

1961

- * 31st January. Lake Hotel. 14th Annual General Meeting. 23 members present. Officials - no change. Committee - Mrs P Lyth, Mrs J Graham, Messrs D Weeks, M Nixon, J Graham, R Richardson, P Thorburn and Inspector Lilley. G Fisher proposed abolishing the Committee and only having Officials so that all members could act as committee, thus uniting the Team more. This was deferred until an April meeting. G Fisher and 3 other members to draw up a syllabus for training.
- * Also agreed that a notice be sent to all rescue and search teams in the district that whenever there was a large-scale search involving several teams, that Keswick, being the most experienced, be in charge of the search.
- * The Medical Officer mentioned that it had become the fashion to discredit the use of alcohol for exposure, exhaustion and shock. He reminded members that though they had in 15 years brought down 138 casualties, many of whom had had brandy, all who had been alive when picked up were brought down alive. After discussion, G Fisher proposed that Dr Lyth make enquiries into the opposition to the use of alcohol.
- * A new rucksack to be bought to carry the volcano kettles.
- * Concerning the opposition to the use of alcohol, opinions from 2 surgeons and 2 doctors were strongly in favour of it s use.
- * All members we co-opted on to the Committee until the next AGM and meetings would be held bi-monthly.
- * 6 pairs of overtrousers to be bought.
- * Proposed not to buy boots but if any members had any they had finished with they could be kept in the truck. 8 members offered old pairs.
- * More suggestions on the use of the National Park Planning Board grant.
- * MRC now covering all searchers with insurance whether MRT members or not.
- * 18 cragfast sheep rescued.
- * 49 members.
- * Balance in hand at the end of the year: £431-3-6d.
- * There were 16 callouts in 1961.
- * Keswick Town Council built a garage for us on Central Car Park. Rent 7/6d per annum. Electricity to be supplied by the Team. We requested free rent.
- * A discussion on provision of helicopters for transportation of patients from different situations received provisional acceptance but should probably be of most use when casualty has got to easy ground.

1 1 January 1960

Green Gable

A man (22 yrs) sustained multiple lacerations while snow climbing. He was given 2 ampoules of morphine.

2 January 1961

Scafell Pike - Piers Gill

2 students had spent New Year's Eve on the summit but had suffered from the cold and lack of sleep. They were found next day by a passing walker. The girl survived but the boy (19 yrs) died.

3 21 January 1961 19:00

Blencathra - Sharp Edge

Search in poor conditions for a young man who had slipped and fallen 100' receiving fatal head injuries. Found next morning. Had joined the fox hunt.

4 5 February 1961

Great End - Central Gully

10 climbers were avalanched. 2 were buried, 3 injured. One of the injured (37 yrs) suffered and fractured clavicle and elbow. A youth (18 yrs) broke his femur. Bothe were given morphine.

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? callouts also on Shepherd's Crag - Bluebell Wall and Monolith Crack.