

# 1963

- \* 17th January. Lake Hotel. 16th Annual General Meeting. Evening practices had been well attended. Officials as before but Brian Martland replaced Val Nixon. £10 allowed for Ken Brannan's idea of developing a folding stretcher.
- \* £600 to be allowed for a new Land Rover. Land Rover bought in July.
- \* George Fisher spoke of the need to educate landladies and hotel proprietors in procedure in case of accident and how to advise their clients if necessary. An information card to be designed. 200 posters circulated.
- \* Fixed charge for sheep rescues considered.
- \* A MacInnes stretcher and new Thomas splint received from the Mountain Rescue Committee.
- \* 91 incidents (4 fatal) in the Lake District.
- \* Wireless sets cost £80 each and 3 were required.
- \* Hamish MacInnes started SARDA.
- \* 12 anoraks donated by George Fisher.
- \* Death of Dr Lyth, Medical Officer since 1947.
- \* Balance at the end of the year was £208-9-1d.

**1 13 January 1963**

**Sty Head**

Walker slipped on frozen path and broke his leg.

**2 30 January 1963**

**High Pike - Caldbeck**

Assisted the RAF in bringing down the bodies of 2 men killed in plane crash.

**3 2 March 1963**

**Shepherd's Crag - Brown Slabs**

Climber fell due to hold coming away and broke his femur.

**4 15 March 1963**

**Ashness Gill**

Walker (44 yrs) lipped on wet rock while crossing stream in fleecy-lined winter boots and broke his tibia and fibula. She was given morphine.

**5 23 March 1963**

**Walla Crag**

Climber fell when making a new route and pitons came out. He broke his leg and wrist.

**6 12 April 1963**

**Base Brown**

Walker slipped on wet snow sustaining a fractured skull and spinal injury.

**7 14 April 1963**

**Glaramara**

Search for walker missing overnight.

**8 18 April 1963**

**Skiddaw - Littleman**

Walker collapsed and unconscious.

**9 21 April 1963**

**Patterdale**

Search for missing walkers on Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

**10 4 May 1963**

**Skiddaw - Littleman**

Walker died from heart attack due to unaccustomed exercise.

**11 17 May 1963**

**Castle Head**

Walker collapsed with a suspected heart condition.

**12 22 May 1963 Shepherd's Crag**  
Climber assisted from the crag after getting into difficulties.

**13 7 June 1963 Helvellyn**  
Walker injured ankle in slip brought about by exhaustion.

**14 9 June 1963 Helvellyn**  
Walker broke his femur when boulder rolled on to his leg as he was climbing over it.

**15 10 June 1963 Helvellyn**  
Walker injured leg when jumping over a rock when wearing plimsolls.

**16 30 June 1963 Grains Gill**  
Walker collapsed and became unconscious due to exhaustion after a long walk.

**17 2 July 1963 Dollywagon Pike - Helvellyn**  
Search for walker missing overnight.

**18 8 July 1963 Watendlath Fell**  
Walker broke his leg when slipping on damp grass wearing low shoes.

**19 20 July 1963 Watendlath Fell**  
Walker twisted knee when walking over rocky ground in low shoes.

**20 25 July 1963 Hind Crag - Seathwaite**  
Walker became cragfast after leaving recognised footpath.

**21 29 July 1963 Comb Gill**  
Walker collapsed from heat exhaustion after a long walk.

**22 4 August 1963 Surprise View**  
Walker fell over the edge when the ground gave way. He sustained serious head and internal injuries.

**23 4 August 1963 Shepherd's Crag**  
Climber fell sustaining spinal injuries.

**24 13 August 1963 Honister area**  
Search for missing, benighted walkers.

**25 26 August 1963 Helvellyn**  
Walker injured his leg after slip on rock while descending.

**26 28 August 1963 Green Gable**  
Walker (40 yrs) broke her leg after slip on grass in low shoes. She was given morphine.

**27 3 September 1963 Cat Gill**  
Walker slipped when descending path sustaining lacerations to head and leg.

**28 3 September 1963 Green Gable**  
Climber fell from crag injuring his back and legs.

**29 3 September 1963 Great Gable**  
Search for walker reported overdue.

**30 5 September 1963 Cat Bells**  
Walker got into difficulties in rough ground after losing path.

**31 10 September 1963 Shepherd's Crag**  
Climber fell down gully when descending crag unroped and sustained severe head injuries.

**32 5 October 1963 Castle Crag**

Walker broke leg after slip on path caused by low shoes.

**33 12 November 1963**

**Great Lingy Hill - Skiddaw Forest**

Went to the assistance of a group of soldiers of the Parachute Regiment who were suffering from exposure while on a map reading exercise in bad weather conditions. One was brought down by stretcher.

**34 17 November 1963**

**Seathwaite Mine**

Walker fell down mine shaft when exploring and received severe head lacerations and a broken wrist.