility.

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28 8 July 20:03 Greenup Edge

A party of 6 youths (17 yrs) on a D of E expedition encountered difficulties and got off route in poor weather. 2 went to raise the alarm. The others were taken by helicopter to hospital - one with ankle problems, another with mild hypothermia.

29 10 July 11:36 Hopegill Head

A party of 4 youths (17 yrs) on a D of E expedition encountered difficulties and got off route into bad ground in poor weather. 2 went to raise the alarm. The others managed to sort themselves out while the team was mobilising. (Not related to the above!)

30 18 July 11:27 Swanesty How

A lady (51 yrs) slipped on the path and sustained a broken tibia and fibula.

31 19 July 16:13 Grains Gill

A lady (48 yrs) slipped on the path and sustained a broken tibia and fibula.

32 25 July 21:28 Scafell Pike - Wythburn

A man (30 yrs) made a navigational error while traversing the 3 Peaks. He turned up as the Team was mobilising.

33 26 July 12:46 Puddingstone Bank, Rosthwaite

A girl (17 yrs) in a D of E expedition group suffered an asthma attack.

34 26 July 18:25 Hee Haw, Shepherd's Crag

A young woman (23 yrs) fell 30' while climbing and pendulumed into the rock, resulting in a broken leg.

35 26 July 23:32 Blackmoss Pot, Langstrath

A boy (14 yrs) suffered from a fit while camping. He was transferred to hospital as a precaution.

36 29 July 18:00 Grains Gill - White Bridge

A man (29 yrs) slipped on wet grass and broke his ankle.

37 16 August 03:30 Esk Hause - Bowfell area

Requested to assist Langdale/Ambleside MRT in search for 2 missing walkers. They were located in the morning on Glaramara by helicopter!

38 18 August 15:40 Great How, Thirlmere

A woman (51 yrs) tripped over a tree root and broke her ankle.

39 3 September 12:44 Bishop of Barf

Some walkers in Whinlatter Forest reported seeing a family with a young child in difficulties. On arrival of the Team to investigate, the family had got down.

40 18 September 07:00 Central Fells

A man (52 yrs) failed to report in on a long-distance walk. He was located in good condition at 10:15 in Upper Esk after a night of poor weather.



*Crag Rescue at Troutdale Pinnacle.
Photo: Stephen Reid*

41 16 September - 1 October
Rosthwaite area

Search for a man in his late 60's who went missing from his holiday flat. The search involved 153 rescuers from 11 MRT at one stage, and included 17 search dogs and a helicopter. 3390 man hours were expended. The search has now been suspended.

42 30 September 14:17
Joplety How

A lady (65 yrs) slipped on the summit rocks and injured her ankle. A doctor in the area attended to her. She was airlifted to hospital by a helicopter assisting in Callout 41.

43 3 October 12:33
Cat Bells summit

A lady (61 yrs) lost her footing in extremely high winds and rain. She sustained head lacerations and damaged both forearms, possibly fracturing one.

7 October 14:23
Blencathra, Sharp Edge

2 men encountered problems in wet weather, when one of them fell back on the other. They both lost their nerve and mobile phoned for help. Fortunately, other walkers following were able to assist them before the Team left.

10 October 12:33
Skiddaw Forest

A man with a mobile phone but no map or compass got lost in the mist. He was talked down until he could see the track below.

11 October 23:46
Helvellyn

3 young people doing Swirral and Striding Edges cut their route short and descended to Thirlmere. However, they failed to turn up as expected, having last been seen 500m from the summit at 5.30 pm. They turned up as the Team was mobilising.

44 14 October 13:16
Rigg Head Quarries

A man (64 yrs) was discovered in a collapsed condition by 3 walkers. He was found to be dead on arrival of the Team.

45 15 October 12:52
Blencathra - Sharp Edge

A woman (36 yrs) slipped on greasy rock and broke her wrist 20 metres before the 'bad step'.

46 16 October 15:24
Allen Crag

A man (40 yrs) slipped on steep, broken ground and fell 100' into a gully sustaining multiple injuries. The Team was flown in by helicopter to attend to the casualty before he was airlifted to hospital. 2 others in the party also had to be extricated from their precarious position.

47 16 October 15:49
Sty Head

A man (75 yrs) was found to be seriously suffering from hypothermia by some students from Sunderland College. He was airlifted with the previous casualty to hospital.

