

Keswick Mountain Rescue Team 1981



Report for the year 1980 - 34th year



For the uninitiated the above cartoon draws reference to a certain incident: The team are called out by local farmers who find they have budding climbers amongst their sheep, unfortunately even sure footed woolly backs become cragfast. Such was the situation the Assistant Quartermaster found himself in, when the sheep decided it was a swimmer not a climber, the question being who life-saved who, Arthur being a non-swimmer. However, all's well that ends well the Tatie Pot was superb even without the lamb?

Ed.

Keswick Mountain Rescue Team

(formed 1947)

Affiliated to the Mountain Rescue Committee
Registered Charity

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Team Leader: G. B. Fisher, *Mountain Equipment Specialist*

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Editors Report

Well the task of editing, building, constructing and generally getting 'Report '80' out has fallen into my hands. We are making no criticisms on the people we have aided, or to the mountaineering public as a whole; we find this puts us on a similar standing to a higher authority, and as climbing/mountaineering is classed as a high risk sport it can happen to the best of us.

The one thing we always seem to omit from the report is the social side of Mountain Rescue. This year we hosted

the annual sports/games with Cockermouth and Langdale also taking part. A shame we were beaten to second place overall by Jim Coyles crafties. But we showed Keswick's extreme strength by winning the tug of war other hands all down.

We have had as usual our Tatle Pot night at the "Derwentwater", another champion do. Also as this goes to press we have just had our annual dinner, another amazing turn out topped by superb cuisine. Our thanks must go out to Val Nixon who quietly does all the organising. Thanks Val.

A vote of thanks to everyone involved in all aspects of Rescue '80 Re:- Donors, Sponsors, Collection box holders, the W.V.S. (lovely soup and butties) the people who have written articles, typists who have typed the bad spelling, the printers, the photographers. I sincerely hope the report this year puts over a little more of what we do with Keswick Mountain Rescue Team and to what the generously donated funds go to.

I. S. Honeysett, Editor.



1. Bunny? a need to grovel to get the report done!

Team Leaders Report

This year has been a little quieter and I think this is due to the persistent bad weather, which I feel kept many people off the high fells. The number of times we were called out was 32, our average Callouts are around the 35-40 mark.

We have added some life jackets to our equipment. In the past we have been called out to serious flooding, this year, we were called to search flooded beck sides for a missing person. On going to press, we have spent four days searching for two missing canoeists and even taken to boats, so the life jackets have proved useful.

The call out response by Team Members has, as ever, been excellent, and I cannot recollect when we have been short manned.

We still receive calls on which no immediate action is taken, the Team Leader then acts, checks stories and liaising with the Police decides whatever is necessary. We even get calls through the day, at times in the afternoon for people reported missing. Once we received a call for a complete bus load reported missing!

The team has had a number of practices this year and thanks to our quartermaster Mike Nixon, who has taken charge of training.

A summary of callouts this year, have been tabulated into types of accidents:-

Searches	- 8
Fractures	- 15
Fatal	- 2
Cragfast	- 2
Heart	- 1
Snowy ice	- 1
Rock Climbing	- 3

G. Fisher, Team Leader

Secretary's Report 1980

The Year 1980 saw the formal approval of the new Constitution of the Keswick Mountain Rescue Team by the Charity Commission, after formal adoption by the Team. In itself the new Constitution has not altered our methods of operating at all, but it is nice to know that matters are all in order if scrutinised by another Authority. The nagging problem throughout 1980, for the Secretary, has been endeavouring to produce a Report for the 1979 year, and unfortunately the effort failed miserably, however, we now have a new and enthusiastic band, led by Iain Honeysett, who have produced the 1980 Report and incorporated the details for 1979. A great deal of work is involved in this, and our thanks are due to all who have assisted.

The team numbers continue to grow slightly year by year, allowing for new members and for resignations, it is very encouraging to see the amount of work that some of these newer members put into their participation in Team activities.

Early in 1980, due to the excellent results from public appeals in 1978 and 1979, it was decided that the Team should "take a low profile" and this really is what 1980 was about, and as long as the Team's affairs continue to flourish it appears unnecessary to actively project ourselves in front of the general public, but it is excellent to know that if, and when, we do ask Keswick and the public at large, we can rely on their support.

