



KESWICK Mountain Rescue Team

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Annual Report
2002

KESWICK MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM



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Emerald

Welcome to the Annual Report of Keswick Mountain Rescue Team.

Within this Report you will find details of our activities for 2001, the year within which the "Foot and Mouth" epidemic struck. Many restrictions were introduced to limit the spread of the disease, and walking in the countryside, away from the roads, became impossible. Large areas of the fells were closed for months. Consequently, the Team had a low number of callouts.

I've included here a map showing the large area of the Lake District that comes under the responsibility of Keswick MRT.

You will realise that watersheds largely determine the boundaries of "our" area. The area includes the "Northern Fells", as defined by Wainwright, the Thirlmere side of the Helvellyn range, Langstrath and adjoining fells, Borrowdale with its classic fells and many rockclimbing playgrounds, the Newlands valley and Derwent Fells, and the east side of the fells in the Whinlatter Forest area. Our "patch" includes three of the four 3000-foot mountains, since in addition to Skiddaw and Helvellyn included in those areas mentioned above, we "go" right up to the summit of Scafell Pike.

In practice some adjacent Teams may well encroach into our area, and we may visit other areas in the course of a callout. We may well call upon other Teams to help us in an incident, or a particular callout may be a joint effort. For example, Keswick and Wasdale Teams might combine in a search of the Scafell massif.

For our recording purposes, a callout is an incident when Team members have been deployed, i.e. they have left the base, or have started up the hill. Some personnel, for instance those who live up the Borrowdale valley, might go directly to the incident. Reference to alerts is made in the Team Leader's Report.

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On an individual level, during the Spring and Summer, we all missed the fells. Gradually, access was granted. An early reopening was the climbing ground of Shepherds Crag, a boon for all climbers, and, of course, for the climbers within the Team. Members pursued individual fitness programmes but it was apparent that, collectively, we needed to remain strong. Strong for Team procedures and methods, but also strong socially - the maintenance of team cohesion was seen to be essential.

As an expression of the extent to which the Team maintained its readiness to meet the exigencies of the situation post Foot & Mouth, a continuing training schedule was planned. Like the whole country, of course, we didn't know how long the crisis would last. We certainly didn't want to be a "start-up" team once the crisis had been resolved. The base, with its comprehensive climbing wall facilities, was fully used. Some fells were open again, (and shut again!), e.g. Walla Crag, (courtesy of the National Trust), where we conducted practices. The territory of Shepherds Crag became invaluable for training purposes.

Various articles within this Report demonstrate the health of Keswick MRT. The year 2002 sees the Team go "emerald" in a way - it's our 55th anniversary! The Team will, no doubt, enhance its healthy and innovator status, and demonstrate that it is by no means "green" as that word would otherwise suggest.

I hope you enjoy reading this Report, and let's all have a fine year on the green and pleasant fells.

Peter Little



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A Variety of Training !



Helicopter Winching.

Photo: Mark Hodgson



Ice Axe Braking in Scotland.

Photo: Fiona Boyle



Mick and Mist outside HQ.

Photo: Mick Guy



Ice Climbing in Scotland.

Photo: Phil Newton

Keswick Mountain Rescue Team has, traditionally, avoided a publicly critical approach towards those unfortunate enough to require its services. On the contrary, the Team has been at pains to meet and redress criticism of the vast majority of victims of mountain accidents who do not deserve any adverse comment whatsoever.

Perhaps because we had so few rescues last year (as a consequence of foot and mouth disease) that minority which seemed to arise from avoidable situations spring to mind more readily than in "normal" years. Accordingly, and intended in an educational way, a little criticism follows.

As stressed in my Report last year, rescue team members have no problem in assisting those who have, in good faith, misjudged either the conditions, or their own strengths. Gaining the valuable experience that makes a good mountaineer can be a hit and miss affair, and mistakes (and accidents) will happen along the way. Mountain Rescue Teams are the backups when the best laid of plans go awry. However, there does seem to be an increase in the number of people venturing onto the hill without any perception of the real spirit of mountaineering. At least a part of that spirit is the requirement for self-sufficiency that exists from the most humble hike to the grandest of Himalayan epics.