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48 21 October 14:19 Brown Cove Col

A lady (41 yrs) slipped and gashed her knee. Her rescue was accelerated as there was a helicopter training in the area.

49 21 October Sticks Pass track from Greenside

Another lady managed to break her leg while we were engaged in the above. She was also airlifted to hospital.

50 22 October 22:10 Scafells

A request from Wasdale MRT to assist in a search for 2 men (42 & 46 yrs) on the south side of Scafell Pike. One had fallen and they had become separated. They were located in Greta Gill, one with concussion, minor cuts and bruises and hypothermia.

51 23 October 12:54 Walla Crag - Ashness path

A lady (64 yrs) slipped and broke her ankle.

52 26 October 02:30 Grasmere to Keswick

Two men (44 & 50 yrs) failed to arrive after a mountain bike journey (route unknown). They turned up later next day, having spent the night on Greenup Edge. One was suffering from hypothermia.

53 26 October 13:27 Grains Gill

A man (28 yrs) suffered problems with an old ligament injury and needed to be carried off.

54 28 October 16:46 Scope End, Hindscarth

A lady (59 yrs) slipped and broke her ankle.

55 28 October 19:59 Glenderaterra Valley

A girl (16 yrs) was suffering from mild hypothermia.

56 30 October 16:50 Grey Knotts area

2 men became lost in cloud and snow while undergoing part of the Coast to Coast walk. They used their mobile phone to call for assistance. Having estimated their whereabouts, the Team went out to bring them down.



Search at Wythburn.

Photo: Andy Jones

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Incident Report 2000 *continued . . .*

**57 31 October 13:58
Langstrath - Stake Pass path**

A lady (53 yrs) slipped and broke her ankle.

**58 4 November 12:26
Glamara**

A lady (48 yrs) with a medical condition 'ran out of steam' somewhere between Allen Craggs and Glamara. She called for help on her mobile phone.



Incident 64.

Photo: Andy Jones

**59 10 November 13:54
Skiddaw - Barkbethdale**

A young lady (25 yrs) slipped on wet grass and broke her ankle.

**60 13 November 16:00
Stile End, Barrow**

A man (63 yrs) slipped on wet grass and broke his ankle.

**61 15 November 19:21
Thornthwaite Forest**

The body of a man (23 yrs) was recovered.

**62 19 November 12:07
Walla Crag**

A lady (53 yrs), on her first day of a holiday from America, slipped on mud and broke her ankle.

**63 20 November 13:59
Low Brandelhow, Derwentwater**

A lady (79 yrs) had sustained a broken leg on the lake shore.

**64 24 November 09:19
Hause Gill, Honister Pass**

A request from the Police to assist, by making access safe with ropes, etc., in the inspection and recovery of a lorry loaded with 1/4 ton of explosives which had gone off the road and fallen 30 feet into the gill !

65 24 November 16:14

High Spy

A lady became separated from her partner while descending the mountain in poor weather. In spite of the best efforts of her partner to find her, contact was not regained. A (fortunately) short search found her sheltering in Robin's Fold, high up on the mountain, fearing she would be attacked by the wolves!

66 25 November 13:18

Steel Fell

A man (48 yrs) slipped and injured his lower leg.

67 25 November 20:30

Langdale Pikes

A request from Langdale/Ambleside MRT to assist in a search for 2 men (20 yrs & 40 yrs), overdue from a walk in the Pavely Ark area. They were located sheltering in Langstrath having been lost and having run out of light.

68 10 December 11:48

Seathwaite - Longthwaite path

A lady (53 yrs) slipped and broke her ankle.

69 16 December 14:31

Causey Pike - Outerside area

A man (61 yrs) collapsed and died while walking. A helicopter on exercise in the area assisted in the rescue.

70 23 December 09:00

Nab Crag, Wythburn

Further search effort for man missing since September (see callout 41), to investigate new information.

23 December 14:57

Cat Bells

Call to assist a roe deer with a broken leg. Santa obviously had further work to do as the deer managed to evade the rescue attempts.

71 27 December 14:42

High Rigg

A lady (69 yrs) slipped in freezing conditions and sustained a severe fracture to her leg. She was airlifted to hospital.

72 28 December 10:06

Keswick area

Following overnight snow, a request from Ambulance Control to standby with the local crews with our 4WD ambulance.