J. A. Wood, Hon Secretary.

Medical Report

As I ponder over this year's incidents I am reminded that "common things occur commonly". This is certainly true of the injuries and medical conditions which result in mountain rescue. Looking at the incidents in general terms reveals a rather mixed bag. At one end of the spectrum we have the fatalities and of the remaining incidents, approximately one third were very serious injuries and two thirds, whilst perhaps being just as painful, were much less serious. The commonest injury of all, whether it be in isolation or combined with other injuries, was the fractured or sprained ankle.

When setting off on a rescue after an incident has been reported one is never sure as to the full extent or severity of the injuries with which one will have to deal. On most occasions it is possible to get a pretty good idea of what is required from the person who has raised the alarm. Rarely, however, one is expecting a rather less serious injury only to be confronted by a casualty in a critical condition. The converse to this also applies where the picture painted is of very serious injuries, but upon arrival one is relieved to find a casualty not too badly injured.

Because we are called upon to deal with injuries and medical conditions which fall within such a broad spectrum of severity, it is required that we have available a wide variety of specialised equipment designed to provide primary medical care in every eventuality. To return to my original theme of common things occurring commonly, this means that certain items of First Aid equipment are used far more than others. For example, this year the inflatable leg splint has been used on no less than ten occasions, whilst the specialised piece of equipment for use in cases of moderate to severe exposure, (Reviva), has not had use on a single occasion. The reason for this being that those cases of exposure with which we have had to deal have either been fatalities or mild in severity. We nevertheless need the equipment because one day we shall meet with a casualty who will very definitely benefit from it. At least one team in the Lake District has used

the Reviva with very great effect.

Other specialist items of first aid equipment include:

Entonox - a Nitrous Oxide and Oxygen Gas mixture which when breathed by the casualty renders pain relief;

The spinal Board - a splint used for immobilising the spine where fracture is suspected;

The Hare Traction Splint - a collapsible, variable sized, leg splint used most commonly in fractures of the femur, (thigh bone).

The Cervical Collar - a wide felt collar used for immobilising the neck where fracture is suspected.

In addition we carry the facilities for administering pain relieving injections; for clearing the airway and assisting respiration; and for replenishing blood volume in cases of shock.

Of the total number of incidents involving injury or illness, approximately 20% involved climbers whilst the remaining 80% were walkers.

Every call out is different and each is made memorable in its own way. An injury of note was a 21 year old man who had tripped and fallen only a short distance. At the scene of the incident his injuries were not thought to be too severe but after a period of observation in hospital he was discovered to have slow internal bleeding from a ruptured spleen. He made a full recovery following surgery.

A moment of "suppressed humour" came when we were called upon to assist a lady who had slipped on a patch of old snow, sustaining a fractured ankle. She was delighted to see us but terribly disappointed that we had not come in "our helicopter"!

Finally, the unexpected. This occurred when we were called out late one evening to an elderly gentleman, a retired minister, who had collapsed exhausted after a long day's walking. before he would allow us to stretcher carry him off the hill he insisted that we all bow our heads whilst he led in prayer. The subsequent carry was noteworthy because it was completely without incident!

Dr. M. R. Turnbull, Team Doctor

Six Days in February

Another small peak of boulders, how many had we searched over the last six days? Oh well follow her round. Ling was digging, tail erect, ears cocked, God, could it be?

"Good Girl, show me".

I helped her, clearing snow with gloved hands. A leather strap appeared frozen stiff, then canvas. I shouted to Malcolm, "I have found something".

We pulled the sack out, there was no doubt about it, it answered the description. I hugged Ling.

"Good Dog".

We radioed for the others and were soon joined by Tom, Jim and Ian. We found him three to four yards down the slope under two feet of snow, searchers footprints right over the top. We dug him out, sadness, relief and pride all mixed together.

It all started on Monday morning. Two climbers were overdue from the day before walking the Scafell, Great End round. It had been a bad twenty four hours, gales, snow, low cloud, but they were experienced and well equipped. We gave them two hours day light to get down and then set off to search the route.

At the top of Grains, a report from our radios said that one of them had got down to Wasdale but that his companion was on the summit of Great End, in a Bivi Bag, but severely exposed. Now it was all urgency and speed.

With driving snow, it put down 18" in four hours, and virtually no visibility, the top was found, only with great difficulty. We were joined by Cockermouth Team. Five hours later, tired and sick, we floundered back down the valley.