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Self sufficiency, at the very least, includes an ability to plan an achievable route according to strengths and weakness, the ability to navigate that route, to take clothing adequate for the weather likely to be encountered, and to know when enough is enough before tiredness sets in. But self-sufficiency is now, to an admittedly small (but growing) minority, the limited ability to dial on a mobile phone and quote the GPS reading to the Rescue Team when the going gets a little too tough, or too wet and windy, or too dark.

Of course, mobile phones and GPS systems are of immeasurable value when rescue is genuinely required, and I certainly don't wish to discourage their use in such circumstances - quite the contrary. But, rescue can be too strong a word to apply to that minority of calls which arise solely because it is easier to call a rescue team than, for example, to learn to read a map and compass.

The irony is that it is the near certainty of rapid rescue in the Lake District (as a result of the well-developed network of volunteer Teams) that underpins the too casual approach to hill-craft by this minority. Whilst little more than an annoyance to rescuers here, such an attitude will (and no doubt already has) cost lives if transferred to the wilder environment of the Scottish hills, or beyond.

Sadly, there will be those who learn that lesson too late.

Mike Fanning



Mike climbing in Scotland.

Photo: Phil Newton

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There we were, enjoying some fine winter conditions, the best for a few years with snow and ice on the higher fells and a fairly consistent cold spell, when along came "Foot and Mouth" and put paid to that, along with all its other devastating consequences. As a Team, we were little affected by the disease, albeit some of our Team members, involved with the tourist trade and reliant upon the business that visitors bring to the area, found their businesses and jobs affected. We are fortunate to receive such great support from the local community and our hopes for the future are that those businesses which have found times hard in 2001 have a greatly improved year in 2002.

We had 13 callouts by the end of February and then only 5 in the 5 months of March to July. The year ended with a total of 44 callouts, 8 animal rescues and some 18 alerts where the full Team wasn't called out. As usual the year varied as regards the type of incident. Over the full year we dealt with 60 casualties including; 19 leg injuries, 6 arm injuries, 2 back injuries, 3 head injuries, 2 crag fast casualties, 23 unhurt customers, 1 paraglider, 1 mountain biker and 3 rock-climbing incidents. There were 2 fatalities in the year. The total is some 25 to 30 incidents fewer than the "average" year.

My thanks, on behalf of the Team, go to all Team members for all the effort throughout the year. Thanks again to wives, families, partners and employers for their continued support. Without the ongoing high levels of commitment given by all Team members, probably underestimated by anyone not involved with a Rescue Team, we could not provide the professional service that we do.

RAF and Navy helicopters were used to great effect on 9 rescues, including one long rescue in poor weather and high winds on Sharp Edge where we were "bombed" by our own coffee flasks by the crew, as the helicopter was unable to land. It had remained on stand-by in Keswick for several hours, awaiting our call when we had descended out of the cloud so that they could fly in and pick up the casualty for evacuation to Carlisle Hospital. They were carrying 2 flasks of coffee, which all Team members were looking forward to once we had got the casualty into the helicopter. Both flasks bounced and broke - no coffee until we got back to Keswick. Our casualty received the usual excellent help that we get from the helicopters and their crews, and was in Carlisle within minutes of leaving the pick-up point.

We now also have the added dimension of the North West Air Ambulance, which if all goes to plan and in accordance with the protocols we have set up in LDSAMRA, (*Lake District Search And Mountain Rescue Association*), will be of great benefit to the casualties with which it can assist. It is limited in its performance compared to a Sea-King, and we need to get used to working with it. At the time of writing, Bond helicopters have agreed to make an aircraft available for a weekend's training with the Lakes Teams in order that we can all get used to the different methods of operation, capabilities, stretcher-loading etc. There is no doubt that the Air Ambulance, from its base in Blackpool, will be another asset available to provide the quickest assistance to our casualties.