73 30 December 12:18

Latrigg

A lady (44 yrs) fell off her sledge and broke her leg.

74 31 December 13:57

Skiddaw summit

2 men (24 yrs & 25 yrs) succumbed to the blizzard conditions and went to ground. An epic rescue in atrocious conditions, involving 2 mountain rescue teams.

75 31 December 15:15

Harrison Stickle - Stake Pass area

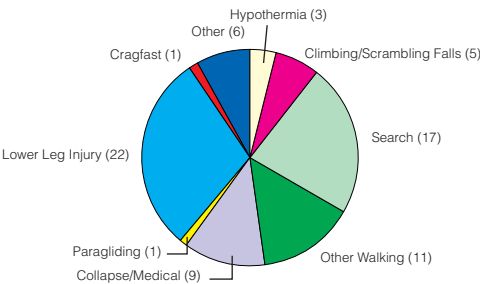
4 people were overtaken by the appalling weather. 3 went to ground and the other managed to get to Langstrath where he was interviewed by the Team. Fortunately, his companions had managed to get back to Langdale.

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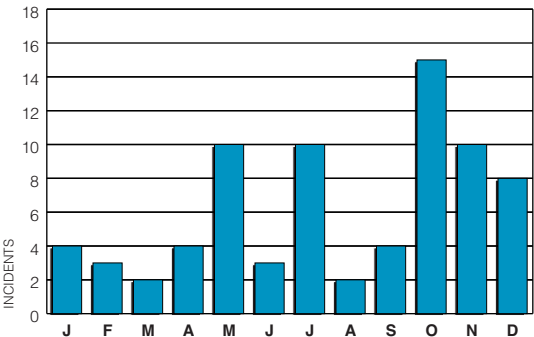
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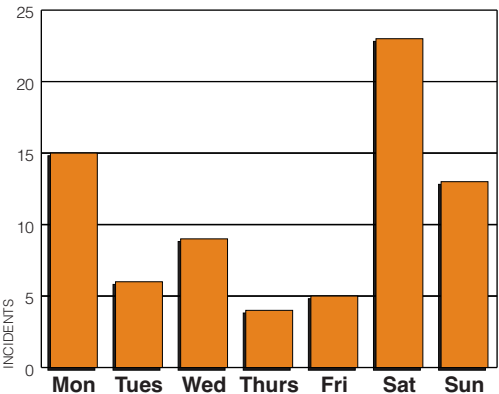
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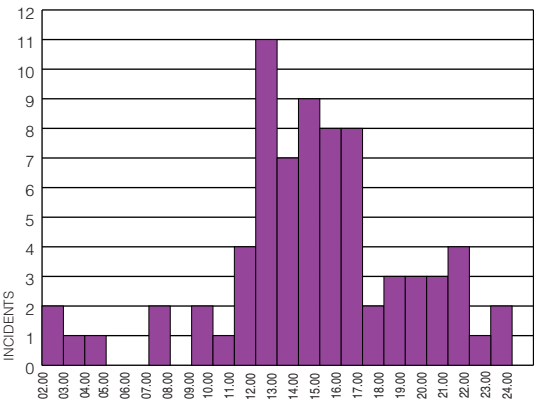
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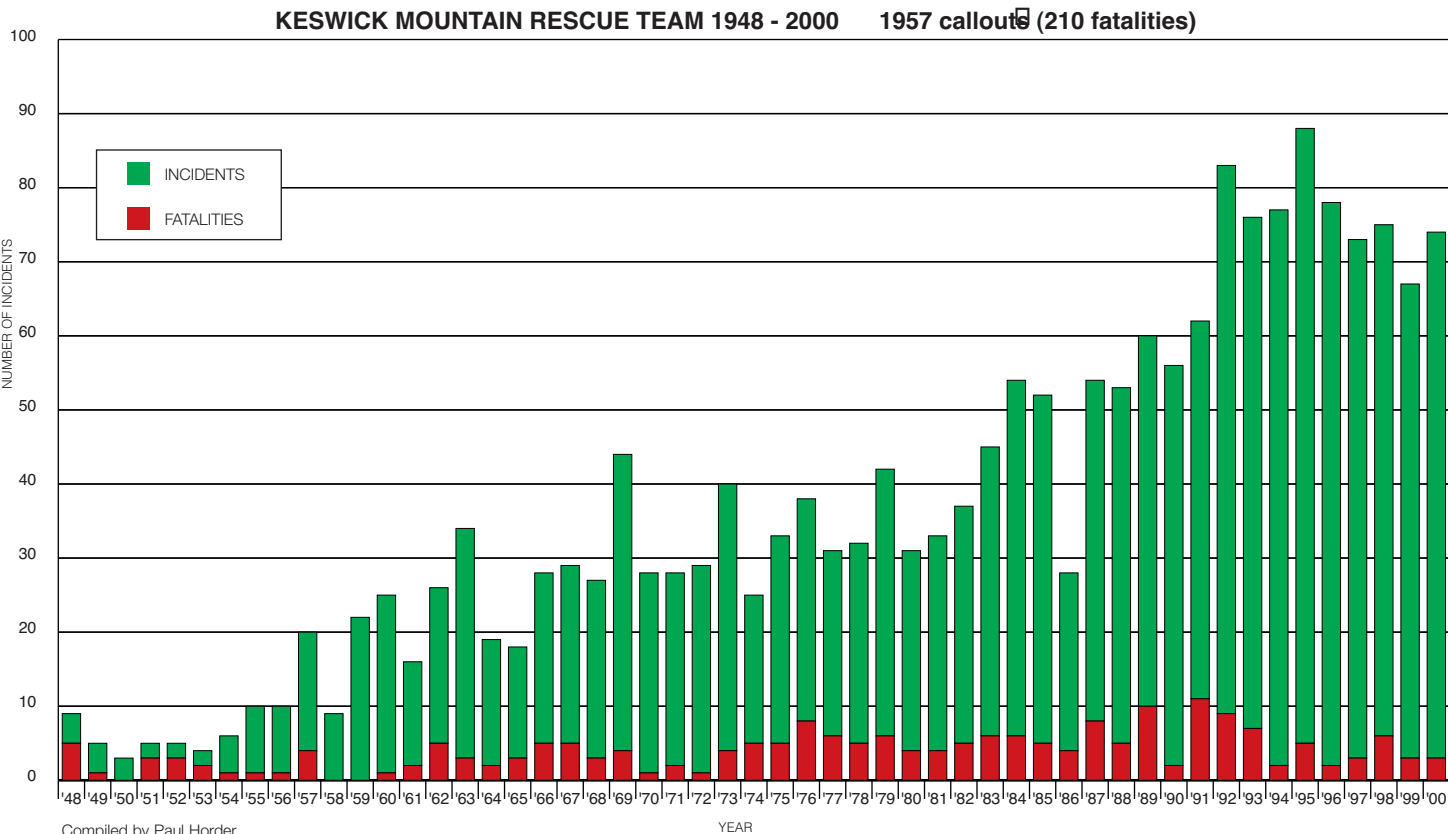


