

# 1986

- \* Bought radio set for direct comms with helicopters.
- \* A suggestion of national fund raising for mountain rescue was of no interest to Keswick MRT.
- \* Given an ambulance stretcher.
- \* In the Lake District, 185 incidents involving 240 people

**1 4 January 1986 16:00 Great End - Window Gully**

A climber (25 yrs) stuck on climb when he lost his rope! Eventually slid down to safety on ever-increasing snow. New snow, windy, cold.

**2 30 January 1986 23:45 Langdale - Borrowdale**

Request to assist in search for local missing man. Found lost and benighted near Stake Pass by search dog. Deep snow with cloud level at 2000'.

**3 20 February 1986 16:15 Taylorgill - 1000' boulder**

A man (26 yrs) slipped on icy path and broke his ankle. Sub-zero temperatures, but dry. Well-equipped.

**4 20 February 1986 16:50 Skiddaw - Tongues Beck, Broad End**

A man (27 yrs) slipped and somersaulted, falling about 50'. He fractured his tibia and dislocated a finger while escaping bad weather higher up. Difficulty in locating casualty until whistle heard. Very strong winds with spindrift.

**5 2 March 1986 21:55 Blencathra - Blue Screes**

Report by skier of walker falling down scree at about 1600 hrs. Car found at Scales at 2145 hrs thought to belong to suspected casualty who turned up safely at work just before the departure of the Team and search dogs. Sub-zero, clear and calm.

**6 3 May 1986 14:35 Brund Fell**

A girl (7 yrs) slipped on wet stile and broke her arm. Carried down in a thunderstorm. Chernobyl!

**7 28 May 1986 14:25 Blencathra - Doddick Fell**

A boy (11 yrs) slipped from a small outcrop just above the intake wall and cut his head. Escorted from the fell by other walkers before arrival of the Team.

**8 29 May 1986 15:40 Green Gable**

Man (44 yrs) suffered a heart attack just above Windy Gap. RAF rescue helicopter in the area was diverted from Carlisle and collected Team Doctor from Keswick. Man found to be dead on arrival at scene.

**9 29 May 1986 16:20 Helvellyn - Wythburn track**

A woman slipped on the path and broke her ankle.

**10 8 June 1986 14:20 Coledale Hause**

A man (70 yrs) reported to be suffering from chest pains. Helicopter in the area was diverted from Wasdale. Man taken to coronary care unit at West Cumberland Hospital. Cool, cloudy and dry.

**11 14 June 1986 11:50 Sour Milk Gill**

A girl (21 yrs) slipped and fell near the top waterfall while scrambling with 2 other students from Liverpool University. Her fall was unwitnessed. She sustained a broken nose, cut chin, broken wrist and severe bruising and lacerations to her R thigh. "Scrambles Guide" used.

**12 26 June 1986 3:45 Glenderaterra valley**

Party of 12 yr olds (total 18) on night exercise from Dash to Latrigg via Skiddaw House. 3 of them went to raise the alarm saying that the others were suffering from sickness, tiredness and exposure. Party soon found at end of their walk! Fine dry, warm night.

- 13 28 June 1986 12:15 Skiddaw - Half Way House**  
 Man (50 yrs) found in a collapsed state by other walkers. Found to be dead on arrival of the Team. Hottest day of the year - 88°F. Man thought to have died from heat stroke.
- 14 14 July 1986 11:45 Greenup Gill, Eagle Crag**  
 A man (58 yrs) collapsed on 'Coast to Coast Walk' on a warm, sunny day. He was found to be dead on arrival of the Team.
- 15 21 July 1986 17:45 Great Wood, Borrowdale**  
 A Belgian woman (42 yrs) slipped and slithered about 25' down the fell while descending from Walla Crag, sustaining minor hip and back injuries. She managed to walk about a mile, but then required assistance.
- 16 22 July 1986 18:05 Shepherd's Crag - Brown Crag Wall**  
 A climber (22 yrs) fell 50' while leading 2nd pitch of climb after rain shower. He sustained 2 crush/fracture vertebrae, 4-6 broken ribs and a hair-line skull fracture. Wearing PA's but no helmet.
- 17 20 August 1986 19:45 Scafell Pike - head of Piers Gill**  
 Man (30 yrs) slipped on path and broke his finger. The party of 3 went to ground, afraid to move. A fine, moonlit night.
- 18 24 August 1986 14:45 Blencathra - Scales Fell**  
 Man (44 yrs) slipped and broke his leg.
- 19 24 August 1986 23:30 Green Gable**  
 Man overdue on walk via Green Gable. He turned up at Honister before the departure of the Team and search dogs, having been lost.
- 20 6 September 1986 14:45 Stake Pass**  
 A woman (71 yrs) slipped and broke her ankle and rib. Weather fine.
- 21 9 September 1986 16:25 Black Crag - Troutdale Pinnacle**  
 A woman (22 yrs) fell 35' from 1st pitch and rolled 40'y down the scree sustaining head and back injuries. No helmet worn.
- 22 9 September 1986 17:00 Grains Gill - White Bridge**  
 Canadian man (65 yrs) suffering from chest pains. This incident occurred during the previous one.
- 23 16 September 1986 18:35 Moss Force, Newlands Hause**  
 Man (28 yrs) blacked out - ? epileptic fit - and slithered and fell 100' down the mountain side into the falls. He sustained minor head and back injuries. Weather fine.
- 24 19 September 1986 17:00 Setmabanning**  
 Woman (56 yrs) with depression missing from camp site found well by search dog 'Jet' and Ian Wallace. Weather fine and sunny.
- 25 28 September 1986 12:30 Cat Bells - Skelgill Bank**  
 Man (76 yrs) collapsed while walking with Rambling Club. Found to have died when Team arrived. Weather overcast.
- 26 25 October 1986 19:25 Esk Pike**  
 Party of 5 students heard a whistle and saw someone waving in crags of Esk Pike. 2 went to investigate, 3 raised alarm. All found returning down Grains Gill at 2200 hrs. Boys (17 yrs) was on his way over Scafell Pike to Longthwaite YH. High winds and showers.
- 27 26 October 1986 19:30 Scafell Pike - Broad Crag**  
 A party of 4 split up in bad weather. 2 decided to turn back leaving the others who failed to return. 9 search dogs called and 4 KMRT members to search. They turned up at Wasdale Head before search under way.
- 28 1 November 1986 21:00 Glaramara**  
 Man in photographic club suffered a strained thigh whilst lost. He was pinpointed with the use of his photographic flashgun and found by search dogs 'Tim' with David Brown, and 'Tarn' with Chris Francis. Clear, frosty night.
- 29 9 November 1986 19:30 Great End**

2 walkers became separated in bad weather and one failed to return. Team and search dogs turned out to assist Wasdale MRT. Man (20 yrs) found unharmed near summit above Skew Gill. Storm force conditions imminent.