This was to be the pattern for the next four days. Wasdale and Eskdale OBMS searched that night. Next day the panel was called. All Teams in the Lakes and some from outside were mobilized. His companion came with us to pin-point the area, he was confused. It was becoming

obvious that it was not Great End, the search was then widened from Scafell to Bowfell.

On Thursday night the official search was abandoned. It was felt he must be under a considerable depth of snow.

Saturday dawned a beautiful Alpine Day. It was the first day of the Search and Rescue Dogs Annual Training and Assessment Course. They volunteered all their trained dogs for the duration of the Course, to search. Seven dogs set off and within four hours he was found. He was on the summit of Ill Crag, a mile across the plateau from Great End.

Mike Nixon, Quartermaster

The Beginning

From the outset it became evident that the normal skills of mountaineering, although essential, fell far short of the 'special' requirements for rescue work. In at the deep end; each training session held its object lessons:-

The awkward manouvres as a first time 'barrow boy' on a stretcher lower down Bowderstone Pinnacle Gully.

The difficulty of control on a sheer three hundred foot 'single' rope abseil down Black Crag carrying a heavy load!

The helplessness of being a casualty dangling half way up Great End Corner in the hands of a tragsitz rescue duo!

Abseiling by torch light down shafts and waterfalls of Seathwaite mines with the underground rescue lads.

The sudden change of environment after being 'whisked' by helicopter from the valley to the summit of Pillar in five minutes.

There was great value in getting to know and work with other team members, learning, basics such as using radios, assembling stretchers, using REVIVA and ENTENOX equipment, knowledge taken for granted by the 'old hands'.

Full credit to the seasoned members who contribute time instructing new recruits and so ensuring the continuity of the rescue service for the future.

K. G. Newton

A Grave Situation

If an accident occurs at the Graphite mines at Seathwaite in Borrowdale it is a straight forward rescue to carry out, this has been proved many times over the years, a different matter at any of the other disused mines in our area. It helps if someone has a knowledge of the mining methods and an understanding of the geology of the district in order to carry out rescue work, and evacuate the casualty safely.

Mines were worked with the only aim of winning the ore as cheaply as possible, the constructions are engineering feats, so they are not designed to be permanent. Because of their age they are in a very dangerous state, the overburden of rock that was back filled to save taking it outside was held back with timber. This has since rotted away and leaves the rock suspended without support. This will collapse in time, and can be helped by an unsuspecting person. False floors were built with similar results, in the main stopes staging was used instead of building scaffolding, together with ladders the system of gaining height worked quite well, but when the mine closed it was left in place and now it hangs in wait for the unsuspecting.

Not only do we have rotting timbers, but on the platforms there is rock debris, and part of the ore is left suspended high above your head ready to slip away by the slightest pressure or noise, the vibrations caused by your voice, or the heat of a candle or lamp can bring down rock fragments. You don't hear them falling, only if you are fortunate, so it is not wise to group in company because if anything misses you it could hit someone else.

All of these thoughts were passing through my mind when we answered a call for help. When travelling up the mine road, past Mosedale Village, and near the top of High Pike, to a mine called Dry Gill. A mine known for its prized samples of Camplite which has beautiful orange/brown barrel shaped crystals. So it happened that someone was trapped trying to collect a gem of a specimen. Our biggest worry? Was he still alive and how far inside the mine was he buried?

Luckily for him he was only three feet from a fault line which was safe to work in and he was trapped in a rise, which is a shaft. At first we could not see him, he was the same colour as his surroundings, and only after he had moved and groaned I saw him. There was only room for two people to work in the shaft laying head first at an angle of 60°, Donald Fielding lay this way on and off, for nearly three hours, digging away the stones and earth. It took nearly four hours to get him to the



4. This is looking upwards at old staging - 'ready to fall on the unsuspecting'.

surface where he was air-lifted to hospital in a "Sea-King" Helicopter that had to land in the dark.

This rescue involved the Keswick, Kendal and Langdale teams, the Fire Service, Ambulance, Police and the W.V.S., without them all it would have been lonely down there buried alive.

The end result of this rescue became the formation of the "Lakes Mines Rescue Unit", which involves six members from each of three rescue teams, currently practicing search and rescue in mines. Keswick team alone, to this end has purchased the following equipment to make safe and secure any more underground situations we may find ourselves in.