TIMES OF THE DAY 2000



Thanks to Cecilia Penn for help in the preparation of these charts.

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Compiled by Paul Horder

Keswick Mountain Rescue Team



Mick and Mist outside HQ.

Photo: Mick Guy

As 2001 begins, the Team once again has two Search Dogs to call on. Loch, Chris Francis', labrador has been joined by Mick Guy's diminutive collie/terrier cross, Mist. Also known as "The Gremlin" for her toy-destroying qualities, she finally passed SARDA's testing grading process as a fully fledged Search Dog at the beginning of January. (See picture)

A third dog, Martin Bell's Kali is making good progress at Grade 1 of the SARDA Training Programme.

Chris Francis is the Call Out co-ordinator for all SARDA Search Dogs in the Lake District, and his attendance at the majority of searches in other areas has been almost mandatory. Mick has been able to assist him, while waiting for Mist to make the grade, by doing a lot of the co-ordination of the search dogs on local "shouts".

Call Outs attended by Keswick Dogs this year taking place outside the Keswick area:

Jan. 1st - Langdale/Ambleside MRT - missing group on Crinkles. Found by Langdale Search Dog.

Jan. 3rd - Patterdale MRT - rucksacs found, area searched to confirm no one in trouble.

Feb. 28th Furness MRT - missing elderly person, found by Patterdale Search Dog.

Mar. 11th Wasdale MRT - report of missing person, Hard Knott area. Located by Team member.

