

# 1979

- \* Old Land Rover sold to Wasdale MRT.
- \* Decided to carry a tommy bar - after the Dove's Nest rescue.
- \* Not happy with LDMAA. Proposals submitted to change Constitution to better represent teams.
- \* Old Bantam radio sets retired. LDSPB radio installed at Blencathra Centre
- \* Borrowdale Parish suggested casualties paid to be rescued.
- \* Add a second telephone line to HQ.
- \* Decided not to practice away from home base on Sundays.

**1 13 January 1979 17:00 Blencathra - Blease Fell**

Local Boy (14 yrs) with suspected broken ankle in skiing accident.

**2 28 January 1979 18:45 Skiddaw Forest**

9 students missing. Found sheltering at Skiddaw House.

**3 28 January 1979 18:45 Great End - Central Gully**

Overnight search after avalanche. Benighted and lost in deep snow. turned up next day in Brotherilkeld.

**4 24 February 1979 Seathwaite - Hind Gill**

Party of 7 students out of control on steep, hard old snow. 4 casualties. 3 taken to hospital. 1 body.

**5 10 March 1979 16:00 Blencathra - Sharp Edge**

Boy (15 yrs) slipped. Man (26 yrs) fell attempting rescue. Man Killed. Boy sustained head injuries. RAF rescue helicopter called.

**6 14 March 1979 15:00 Great End - Cust's Gully**

Climber (50 yrs) fell from the top of the gully sustaining fractured skull, broken ribs and collar bone. 2 other climbers uninjured.

**7 1 April 1979 12:30 Shepherd's Crag - Shepherd's Chimney**

Climber (25 yrs) fell from top of climb while soloing. Found dead on arrival of the Team.

**8 7 April 1979 16:00 Causey Pike**

Diabetic walker (20 yrs) collapsed with hypoglycaemia on summit.

**9 20 April 1979 14:15 Comb Gill - Dove Nest Cave**

Man (50 yrs) trapped by rockfall. Broken arm, lacerations and nose injuries.

**10 6 May 1979 19:00 Castle Rock**

Climber (33 yrs), having completed climb was sitting at foot of crag when he was hit on the head by a falling rock. Head injuries.

**11 20 May 1979 16:45 Cat Gill - Walla Crag**

Man (19 yrs) fell 20' into the gill sustaining broken tibia and fibula.

**12 25 May 1979 14:15 Scale Force, Buttermere**

Request to assist on incident with Cockermouth MRT involving a man (69 yrs) with a broken leg.

**13 29 May 1979 14:00 Shepherd's Crag - Monolith Crack**

Climber (27 yrs) fell 25' while leading traverse. He sustained a fractured pelvis and wrist.

**14 2 June 1979 16:15 Lower Falcon Crag - Spinup**

Climber (30 yrs) fell 65' from piton belay when abseiling fracturing his right femur, left ankle and ribs.

- 15 13 June 1979 15:15 Cat Gill, Walla Crag**  
Woman (44 yrs) fell 20' into gill sustaining broken spine and leg.
- 16 19 June 1979 13:00 Watendlath**  
Recovery of body of man (50 yrs) who had died from a heart attack.
- 17 23 June 1979 High Scawdel**  
Man (58 yrs) with fractured tibia and fibula.
- 18 23 June 1979 6:00 Bannerdale Rigg, Mungrisdale**  
Recovery of body of man (53 yrs) who had died from a heart attack.
- 19 23 June 1979 18:15 Shepherd's Crag - Black Icicle**  
Climber (19 yrs) fell 20' sustaining head, leg and back injuries.
- 20 24 June 1979 16:30 Taylorgill**  
Woman (65 yrs) with an injured pelvis and leg.
- 21 27 June 1979 17:15 Quayfoot Quarry**  
2 boys cragfast extricated themselves before Team's arrival.
- 22 28 June 1979 23:20 Sticks Pass**  
Party of walkers missing, found at 0300 hrs. Found on Raise.
- 23 22 July 1979 14:05 Force Crag**  
Girl (17 yrs) in a collapsed condition. ? overdose.
- 24 23 July 1979 19:30 Stoneycroft Gill area**  
Missing 12 yr old boy. Located on Lorton by police at 2050 hrs.
- 25 23 July 1979 21:00 Walla Crag**  
Woman (19 yrs) with broken leg.
- 26 28 July 1979 Raise**  
Man (25 yrs) missing. Found with exhaustion.
- 27 28 July 1979 13:30 Gillercomb Buttress**  
Body of man (34 yrs) recovered. Fell 150' while scrambling.
- 28 30 July 1979 14:30 Sprinkling Tarn area**  
Adventure Scout (16 yrs) collapsed on walk, but later continued after alarm raised. Found at Seatoller at 1900 hrs.
- 29 5 August 1979 Upper Falcon Crag**  
Boy (12 yrs) thought he was on descent route. He slipped 100' in North Gully sustaining lacerations to his head and breaking his knee cap and leg.
- 30 10 August 1979 Johnny's Wood - Rosthwaite**  
Woman (52 yrs) with a broken leg.
- 31 12 August 1979 14:30 Derwentwater**  
Boy missing in lake. Body found 9 days later.
- 32 15 August 1979 18:30 Dodd Wood**  
Boy (11 yrs) separated from party. Found at home!
- 33 20 August 1979 Styhead Tarn**  
Man (77 yrs) in a collapsed condition - heart attack.
- 34 30 August 1979 19:30 Dufton, Pennines**  
3 members found missing person at 6 am the next morning.
- 35 31 August 1979 17:00 Dry Gill Mine**  
Man (40 yrs) trapped by roof fall in old mine. Broken arm and leg injuries. Dug out in 3 hours.
- 36 26 September 1979 Langstrath**

Man (72 yrs) slipped on wet rock sustaining broken ankle.

**37 30 September 1979 14:15 Black Crag - Troutdale Pinnacle Superdirect**  
Climber (64 yrs) unconscious with fractured skull. Assistance from Patterdale MRT, 25 volunteers and RAF helicopter.

**38 14 October 1979 14:20 Shepherd's Crag - Ant's Highway**  
Climber (17 yrs) fell 25' sustaining a broken ankle.

**39 16 October 1979 13:45 Seathwaite Mine**  
Boy (14 yrs) in school party fell 40' down shaft sustaining broken arm.

**40 20 October 1979 20:00 Black Crag**  
2 climbers cragfast after late start. Helped off the crag.

**41 17 November 1979 15:50 Barrow**  
Woman (56 yrs) with a broken leg.

**42 30 November 1979 13:00 Latrigg - Brundholme area**  
Search for man (45 yrs) missing on walk.

**43 28 December 1979 14:00 Helvellyn - Striding Edge**  
Woman fell sustaining fractured skull. Keswick MRT member on scene (M Nixon). Rescue effected with help from other walkers and stretcher from rescue kit. No axe or crampons.