A. Bennet

- 6 Troll Harness
- 6 Troll Shoulder/Chest Harness
- 12 Easy Risers
- 6 Prussick Loops
- 6 Short Equipment Loops
- 12 Karabiners
- 6 Small Clog Ascenders
- 6 Expedition Ascenders
- 6 Bonetti Cong Descenders
- 2 Eltron Caving Ladders, 25' x 2
- 1 Hammer 2lb. (Engineers)
- 1 Hammer 7lb.
- 2 Picks (Head only)
- 2 Mattock (Head only)
- 2 Pick (Handles only)
- 1 Piton Hammer
- 1 Wheel Brace for Trailer
- 2 Entrenching Tools
- 1 Rip Saw
- 4 Spades with T Handle
- 6 Bump Hats
- 1 Pry Bar 3'
- 1 Pry Bar 6'
- 2 White Plastic Haul Bag
- 1 Kit Bag
- 1 Ammo Box with nails. 6" & 4"
- Gloves 6 pairs 2"
- Chisel
- 1 Ammo Box 3 Carbide Lamps
- plus Spare Burners

- 3 Buckets
- 1 Plastic Water Can. 1 Gallon
- 1 Trowel
- 1 Trailer
- 1 Cover for Trailer
- 1 Perforated Strip 5'

- 2 Saws for Metal, Wood, Stone (one in each Land Rover)
- 1 Hand Axe
- Carbide and Matches (Disposable)



3. Injured party ready for 'carry'. The roof clearance out of this level was less than 4' 6" high and one man wide.

Winter Rescue Skills

Friday morning came, sacks carefully packed the night before were jammed into the car boot along with axes, hammers and boots. Then it was "Does anybody know where Glenmore Lodge is?" An uneventful journey, with only a couple of stops to replenish one passenger's beer supply!

Thus we arrived at the Lodge to find a resplendant meal and luxurious accommodation by climbing standards. We were introduced to the Lodge staff and our instructors, one an "Old Lakes Hand" - Adrian Liddel. The first night started with an interesting lecture on The Causes of Avalanche. 0.800 hours the next morning a substantial breakfast and after a quick brief, more gear was purloined from the stores. We were now ready for the hill, of course the instructors took the easy way, via the ski lift, we had to boot it up. There followed a comprehensive lesson in ice axe braking technique and I am sure apart from turning inside out we could arrest ourselves from any position. A bite to eat was greatfully grabbed by a now very hungry bunch of would be winter techniquers. In the afternoon there was instruction on how to make snow or

ice belays (properly). So after a demonstration by Allen Fyffe we set to planting our own 'dead man', sufficed to say we had to test them, a hundred and fifty run out of rope on to the Fiacail Ridge and then a kami-kazi leap down headfirst backwards! Obviously one placed the dead men properly.

Back to the Lodge a thawout, another splendid meal in very relaxed informal surroundings. The final lecture, on Avalanche Search and Rescue Procedure and a very happy but sleepy bunch retired to bed. Sunday morning, the now usual breakfast and we would all go climbing, unfortunately, a nasty warm front had crossed the Atlantic and the hard neve began to soften. This was an introduction to actual winter climbing for most of our eight team members. The climbs were of grade 1, but sufficient to either whet the appetite for more, or to prefer skiing on snow!

Too soon we were back at the Lodge, exhilarated yet unhappy, there was only the drive back to Keswick and work the following day to look forward to. I think everyone who participated learned a tremendous amount and found it a very enjoyable worthwhile course. A vote of thanks to all at Glenmore Lodge and to the M.R.C. who made it possible.

I. S. Honeysett/E. Hindmarch



Rescue Crack

We asked the local constabulary, would they like to add any criticism on report '80? The answer was in normal vein "NO COMMENT". When pushed for something further he added "We have only praise".

A team member was asked how many "Callouts" are there?

Reply was: "If there's two it's three too many!"

Vehicle Report

The two vehicles which we bought with the funds so generously donated throughout the 1978 appeal, are both running extremely well. The first one to be purchased had a minor teething problem, this was then remedied by Geoff Davidson. Several hundred pounds have been spent on the Mini-Bus originally donated by Keswick Round Table. This vehicle is now totally functional and will see several years of active service yet.

Radio Communication

An important aspect of modern rescue technique is the use and specification of radio communication equipment. With this in mind the Home Office Directorate of telecommunication have issued a specification for radios, and have directed that a new radio frequency is to be used for all search and rescue operations. This covers the Mountain Rescue Teams search and rescue by civil and RAF helicopters, Coastal and Cliff Rescue and Police searches.