Mar 26th - Wasdale MRT - Group of 4 missing Central Fells - found by Langdale Search Dog.

Mick Guy

We have, over the years, come within fairly close proximity of dangerous rivers in the course of some of our rescues. With a small, but noticeable, increase in the number of calls to search river locations for missing - canoeists, the “paddlers” within the Team have been increasingly anxious to emphasise the dangers posed by such scenarios to those amongst us less well versed in the aquatic environment.

Accordingly, September saw four hardy soles (two accomplished paddlers, two brainless air-bedders!) depart Keswick bound for Plas-Y-Brenin, the National Outdoor Centre in Wales. Ahead of them was a weeks intensive training in the basic techniques of white water safety and rescue.

The journey to Wales presented a most promising taste of things to come - buckets of rain guaranteeing full rivers, pretty much a pre-requisite of a meaningful week.

Monday morning saw not too much messing about with theory: the first thing that our tutor (Franco Ferraro - dude!) wanted to know was how strong we were as swimmers. With no one prepared to admit to being less than “strong”. I felt a little abashed to volunteer that I was merely “average” - and that based on my experiences in the school swimming pool as a ten year old 23 years previously!

Relative strengths ascertained, we were quickly put to proof and required to jump off a bridge (having been tutored in current break-out techniques first) and try to get swiftly and safely to shore.

Scary city!!

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I quickly discovered (as did some others - albeit not from the Keswick contingent) that I was a pretty weak swimmer; something that I was only too happy to volunteer to Franco ASAP fearing that if I did otherwise I would be dead within 20 minutes of the course beginning. He wasn't greatly concerned (I must have looked more coordinated than I felt!).

Thankfully, that first practical session concluded pretty rapidly (ho! ho!): the purpose of it being to demonstrate just how frighteningly powerful water can be even to people insulated from the cold by dry suits, and buoyed up with flotation devices. That particular piece of water was little more than grade 2/3. Apparently safe when looked at, but by no means safe when trying to get out of it after even a few seconds immersion.

That pretty much set the pattern for the first three days of the course - a mixture of classroom lectures followed by the immediate putting in to practice of the theory in scary water. All the sessions drove home the point made in the very first one - the power of even seemingly innocuous water, and the desperate trouble a person could be in within seconds of venturing in too deep. Too deep, incidentally, can be as little as calf height. We, were also learning how to read danger signs in the water, and to read the river with rescue techniques in mind.

Unfortunately, water is extremely unforgiving. There is perhaps a minute to react to the submersion of an individual, and so the priority would appear to be to act immediately. Wrong. Of the 7,000-9,000 drownings world-wide annually, statistics show that at least a third were trying to rescue someone else. An unbelievably sobering number - emphasising that the priority is the safety of those at the waterside. After all, dead rescuers are



*An unexpected swiftwater rescue !
Another picture of incident 64.*

Photo: Andy Jones

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Swiftwater Rescue Technicians

not going to be of any help at all to the person in the water. Even then, statistics show that white water rescue is 400% more dangerous than any other rescue scenario.

The final two days of the course, were more search and rescue management oriented applying, in the main, techniques with which we were already familiar but in scenarios in which we were less well versed.

On our return to Keswick, all of us were keen to pass on, as best we could, the knowledge we had acquired. Indeed we had an opportunity to slip into the rubber suits the very next day as our contribution to the Michael Cohen search.

All four of us (but particularly me and my air-bedding mate) were acutely aware that what we had learned would need frequent practise, and we were keen that others in the Team would benefit from our experiences.

As a result, we have already had a number of training sessions involving other Team members. We are anxious that all Team members undergo at least the most rudimentary training in swift water safety. The training officers have introduced a rolling program to increase the number of Swift Water Technicians within the Team, and intend to keep all such qualifications current.

Tragically, in the week we were away, two schoolgirls lost their lives in a ghyll scrambling accident in North Yorkshire. A most unwelcome emphasis to all we had learned in those five days.

Water Baby



A welcome break on a winter call-out.

Photo: Chris Higgins

an update on articles from previous Reports

Sty Head Stretcher Box

Following the articles in the 1999 and 2000 Reports, I've included another photograph here relating to the development of the stretcher box.

This photograph, taken in 1937, shows men who worked at Honister Quarry inspecting the site for the box, before returning to build it in 1938.

