

1968

- * 22nd February. Lake Hotel. 21st Annual General Meeting. Officers as follows: President - Lt Col Westmorland, Secretary and Treasurer - G E Gate, Quartermaster - M Nixon, Assistant Quartermaster - D Weeks, Medical Officer - Dr J Mitchell, Auditors - Messrs Ward & Pridmore, Radio Officer - D Harper, Collecting Boxes - F Mills. Decided to look further into the matter of personal insurance as it was thought that the MRC policy was not adequate.
- * Permission was granted by the Buttermere and Westmorland Green Slate Company Ltd for the use of the quarry road.
- * Another Pye Bantam and a base set type AM 10 D were ordered.
- * Problems recognised with radio communication with helicopters. The only way round these were to give a Bantam to the crew on arrival.
- * 12 Helly-type waterproofs put in the Land Rovers and 20 issued to members.
- * It was decided to elongate the Land Rover by 2 feet, to put in side windows and to make accommodation for 2 stretchers at a cost of about £200.
- * A 25' telescopic aerial mast was obtained.

1 26 February 1968 23:15 Langstrath

Red flare seen. Nothing found.

2 24 March 1968 17:00 Comb Gill - Dove Nest Crag

A climber tripped over his rope while scree-running and sustained head injuries.

3 31 March 1968 12:10 Woden's Face

Youth fell 60' leading a climb in wet conditions and received severe head injuries. He died 4 days later.

4 31 March 1968 12:10 Woden's Face

Team member (Alan Ferguson) sustained a broken heel while recovering equipment from previous rescue.

5 31 March 1968 12:10 Watendlath area

Search for 2 boys (9 yrs & 13 yrs) lost in bad weather. Found within hours in Langstrath.

6 8 April 1968 14:55 Skiddaw - Millbeck Gill

Boy (14 yrs) in school party fell while scree-running and received leg lacerations.

7 12 April 1968 20:00 Falcon Crag

Climbers reported in difficulty. No assistance required.

8 4 June 1968 17:55 Helvellyn

Man walking with his family collapsed. Dead on arrival of the Team.

9 12 June 1968 14:30 Sty Head

A woman in shoes slipped and broke her ankle.

10 18 June 1968 11:45 Sour Milk Gill

A man collapsed and fell. Coronary thrombosis.

11 21 June 1968 17:00 Sour Milk Gill

A man in low shoes tripped and fell 60' down the waterfall while scrambling, sustaining severe head injuries.

12 28 July 1968 18:10 High Rigg

Boy scout with fractured shoulder.

- 13 30 July 1968 16:30 Rigg Head Quarry**
A woman (60 yrs) in low shoes slipped on steep grass and broke her ankle.
- 14 7 August 1968 18:20 Taylorgill Force**
Walker wearing shoes slipped and broke her ankle.
- 15 8 August 1968 14:45 Brandreth - Moses Trod area**
Woman with a fracture-dislocation of her arm.
- 16 11 August 1968 16:00 St John's in the Vale**
A boy fell and sustained head lacerations while walking.
- 17 13 August 1968 11:30 Skiddaw Forest - Carrock Common area**
Search for missing geology student camping alone. Found in lodgings in Bassenthwaite.
- 18 13 August 1968 21:00 Helvellyn - Glenridding**
Search for missing boy hosteller who had become separated from his companions in thick mist. Found at Grasmere YH having spent the previous night in Keswick YH. 1 car a write-off, 2 in hospital.
- 19 15 August 1968 10:00**
Boy slipped on steep path and sustained a fractured ankle.
- 20 15 August 1968 23:30 Comb Gill**
Team called to investigate excessive lights which turned out to be climbers returning late to their base.
- 21 16 August 1968 16:30 Bowder Stone Crags - Valhalla**
Climber fell 70' while leading sustaining a broken shoulder.
- 22 16 August 1968 23:00**
2 Scouts missing after climbing.
- 23 23 August 1968 14:15 Watendlath area**
Man fell while walking. Taken to hospital suffering from shock, abrasions and suspected back injury.
- 24 27 August 1968 19:00 Castle Rock**
Hoax call from bus station alleging climber fallen with broken spine.
- 25 14 September 1968 15:30 Comb Gill - High Knott**
Girl in a school party with head injuries and broken ankle after a fall descending steep scree.
- 26 12 October 1968 16:00 Falcon Crag**
2 youths cragfast and with rope-burnt hands.
- 27 20 October 1968 7:00 Scafell - Broad Crag**
Search for missing walker (22 yrs) who had become separated from his party the previous day. Found dead from severe multiple injuries.