We have submitted an application for a change of frequency to the Home Office, and expect the compulsory change will be early in '81. As a result we have already purchased crystals to suit the new frequency. Many of the crystals have already been installed in readiness for the change. Fortunately, our radios conform totally to the new specification, but we anticipate the cost of the conversion will approach £1000.

With a view to continuing improvement of communications in our area, team members have assisted in a radio survey and we hope that 1981 will prove successful in an obviously difficult situation.

W. Booth, Radio Officer

Subscriptions under Deed of Covenant

Benefit to the team. The Team is able to recover tax deducted at source from annual payments under a four year Deed of Covenant. For example, with a standard rate of income tax at thirty per cent, a net subscription of £3 per annum under deed would be increased to £4.28 by the recovery of £1.28 tax.

Bankers' orders. The team welcomes the payment by standing order.

N.B. Please write for the necessary forms to D. Hume, Horse and Farrier Inn, Threlkeld, Keswick.



6. Stretchers being made ready for the off in bad weather.

Incident report 1979-80

Type	Date	Time	Home Town	Weather Ground conditions	Cause of Accident	Location of Accident	Injury Details	Teams Involved
JANUARY								
1 Skiing	13th 17.00	14 Youth	Keswick	Cold, sunny, consolidated snow	Ski accident	Blease Fell, Blencathra. 305265	Fractured ankle	Keswick
2 Snow climbing	28/29th 18.45	20.35 3 men	Leeds	Blizzard Deep snow	Lost Route after climb. Benighted in deep snow.	Great End, Central Gully	Found unhurt at Brotherfield after search	Keswick Search/Rescue Dogs, Wasdale, L'dale/A'side, C'mouth, RAF helicopter.
3 Fell walking	28/29th 14.45	Students 9 mixed	Newcastle University	Blizzard Deep snow	Benighted in deep snow	Skiddaw Forest	Found early 29th unhurt	Keswick
FEBRUARY								
4 Fell walking	24th 16.35	Students 7 mixed	Durham University	Ice/snow deep in gullies	Descending ice filled gully. 6 students slipped and fell.	Brown Gill, Glaramara	ONE FATAL. Two severely, two minor injuries.	Keswick, R.A.F. Helicopter
MARCH								
5 Fell walking	10th 14.45	26/15 Sch. party	Harefield	Wet, low cloud Snow/ice underfoot.	Boy slipped, fell down edge. Man fell attempting rescue.	Sharp Edge, Blencathra.	Man - FATAL Boy - severe head injuries.	Keswick, R.A.F. Helicopter.
6 Ice/snow gully climbing	14th 14.45	50 Man	Blackpool	Sunny Consolidated snow	Lost balance at top of Gully fell 50ft to bottom	Custs Gully, Great End.	Fractured skull, broken ribs, collar bone.	Keswick, R.A.F. Boulmer Helicopter
APRIL								
7 Solo rock climbing	1st 12.10	25 Man	New Zealand	Damp Greasy rock	Fell whilst solo climbing	Shepherds Chimney, Shepherds Crag.	FATAL	Keswick
8 Rock climbing	6th 19.00	33 Man	Huddersfield	Fine, dry	Finished climb, removed helmet at base, hit by falling stone.	Castle Rock, Thirlmere.	Scalp lacerations.	Keswick
9 Fell walking	7th 16.00	20 Man	Rugby	Fine, dry	Collapsed on walk	Causey Pike	Diabetic, Hypoglycaemic attack	Keswick
10 Rock climbing	20th 14.00	50 Man	Wakefield	Sunny, dry	Trapped by rock fall on start of climb	Doves Nest Caves, Coombe Ghyll, Borrowdale	Crushed arm, facial lacerations	Keswick
MAY								
11 Walking	21st 17.00	19 Man	Macclesfield	Showery Dry ground	Slipped whilst descending Ghyll, fell 20ft.	Cat Ghyll, Walla Crag, Borrowdale.	Fractured tibia/fibula	Keswick
12 Fell walking	25th 15.00	69 Man	Clacton-on-Sea	Dry, fine, warm	Slipped on wet ground	Scale Force, Buttermere	Broken leg	Keswick, Cockermouth.
13 Rock climbing	29th 13.45	27 Man	Princes Risborough	Dry, warm	Leading on traverse, fell 25ft.	Monolith Crack, Shepherds Crag.	Fractured wrist and pelvis.	Keswick
JUNE								
14 Rock climbing	2nd 16.30	30 Man	Newcastle -on-Tyne	Dry and sunny	Piton failure, abseiling, fell 65ft	Spin-up, Lower Falcon Crag, Borrowdale	Fractured femur, ribs, wrist and lacerations	Keswick
15 Fell walking	13th	44 Woman	Preston	Showery Wet ground	Slipped on wet rock, fell 20ft.	Cat Ghyll, Walla Crag.	Fractured lumbar vertebrae & right lower leg.	Keswick
16 Fell walking	19th 13.00	50 Man	Huddersfield	Hot, dry, sunny.	Collapsed on walk.	Watendlath, Borrowdale.	FATAL - Heart attack.	Keswick
17 Fell walking	23rd 13.45	58 Man	Whitley Bay	Warm, sunny, dry	Slipped on rock.	High Scawdel.	Fractured ankle	Keswick
18 Rock climbing	23rd 18.30	19 Man	Lanarkshire	Warm, dry.	Slipped fell 20ft whilst leading.	Black Ickle, Shepherds Crag.	Head, leg and back injuries.	Keswick