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This year has seen an increase in the number of calls we have been getting from people with mobile phones advising us they are not sure where they are and that they are staying put until we go and get them. These are always difficult ones to call: 9 times out of 10 if we didn't go there wouldn't be a problem - but what happens on the 10th? So we go, each time. What we would suggest in such cases is that the mobile phone is not the first thing to use. Before using it to call 999, think about what you would do if you didn't have a mobile with you; experience is gained by managing yourself out of such situations. Most people involved in this type of incident have a reasonable idea where they are, proper use of a map and compass and other navigation skills would negate the need to call out Teams to walk these casualties off the hill. The mobile phone *can* save critical hours in calling out a Team following an accident: use it, but please use it wisely. If you need us, call us out.

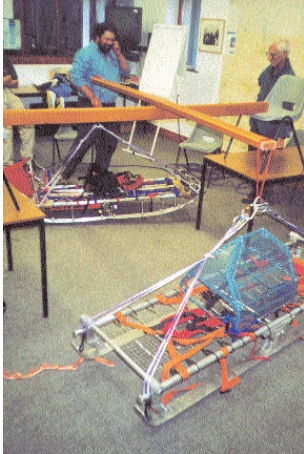
The current radio system used by all Teams in the Lakes, and the rest of the country, is coming to the end of its useful life. Sets are failing, with Radio Officers doing valiant work behind the scenes in repairing, servicing etc. Spare parts are difficult to get hold of with fewer and fewer manufacturers remaining in the narrow market that remains for equipment on these old frequencies. Working groups are very busy investigating and researching new systems, that will operate on different channels to the existing frequencies. Within the next 2 to 3 years all Teams will have to change to new channels; unless we all change at the same time, there will be communication difficulties between the Teams, especially on the frequent multi-team searches and incidents. The new system will not come cheap; we hope that Cumbria Police will continue to provide radios for the Teams as they have done in the past

Mark Hodgson



*Avalanche Probing - exercise in Scotland.
Photo: Fiona Boyle*

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Stretcher Evaluation ! Photo: Peter Little

2001 was a quiet year for the Team, and this resulted in less wear and tear on both gear and the two Equipment Officers. With only 44 callouts, compared to our usual 70 plus, the need for cleaning, repairing, renewing and repacking equipment was far less than in previous years. The rescues that we did undertake were as varied as ever, and illustrate the need for the variety of equipment we carry.

We cannot predict whether the next rescue will be a broken ankle on Cat Bells, an all-night search of the Scafell Pike area for overdue walkers, a scrambler falling from Sharp Edge, or a paraglider dropping from the sky. Each situation we are called to has its own particular demands in terms of rescue equipment, and as such we carry an extensive range of kit in the vehicles. Some of the kit is highly technical such as crag rescue hardware, much of it more mundane: torches, splints, stretchers, and oxygen cylinders.

There has been time to organise the stores into a logical and functional system, enabling checks to be done more easily and also to re-equip the vehicles after a busy rescue more efficiently.

As usual we have constantly scanned the market place, looking for the best equipment available, then tested to see if it is effective and appropriate for our use. This has tied in well with the training programme, giving the whole Team chance to evaluate and comment on its use. New stretchers, insulating fibre-pile "Cas Bags" (*casualty bags*), lightweight gas cylinders, head torches and lowering devices have all been tested, and several of these will be incorporated into our stocks over the next few months.

Our personal kit is reviewed / replaced on a four yearly cycle, and our previous set of gloves were well past their best. So all Team members have been issued with new "Extremities" gloves and mitts. Windproof micro-fleeces were purchased from "Montane" during the Summer, in distinctive red / black, a colour-scheme that many mountain rescue teams are adopting.