The current stretcher box, mostly the work of Team member Keith Stephenson, was installed in 1999.



Sry Head, site of stretcher box, 1937.

Photograph courtesy of Alan Dean

Coire an t'Sneachda

This coire, in the Cairngorm Mountains, was the scene for the Team's fifth incident in 1999, (as reported last year). While on a training exercise, Team members came to the aid of a fallen climber, who was subsequently airlifted to hospital in Inverness.

Peter Little



Coire an t'Sneachda



Photographs courtesy of Paul Carter

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Lowering kit and personnel in wild weather.

Photo: Andy Jones



Abseiling into the gloom.

Photo: Andy Jones



Preparation.

Photo: Chris Higgins



The descent towards Grains Gill.

Photo: Chris Higgins

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Keswick Mountain Rescue Team

Once again a big "Thank You" to all Collection Box Sponsors for your support in 2000. If you would like to support the Team by having a box, please contact the Collection Box Co-Ordinator Brian Spencer on telephone 017687 72531.

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Firms
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George Hotel
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Glamara Outdoor Centre

Glencoe Guest House
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Grange Cafe
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Horse and Farrier
How Keld
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Kings Arms

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Lairbeck Hotel
Lakeland
Lakeland Pedlar
Lake Road Inn
The Lakes Fish Restaurant
Lakeside Holiday Park
Lakeside House
Lakeside Tea Garden
Langstrath Hotel
Latrigg House
Laurel Bank Guest House
Leathes Head Hotel
Linnet Hill Hotel
Lodore Hilton Hotel
Longthwaite YHA
Low Manesty Caravan Park
Luca's
Luchinis Ices
Lynwood Guest House
Lyzzick Hall Hotel
Mary Mount Hotel
Max Spielman Photography
Medical Centre
Middle Ruddings Hotel
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Needlesports
New House, Rosthwaite
Newton Rigg College

Nichol End Marine
Oddfellows Arms
Packhorse Inn
Parkergate
Police Station
Powe Howe Guest House
Rainbow
Rathbones
Rathbones Outdoor Wear
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Ravenstone Lodge Hotel
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Seatoller House
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Spooney Green
Strathmore Guest House
Stybeck Farm
Sundance Wholefoods
Sunnyside Guest House
Swan Inn, Thornthwaite
Swinside Inn
Swiss Court Hotel
Tam Hows Guest House
The Theatre By The Lake
Thimbeck Guest House
Thistledown
Thornleigh Guest House
Thresher Wine Shop
TOG 24
Touchwood
Trekbers Cave
Treeby and Bolton
The Turquoise Tortoise
Tynemouth Lodge Hotel
Underscar Hotel
Village Shop, Braithwaite
Village Shop, Portinscale
West View Guest House
Whinlatter Forest Tea Room
White Horse Inn
The Wild Strawberry
Winchester Guest House
Wine Rack
Woodside Guest House
69 Wordsworth Street
Yeoman Outdoors
Yew Tree Cafe
Yew Craggs



Brian Spencer

Keswick Mountain Rescue Team (hereafter referred to as ‘the Team’) is an unincorporated association and is established by constitution adopted on 20th March 1980. It is a registered charity, number 509860.

The main object of the team is for the public benefit, to relieve suffering and distress arising there from, among persons and animals endangered by accident or nature hazards within the area of Great Britain and particularly on the mountains of Cumbria and the vicinity of Keswick.

Address of Charity: Lakeside Car Park
Keswick
Cumbria
CA12 5DJ

Trustees: (Executive Committee)	M Fanning	(Chairperson)
	M Guy	(Secretary)
	I A Wallace	(Treasurer)
	M Hodgson	(Team Leader)
	P Horder	(Team Member)
	D Pratt	(Team Member)

The above Committee Members (Trustees) were elected at the last Annual General Meeting by the Members.

Bankers: - HSBC plc
Market Square
Keswick
Cumbria

Trustees Responsibilities

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its financial

activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- (a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- (b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- (c) state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the appropriate SORP on Accounting by Charities and the Accounting Regulations and with applicable Accounting Standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- (d) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business.

It is the policy of Keswick Mountain Rescue Team, as advised as good practice by the Charity Commissioners, to hold funds in reserve, if possible, equivalent to three times the Annual running costs.