19	Fell walking	24th 17.00	65 Woman	Plumstead	Dry	12 2hr	Slipped on track.	Taylor Ghyll, Seathwaite.	Pelvic and thigh injuries.	Keswick
20	Fell walking	27th	4 youths Sch. party		Fine, sunny.	8 ½hr	Party became cragfast in Quarry.	Quay Foot Quarry.	All taken off unhurt.	Keswick
21	Fell walking	23rd 06.00	53 Man	Rochdale	Hot, dry.	12 3hr	Collapsed on walk.	Bannendale Rigg.	FATAL - Heart attack.	Keswick
JULY										
22	Fell walking	30th 14.30	16 Scout Adv. Awd walk.	Derby	Showers, low cloud. Wet underfoot.	10 3hr	Collapsed on fell walk. Recovered and carried on alone.	Sprinkling Tarn, Eskhouse area.	Found at Seatoller 19.00hr unhurt.	Langdale/Ambleside, Keswick
23	Fell walking	23rd 21.30	19 Woman	Rotherham	Fine, dry.	12 1hr	Collapsed on walk.	Walla Crag, Borrowdale.	Exhaustion.	Keswick
24	Fell walking	23rd 19.30	12 Boy	Rickmansworth	Dry.	8 3hr	Detached from parents on walk, lost.	Stoneycroft Gill, Newlands	Found unhurt.	Keswick
25	Fell walking	23rd 13.45	17 Girl	Burton	Warm, dry.	15 1hr	Collapsed on walk.	Force Crag.	Exhaustion.	Keswick
26	Rock climbing	28th 13.45	34 Man	Manchester	Continuous rain. Very wet greasy rock	10 3hr	Slipped and fell 150ft whilst scrambling on terraces.	Gillercombe Buttress, Borrowdale.	FATAL.	Keswick
27	Fell walking	28th	25 Man	Watford	Dry	14 5hr	Lost.	Raise, Helvellyn.	Exhaustion.	Keswick
AUGUST										
28		12th	Boy			4hr	Missing in Lake.	Derwentwater.	Dead.	Police, Keswick
29	Walking	30/31st 18.10	30 Man	Dutton	Mild, fine, dry.	3 12hr	Reported missing. (possible suicide)	Great Rundale Fells, Dutton area.	Found dazed condition, facial injuries, had taken sleeping tabs, aspirin etc.	Panel, K. Stephen, Search/ Resc. Dogs, Penrith, Sburgh, Kendal, Millom, F. Ness, Teesdale, Keswick
30	Mine exploring	31st 17.00	40 Man	Carlisle	Dry	19 4hr	Mine collapsed as he was exploring 15ft down shaft.	Dry Gill Mine, Caldbeck.	Dug out with broken arm and injuries to leg.	Kendal, Keswick Mine Rescue Unit, L. dale/A'side, Fire Brig. R.A.F. Helicopter.
31	Fell walking	4th 18.00	16 Boy	Huyton	Warm and dry.	12	Thought he was on track, was in a gully, slipped fell 100ft.	Upper Falcon Crag	Fractured psstella, tibia and facial injuries.	Keswick
32	Fell walking	10th 17.30	52 Woman	Sunderland	Fine wet underfoot	13 1½hr	Descending, slipped on wet grass	Johnny Wood, Rosthwaite	Fractured right ankle	Keswick
33	Fell walking	15th 17.20	11 Boy in Soc. Serv. Group	Whitehaven	Warm, dry	21 2hr	Became detached from party	Dodd, Skiddaw	Found unhurt	Keswick
34	Fell walking	26th 17.20	77 Man	Chorley	Hot, dry	18 3hr	Collapsed on walk	Styhead Tarn	Heart attack	Keswick
SEPTEMBER										
35	Fell walking	26th 13.45	72 Man	West Sussex	Heavy rain	16 2hr	Slipped on wet ground	Langstrath	Fractured ankle	Keswick
36	Rock climbing	30th 14.15	64 Man	Barrow	Dry, fine, dry underfoot	10 4hr	Fell on to ledge whilst leading (unconscious)	'Super Direct' Troutbeck Pinnacle, Blackcrag	Head injuries	Keswick, R.A.F. Helicopter
37	Rock climbing	14th 14.15	17 Youth	Carlisle	Fine, dry, dry rock	9 ½hr	Fell 25ft. whilst leading	'Ant Highway' Shepherds Crag	Fractured ankle	Keswick.
OCTOBER										
38	Rock climbing	16th 13.30	14 Boy Sch. party	Manchester	Warm, sunny, wet conditions in	17 3hr	Missed hold abseiling down shaft, fell 40ft.	Seathwaite mine, Borrowdale	Fractured radius and lacerations	Keswick
39	Rock climbing	20th 19.45	19 Man, woman	Nottingham University	Fine	11 3hr	Late start benighted and cragfast	Black Crag	Taken off unhurt	Keswick