Thanks due to generous donations, the Team will be purchasing a small power boat to aid with searches of the local lakes. The purchase of two new Land Rovers is also on the horizon, to replace our two tired workhorses.

The small number of rescues has given us some more time to keep the gear in top condition, with routine safety checks on all stretchers and ropes, etc. May we take this opportunity to thank all of our fellow Team members for their assistance after rescues and practices in sorting equipment. A big thank-you to all the manufacturers and retailers we rely so heavily upon for equipment and technical support, and to everyone who continues to donate money, which enables us to equip the Team to an essentially high standard.

Martin Bell and Chris Higgins

Proficiency in mountaineering and a first-aid qualification are necessary conditions for membership of the Team. Good local knowledge and experience are factors within the equation. Using an approved "syllabus", the Team maintains a rolling programme of training for its members, a framework within which standards of excellence are developed. The two reports that follow highlight some specialist facets of Team training.

First Aid Report

The Team continues its "rolling programme" of First Aid training (despite the quiet rescue period during Foot & Mouth) which extends across the whole spectrum of the pre-hospital care that we administer on Rescues. At least 3 sessions per quarter are incorporated into practices, which include indoor practical sessions and outdoor scenarios and we continue to assess each Team member on the MRC syllabus every three years. All Team members must be in possession of a current First Aid certificate to practice.

The field of Pre-Hospital care is currently expanding rapidly and we have some Team members that have extended their knowledge by attending more in-depth medical courses. One of these is Hospital-based and we are grateful to local hospital units who allow Team members access to A&E departments to extend their knowledge where appropriate. Two Team members have completed the EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) Course in Scotland working with several Scottish MR teams. The "crossfertilisation" of knowledge gained from such courses has allowed us to evaluate some of our equipment and protocols and brought great benefit to the Team. We are currently working on building an intensive First Aid weekend with EMTs from Scotland, which will run from our Base in late 2002, allowing other Team members (and hopefully members of other MRTs) access to these skills.

The changes in current treatment of pre-hospital casualties has led us to set up a Medical sub-committee to evaluate and feedback changes to protocols and equipment suitable for the Team in our work. This has led us to trial new splinting devices, airways and drugs and to review our methods of training. From a donation to the Team following a rescue we have been able to purchase an "intubatable head" to compliment our Rescusi-Annie. This has allowed us to practice the use of mechanical devices and ventilation techniques.

The skill of the Team in managing casualties, their relatives and friends in difficult situations is testament to their commitment to training and the abilities and confidence this engenders. We continue to be open-minded about new techniques and ideas in our efforts to provide the best care for our casualties and to give them the best possible outcome following their injuries.

**Jill Messenger
EMT**



Water Rescue Course.

*Photo: Paddy Gannon
(Millom Fell Rescue Team)*

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Water Rescue Course.

*Photos: Paddy Gannon
(Millom Fell Rescue Team)*

White Water Safety and Rescue Course

In September four members of the Team, along with representatives of other Lake District Mountain Rescue Teams took part in a three day white water safety and rescue course run by white water paddler and rescue expert, Franco Ferrero.

Although the Team is more likely to be involved in rescues from crags and mountains, it has, in the past, been called upon to search local rivers for missing kayakers, canoeists and walkers. Tragic events last year across the country also highlight the risks to walkers from rivers and streams in spate. Specific knowledge and skills are needed to maximise the effectiveness of any river search / rescue whilst at the same time preserving the safety of rescuers.

Unusually for Keswick, there had been no rain before the course and river levels were low, but this did not prevent the participants from spending a good part of the first two days immersed in the rivers Greta and Derwent practising techniques for river crossings and swimmer rescues. Particular issues included; reading river conditions, self rescue, throwing lines to swimmers,

'live bait' rescues (where one rescuer, attached to a line swims for the victim), boat and bank based rescues. Much emphasis was given to the overall management of a situation and the various roles to be taken by those in the rescue party. Simulated incidents such as the rescue of a stranded victim and the extraction of a victim with an entrapped foot were used to test how much had been learnt.

