

1962

- * 30th January. Lake Hotel. 15th Annual General Meeting. George Fisher and 3 more experienced members were asked to draw up a training syllabus. President - Lt Col Westmorland, Secretary - Val Nixon, Treasurer - J R Clark, Medical Officer - Dr J C Lyth, Quartermaster - Des Oliver, Assistant - Mike Nixon. All members were co-opted on to the Committee. £300 put in a fund for a new ambulance. Monthly Sunday practices suggested by Mike Nixon agreed by the Team. Trailer purchase considered.
- * Constitution re-written to accommodate all members being on the Committee.
- * Proposed that 6 pairs of crampons be bought.
- * Practices were being poorly attended so a weekday evening was suggested with a young member leading. First 3 members -David Weeks, Mike Nixon, Brian Martland.
- * Dr Lyth suggested a helicopter would be of extreme value in recalling Teams after a search, with Verey pistols or signal flags. After a discussion the idea was discouraged.
- * Decided to buy 2 dozen crates (@ 2/6d per tin) of Heinz self-heating soup (Minutes say self-heating 'water'). Also 6 pairs of abseiling gloves.
- * Electric lights installed in the garage.
- * It was revealed that several members were not giving brandy although it had been agreed that it would continue to be done in suitable cases. After discussion it was left up to individual leaders to decide.
- * A new Land Rover was considered.
- * Considered purchase of a trailer to give more room to members.
- * A helicopter was 'extremely useful in recalling teams with a Verey pistol or flags'.
- * An Austrian winch and cable was authorised to be bought.
- * 67 incidents with 10 deaths, in the Lake District. (6 solo rock climbing accidents - 1 fatal).
- * Davy Escape Apparatus and new Tragsitz used in two-stage, 400' lower on Pillar.
- * Balance at the end of the year was £695-5-3d.

1 2 January 1962

Skiddaw

Territorial Army sergeant (41 yrs) died on exercise from a coronary thrombosis.

2 29 January 1962

Blencathra

Patient from Sanatorium missing. Found next day hiding behind rocks after all-night search.

3 19 February 1962

Helvellyn - Dollywagon Pike

Search for missing climber (Colin Boyd, 19 yrs) who was found dead on Nethermost Pike.

4 4 March 1962

Great End - SE Gully

Climber (23 yrs) fell while descending and sustained leg and back injuries.

5 25 March 1962

Great End - Central Gully

Avalanche brought down several climbers. One (35 yrs) was killed, one (25 yrs) suffered concussion and another (26 yrs), multiple injuries. Several Team members had given blood that morning! The most critical were stretchered and because of the weather, the other was carried piggy back. The body was evacuated on the Sty Head stretcher.

6 28 March 1962

Scafell

Walker (25 yrs) lost control glissading on snow and fell to his death. He fell into the Comb above Piers Gill.

7 30 March 1962

Cat Bells - Yewthwaite Mine

Body of a man who had committed suicide recovered from a mine shaft.

8 4 April 1962

Great Gable - Abbey Buttress

A student had fallen.

9 11 April 1962

Pillar Rock, Ennerdale

Stranded climber (23 yrs) fell 100' and suffered cuts, bruises and exposure. He was rescued by use of the tragsitz.

10 28 April 1962

Murton Fell, Pennines

Search for missing walker, a girl (17 yrs).

- 11 10 June 1962 Cat Bells**
A woman (50 yrs) with a broken leg.
- 12 14 June 1962 Helvellyn - Wythburn path**
A woman (69 yrs) with a broken tibia and fibula. She was given morphine.
- 13 17 June 1962 Langstrath - Heron Crag**
Stranded climbers rescued from rock face.
- 14 9 July 1962 Falcon Crag**
Man lost control while scree-running and sustained severe head injuries.
- 15 14 July 1962 Shepherd's Crag**
Climber (14 yrs) fell while climbing unroped.
- 16 5 August 1962 Helvellyn - Wythburn path**
Walker with a broken leg.
- 17 14 August 1962 Helvellyn**
Woman slipped on wet grass and broke her leg.
- 18 21 August 1962 Scafell area**
All-night search for 4 missing boy scouts (17 yrs). They were found suffering from exposure.
- 19 22 August 1962 Shepherd's Crag - Brown Slabs**
Climber (18 yrs) fell while climbing unroped sustained a broken wrist, bruises and shock. He was given morphine.
- 20 28 August 1962 Shepherd's Crag**
Climber (18 yrs) fell, injuring his shoulder and wrist.
- 21 29 August 1962 Greenup Edge**
Girl with a dislocated knee.
- 22 21 September 1962 Sty Head and Skiddaw**
2 parties searched for missing walker. Turned up in Liverpool.
- 23 11 November 1962 Sty Head**
An exhausted walker was carried down.
- 24 11 November 1962 Skiddaw**
All-night search for 6 missing walkers (19-30 yrs). They turned up in Mungrisdale.
- 25 19 December 1962 Johnny's Wood - Rosthwaite**
Team Ambulance went to the assistance of an injured forestry worker (63 yrs) who had sustained internal injuries.