NOVEMBER	40	Fell walking	10th 15.50	56 Woman	Cheltenham	Wet	9 2hr	Slipped on fell walk	Barrow	Fractured tibia/ fibular	Keswick
	41	Fell walking	30th 13.00	45 Man	Manchester	Wet ground Continuous rain	12 3hr	Missing on walk	Lattigg, Skiddaw	Found unhurt	Keswick
DECEMBER	42	Fell walking	28th Woman		Newcastle	Dry, very cold Snow/ice	1 2hr	Slipped on ice covered route	Swirral edge, Helvellyn	Broken leg	Keswick
Total - 42 INCIDENTS (32 in 1978) including 5 FATALITIES (5 in 1978)											
JANUARY 1980											
1	Search		13th 17.00	Man			6 9 1/2 hr				Keswick
2	Search		13th 07.30	Man		Cold drizzle	16 1 1/2 hr	Benighted the Band	The Band	None, found by Langdale descending	Keswick, Langdale
3	Avalanche		20th 13.30	2 Men		Snow	11 2hr	Avalanche	Great End, Central Gully	Various	Keswick, R.A.F. Boulmer
4	Search		21st 09.45	33	Bolton	Blizzard, deep snow	17 10 3/4 hr	Lost/benighted	Unknown		Keswick
	2nd Day		22nd 07.30			Blizzard		Snow holed			
	3rd Day		23rd 06.30					Lost			
	4th Day		24th 09.00								
	5th Day		25th 08.00								
Re- Article by M. Nixon same issue											
FATAL											
APRIL	5	Fell walking	5th 14.30	42 Woman	Abinger Common, Surrey	Sunny/warm	10 1 3/4 hr	Slipped on old snow	Skiddaw	Broken leg	Keswick
	6	Climbing	20th 15.15	56 Man	Penrith		10 1 1/2 hr	Fell 5ft. reversing climb	Castle Rock	Head lacerations	Keswick
	7	Climbing	25th 15.30	22 Man	Newcastle-on- Tyne	Clear	12 1hr	Fell 10ft. to Baby Ledge	Masquerade Lower Falcon	Bruising Heel and Back	Keswick
	8	Fell walking	26th 23.00	73 Man	Truro	Good	13 3hr	Walked from Seathwaite to Scafell Pike. Tired.	Grainsghyll	Exposure	Keswick
MAY	9	Fell walking	3rd 18.10	21 Man	Richmond Surrey	Good	11 1 1/2 hr	Fell 10ft. descending Sourmilk Gill	Sourmilk Gill	Facial lacerations, stomach pain (spleen removed at hospital)	Keswick
	10	Search	5th				9	Recalled by Police before setting off on fell			Keswick
	11	Climbing	8th				9 3 1/2 hr	Boys Reported cragfast at Surprise View			Keswick
	12	Fell walking	20th 13.20	18 Youth	Whitehaven		10 1hr	Sick, collapsed	Stonethwaite	Sick, collapsed	Keswick
	13	Fell walking	26th 13.00	62 Woman	Ashstead Surrey	Wet	12	Slipped on greasy rock	Kings How	Broken ankle	Keswick