At times, due to a rolling programme of replacement of equipment of high capital outlay, this total may be exceeded. The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice and the regulations made under S44 of the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

This is my first year as Treasurer of the Team and it did not take me long to realise how hard my predecessors have worked. There have been well over three and a half thousand entries into and out of our account over the year, and goodness knows how many letters to write. If only I had known!

My thanks to Andy Jones for covering the start of the year for me and leaving everything in such good order. You deserve a well earned rest.

Our main expenditure this year has been the purchase of waterproofs amounting to £8,085, which is included in the Clothing and Outdoor Equipment total of £8,719. However, as the horrendous conditions on the New Years Eve rescue on Skiddaw showed, our personal equipment equates to our survival.

I am pleased to say that expenditure on Training £2,146 (2000), £2,475 (1999) has been about the same as last year and there should be no short cuts here. The safety and survival of Casualty and Team member is dependent on good skills.

Keswick Mountain Rescue Team

Financial planning is all important, and awareness of the replacement costs of hardware have to be borne in mind, and the imminent replacement of vehicles which may need concerted fund raising efforts.

Income has crept up to the levels of a few years ago and expenditure has stayed about the same. Thanks to Brian Spencer for his work with the collecting boxes. It says a lot for his charisma that he can gather a group of helpers together near the financial year end to help count over six thousand pounds of beer soaked change in an afternoon. Income from boxes has increased significantly £15,299 (2000), £12,107 (1999).

As it was said last year, reliance for the operation of the Team is placed on unpaid volunteers. The Trustees do not receive any remuneration in respect of their obligations or activities.

The Trustees will oversee this responsibility and will continue to ensure that the Teams assets are used efficiently to provide the best possible service to those who may require it. They confirm that the funds available are sufficient to fulfill the objectives of the Team.

I. A. Wallace - Treasurer

We report on the accounts of the Team for the year ended 30th November 2000 which are set out on pages 28 to 31.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

As the charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is our responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7) (b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express and audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- (1) Which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting requirements of the Act
- (2) To which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Armstrong Watson
Chartered Accountants
Institute of Chartered Accountants
In England and Wales

Bakers Yard
St Johns Street
Keswick
Cumbria

Statement

of financial activities for the year ended 30th November 2000

Keswick Mountain Rescue Team

	Notes	2000 £	1999 £
Incoming Resources			
Covenants		2,629	2,330
Donations		15,193	17,382
Collection Boxes		15,299	12,107
Legacy		16,674	11,000
Income Tax Recovered		2,479	2,260
Bank and Building Society Interest		12,313	8,240
Miscellaneous and Shirt Sales		65	1,011
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		64,652	54,330
Resources Expended			
Direct Charitable Expenses	2	38,493	45,251
Other Expenses	3	16,792	13,811
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		55,285	59,062
Net incoming Resources Before Transfers			
NET INCOMING (EXPENDED) RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR		9,367	(4,732)
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1st DECEMBER 1999		459,646	464,378
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 30th NOVEMBER 2000		£469,013	£459,646

The notes on pages 30 and 31 form part of these accounts

Keswick Mountain Rescue Team

Balance Sheet

at 30th November 2000

	Notes	2000 £	1999 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	4	285,938	297,663
Current Assets			
Debtors and Prepayments		2,620	2,693
Stock	6	850	1,340
Building Society Deposits		166,476	147,685
Cash at Bank		13,423	10,559
		183,369	162,277
Liabilities, Amounts falling due within one year	7	294	294
NET CURRENT ASSETS		183,075	161,983
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>£469,013</u>	<u>£459,646</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted		£469,013	£459,646

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 26th January, 2001.

The notes on pages 30 and 31 form part of these accounts

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30th November 2000

Keswick Mountain Rescue Team

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting Convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Applicable accounting standards and the Charities Statements of Recommended Practice.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to, write off the cost Less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life. The rates used are as follows:

Property	-	Straight line over 50 years
Equipment	-	15% reducing balance
Motor Vehicles	-	25% reducing balance

