1970

- * 17th March. Lake Hotel. 23rd Annual General Meeting. The number of incidents in 1969 was 44 which was half the total for the Lake District. Many incidents had been to expedition parties and to young people. Jim Cameron had also fallen 500' on steep snow. A further desire was stated to improve the personal insurance position. £100 was earmarked for renovation of the Land Rover. Officers were elected as follows. Leader George Fisher, Treasurer K Brannan, Secretary G Gate, Quartermaster M Nixon, Assistant Quartermaster D Weeks, Radio Officer D Harper.
- * An insurance policy for £280-1-6d was effected which covered 35 callouts, 6 practices and 12 animal rescues. It cost £4000.
- * A portable generator was purchased. It weighed 18 lbs, ran for 1 hour on 2/3 pint and had a beam of 400 yards. It cost £33/9/-d.
- * A Neil Robertson stretcher was obtained from the MRC.
- * George Fisher mentioned insurance cover on the scale of the Scottish scheme which was now being considered by the Cumbria Constabulary.
- * A new stretcher was shown, costing £30, based on the Neil Robertson, but more sophisticated. Also, the Bennett Dickinson Coffin Lid stretcher, costing about £17 was bought.
- * Balance at the end of the year was £1029-15-6d. the turnover being £1766-12-4d.

TEAM EQUIPMENT STRETCHER EQUIPMENT £ LIGHTING £ 30 2 split Thomas stretchers 24 Hand torches ordinary Thomas stretcher 4 Head torches 6 220 75 1 MacInnes stretcher Camlit generator + lamp 40 2 mines stretchers 50 Flares 30 2 stretcher headquards 50 **HELMETS RADIO EQUIPMENT** 3 Compton 3 Pye Cambridges 390 3 Joe Brown Flares 30 1 American 35 5 Pye Bantams 500 1 Cambridge battery charger **MISCELLANEOUS** 20 Spares and sundries 30 13 bum bags, rations, soup, etc 20 1 Telescopic aerial 45 2 comforts sacks 40 2 first aid sacks + first aid 20 **TRANSPORT** sleeping bag in frame sack 20 2 LWB petrol Land Rovers 2000 12 prs Niagara boots 48 12 waterproof jackets 60 **ROPES** Belling heater for drying 15 150' x 11mm perlon 68 1 nvlon tent 10 300' x 9mm perlon 40 12 ice axes 60 300' x 6mm perlon 5 dead men 5 1 10 120' x 11mm 5 1 15 2 shovels 20 slings + karabiners 40 instep crampons 6 1 sack of lowering gear pitons, hammers, belts, etc 70 Austrian wire lowering device 100 **TOTAL** £4203 2 300' wires, 2 wood blocks, etc

1 15 February 1970 21:25 Sergeant's Crag Gully

Report of 2 injured climbers. Found uninjured, benighted and cragfast in icy conditions.

2 24 February 1970 Shoulthwaite

Recovery of a forester with a broken leg.

3 7 March 1970 17:20 Grains Gill

2 casualties - 1 with gashed leg from crampons in Lord's Rake, the other with hypothermia. On a T.A. exercise.

4 1 April 1970 15:30 Sty Head/Sprinkling Tarn area

Woman (33 yrs) with broken arm and head injuries having slipped 30' into a gully.

5 2 April 1970 15:15 Bowder Stone - Watendlath

Boy (15 yrs) separated from parents in a snow storm. Team searched Black Crag and surrounding area. Turned up in Troutdale.

6 9 April 1970 17:10 Great Gable - Aaron Slack

Man with umbrella split up from his party. Found sheltering in a snow drift in a blizzard.

7 10 April 1970 19:15 Shepherd's Crag - Crescendo

4 University students (20 yrs, 19 yrs, 19 yrs & 18 yrs). Leader died after sustaining severe head injuries in fall. Another suffered fractured pelvis and arm and shock. He was given morphine. No safety helmets, inadequate belays and one rope. The bottom climber had pulled the others off.

8 4 May 1970 22:00 Langstrath - Stake Pass area

Search for woman (23 yrs) missing on walk from Langdale to Borrowdale. Turned up in Langdale having been benighted. Suffered loss of memory.

9 12 May 1970 14:00 Grisedale Pike

Boy (11 yrs) in school party suffering from heat exhaustion.

10 21 May 1970 15:00 Greenup Gill area

Boy (14 yrs) in school party sustained a leg injury while walking in the gill. Not serious.

11 27 May 1970 16:15 Thirlmere area

Request to assist with a road traffic accident.

12 28 May 1970 15:00 Shepherd's Crag - Brown Slabs

Boy (17 yrs) fell 40'. His runner came out and he fractured his tibia and fibula.

13 23 June 1970 Keswick - Main Street

Recovery of a schoolboy knocked down by a car.

14 24 June 1970 13:30 Seathwaite Mine

Boy (17 yrs) from an approved school fell 40' into a disused mine shaft and fractured his skull. Accident Unit called.

15 5 July 1970 17:15 Sour Milk Gill

Boy (16 yrs) slipped in descent and damaged his cartilage.

16 6 July 1970 Thornthwaite Forest

Man (35 yrs) slipped in descent and sustained severe chest injuries.

17 23 July 1970 12:15 Scafell area

2 day search for mentally subnormal boy (15 yrs) lost in bad weather. Found at Fox's Tarn, safe with mild exposure after 3 days out.

18 24 July 1970 17:45 Sour Milk Gill

Cries for help heard after 2 Americans reported missing. They turned up safely having been cragfast.

19 30 July 1970 22:10 Bowder Stone Crags

Calls for help reported. Possible hoax call.

20 24 August 1970 21:55 Skiddaw - Jenkin Hill

Woman (50 yrs) in a state of collapse having walked from Embleton with poor equipment and no food.

21 25 August 1970 15:15 Shepherd's Crag - Ardus

Woman (22 yrs) sustained a fractured cheek bone in fall.

22 25 August 1970 20:30 Stonethwaite

2 reports of unconscious male with large boulder on his legs. Nothing found.

23 9 September 1970 15:45 Carrock Fell

Party of apprentices (17 yrs) in distress in atrocious conditions - 90 mph gales. One suffered a fractured clavicle, another hypothermia.

24 25 September 1970 11:40 Lower Falcon Crag

Man (23 yrs) fell 20' and sustained a back injury.

25 25 September 1970 13:25 Bram Crag - St John's in the Vale

Man (22 yrs) fell 50' when holds gave way while quarry climbing. He sustained lacerations to his head and hands.

26 28 October 1970 15:00 Johnny's Wood - Rosthwaite

Woman (56 yrs) slipped on wet ground while watching hounds and broke her ankle.

27 29 October 1970 13:30 Cat Bells - Hause Gate

Woman (58 yrs) tripped over her dog's lead while admiring the view. Wearing Wellington boots, she broke her tibia and fibula.

28 17 December 1970 13:30 Angle Tarn

Youth (19 yrs) from Eskdale OBMS suffering from hypothermia.