	Date	Name	Location	Weather	Time	Cause	Injury	Fatal
JUNE	14	Fell walking	Llandudno	Hot/sunny	14 1½hr	Collapsed	Grains Gill	Keswick
	15	Fell walking	Merseyside	Wet	12 1¼	Slipped on path	Grange Fell	Keswick
	16	Fell walking	Chester	Wet	14 2½hr	Fell descending	Langstrath	Keswick
	17	Climbing	Watermillock	Good	14 1hr	Fell	Shepherds Crag	Keswick
JULY	18				4 ½hr	Report of cries for help from Goat Crag, nothing to show on checking		Keswick
	19	Fell walking	Surrey	Good	10 1¾hr	Slipped	Styhead	Keswick
AUGUST	20	Climbing	Salford	Good	14 3hr	Cragfast	Goat Crag	Keswick
	21	Working in forest	Keswick		3 1½hr	Tree felled him	Higham Wood	Keswick
	22	Climbing	London	Wet/windy	11	Struck by falling stone	Napes	Keswick, R.A.F. Boulmer
	23	Fell	London	Wet/windy	11	Slipped	Ashness Farm	Keswick
	24	Climbing	Lincolnshire	Fine	7	Fell	Bowder Stone Crag	Keswick
	25	Fell walking	St. Albans	Sunny	14 2hr	Fell on path ascending.	Sourmilk Gill.	Keswick
SEPTEMBER	26	Fell walking	Bristol	Wet	12 2hr	Slipped on greasy rock.	Grisdale	Keswick
OCTOBER	27	Fell walking	Whitehaven	Wet	11 4½hr	Slipped.	Harrop Tarn.	Keswick
	28	Search	Woman Day 1 Day 2	Wet Wet	16 16	Man reported missing by guest house owner. Found dead by walker on Sale Pass near Eel Crag.		Keswick
NOVEMBER	29	Fell walking		Wet	8 2¼hr	Slipped on wet rock.	Rigg Head.	Keswick
DECEMBER	30	Search	Keswick	Heavy rain	12	Missing.	Uzicar/Bass Lake.	Keswick
	31	Recovery	As above	Wet	6		Braithwaite Moss	Keswick

31 INCIDENTS (in 1979) 3 FATALITIES (in 1979)

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 1979

1978	Motor Vehicle Expenses			1978	Patrons' Subscriptions	395
185	Insurances	428		393	Donations & Grants	5271
149	Petrol & Oil	259		1848	Proceeds of Exhibition	500
496	Repairs & Maintenance	634	1321	1472	Collecting Boxes	1892
				12	Bank Deposit Interest	220
	Garage & Team HQ Expenses			112	Building Society Interest	112
151	Rent & Rates	184		43	Income Tax Recovered on Covenanted	
248	Telephone & Electricity	183			Donations	Nil
113	Repairs & Renewals	17				
46	Insurance	60	444			
53	Consumable Stores	48				
152	Maintenance of Radio Equipment	86				
70	Radio Licences	70				
298	Printing & Stationery	96				
90	Personnel Insurance	90				
85	Postages & Sundry Expenses	74				
	Maintenance of General Equipment	57				
91	Course Expenses	276	797			
2232	EXCESS OF GENERAL INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR CARRIED DOWN		5828			
4459			£8390	4459		£8390
313	Personnel Equipment	339				
399	Balance Carried to Accumulation Fund	1761		2232	Balance Brought Down	5828
1520	Depreciation of Vehicles & Equipment	3728				
2232			£5828	2232		£5828

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 1979

We have compared the Balance Sheet and Income and expenditure Account with the relative Books and find the same to be in agreement.

Keswick
20 March 1980

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