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

	<i>Total funds</i> 2000	<i>Total funds</i> 1999
2. DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENSES	£	£
Motor Vehicle Expenses		
Insurances	1,507	1,998
Petrol and Oil	517	596
Maintenance	1,877	860
Equipment Expenses		
Rental	2,788	2,898
Maintenance of Radio	1,888	444
Maintenance of General Equipment	1,218	1,180
Clothing and Outdoor Equipment	8,719	4,626
Other Expenses and Courses	2,510	2,866
Depreciation of Motor Vehicles and Equipment	17,469	19,783
Donation Returned		10,000
	<u>£38,493</u>	<u>£45,251</u>

3. OTHER EXPENSES

Garage, Team and HQ Expenses

Rent, Rates and Water	632	120
Telephone and Electricity	1,825	1,918
Repairs and Renewals	2,943	896
Postage, Printing and Stat	3,438	3,393
Insurance	1,290	1,248
Bank Charges	24	23
Independent Examiners Fees	294	353
Sundry Expenses	1,901	1,415
Depreciation on Leasehold Property	4,445	4,445
	<u>16,792</u>	<u>13,811</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30th November 2000

	<i>Leasehold Land & Buildings</i> £	<i>Equipment</i> £	<i>Motor Vehicles</i> £	<i>Total</i> £
4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				
Cost				
At 1st December 1999	222,262	130,497	61,401	414,160
Additions During Year	-	10,189	-	
At 30th November 2000	222,262	140,686	61,401	424,349
Depreciation				
At 1st December 1999	13,335	68,065	35,097	116,497
Charge for the Year	4,445	10,893	6,576	21,914
At 30th November 2000	17,780	78,958	41,673	138,411
Net Book Value				
At 30th November 2000	£204,482	£61,728	£19,728	£285,938
At 30th November 1999	£208,927	£62,432	£26,304	£297,663

All fixed assets held are for the furtherance of the Charity's objectives.

5. DEBTORS		<i>1999</i> £	£
Prepayments		2,620	2,693
6. STOCK		<i>1999</i> £	£
Consumable Stock		80	8
Stock of Books		770	1,260
		£ 850	£1,340
7. LIABILITIES - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		<i>1999</i> £	£
Accruals		£294	£ 294

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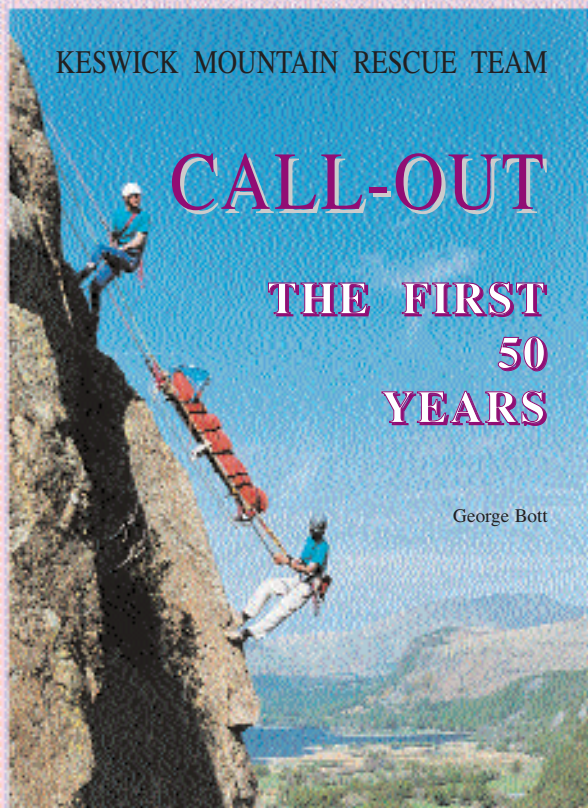
Please read the following if you wish to donate to Keswick Mountain Rescue Team.

With effect from 6th April 2000, the Government introduced new legislation to help registered charities reclaim Income Tax more easily, no matter how large or small the donation.

Provided you pay Income Tax, the Team can now reclaim the tax you have already paid on the sum donated to the Team, from the Inland Revenue. It simply requires you to fill in the form below, and return it to the Treasurer. It does not involve you in any further payment.

GIFT AID DECLARATION	
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Full name and address of donor in CAPITALS	
Mr/Mrs/Miss	
Address	
.....	
Post Code.....	
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Date...../...../.....	<p>Please return this completed Gift Aid Declaration to the Team Treasurer:</p> <p>Ian Wallace Spooney Green, Keswick, Cumbria CA12 4PJ</p> <p>Thank you for your support !</p>





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