This course, and similar courses in the past, have enabled the Team to make informed decisions concerning the equipment needed in river rescues. The Team now possesses dry suits, floating ropes, buoyancy aids, throw lines and helmets. Fortunately, at the time of writing, despite the increasing popularity of kayaking and canoeing on local rivers such as the Greta, there has been no river search or rescue this year. Nevertheless, the knowledge gained on this course has been passed on to the rest of the Team during formal team training sessions and it is anticipated that the Team as a whole is now better able to deal with this kind of incident if and when it arises.

Fiona Boyle



Please note that throughout the Report you will see photographs of the Team's annual Scottish training weekend based at Glenmore Lodge.

*The Training Officers for 2001 were **Phil Newton** and **David Robinson**.*

Incident Report 2001

Compiled by Paul Horder

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1 2 January 15:39

Old Railway Line - Mountain Biker

Failed to stop and hit a fence post, going over the handlebars. Injury to thigh.

2 6 January 19:57

Glaramara - 2 overdue

Father and son reported overdue. Car found at Seathwaite. Found at 0030 hrs on summit, cold but otherwise fine.

3 13 January 13:33

Blencathra - Blease - Paraglider

A paraglider fell from a height, landing on his side, sustaining pelvic and chest injuries. Taken by helicopter to Carlisle.

4 20 January 15:42

Great End - Body found by climbers

2 Climbers spotted a body lying in the snow. A helicopter in the area winched team members to the site. The body was later confirmed as being the person missing in incident 41/2000 (September). Body recovered the following day.

5 20 January 17:06

Great End - SE Gully - 3 benighted

Whilst investigating the previous incident, 3 climbers were observed to be in difficulties. They were roped up to the top and brought down.

6 22 January 10:42

Great End - 2 climbers lost

2 climbers returned from the previous day's climbing in Central Gully and became separated in poor conditions. They turned up in Wasdale later that day.

7 28 January 12:17

Helvellyn - Brown Cove - ankle

A Conistone MRT member caught a crampon while ice axe training, breaking his ankle. Assistance was requested from Keswick MRT. A helicopter also assisted.

8 30 January 17:17

Brandreth area - 2 lost with mobile phone

2 men became lost in poor conditions while on the Coast to Coast walk.

9 1 February 13:29

Dale Head - Youth slipped

A youth (19 yrs) slipped while descending the miners' track into Newlands - in icy conditions - no winter gear. He sustained cuts to his head and leg injuries.

10 2 February 16:37

Langstrath - Blackmoss Pot

A woman (52 yrs) slipped and broke her ankle.

11 7 February 17:04

High Raise - lost with phone

One person in a group of 3 became separated. The other 2 returned and raised the alarm. The missing one also had a phone and talked the team in.

12 9 February 10:45

Grisedale Pike - Lanty Well - shoulder

A man (58 yrs) slipped on ice and dislocated his shoulder.

13 24 February 18:15

Grains Gill - Sprinkling Tarn path

A walker slipped and broke her ankle. A Wasdale MRT doctor attended.

Brown Cove Crags Rescue (October).

Photos: Christopher Bland



(a) *Casualty care on the path high above Thirlmere.*

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(b) Loading the casualty onto the stretcher.

14 29 May 15:51
Surprise View to Lodore path

A woman (43 yrs) slipped on a stone and broke her ankle.
A request to assist the ambulance crew.

15 12 June 15:09
Stonethwaite - Dock Tarn path

A woman (59 yrs) slipped off the path and rolled some way down the scree slope, sustaining injuries to her head and knee.

16 16 July 23:43
Thirlmere - missing swimmer

A man (31yrs) attempted to swim across the lake at night.
His body was found 2 days later by police divers.

17 24 July 18:10
Cat Bells - sprained ankle

A woman (55 yrs) slipped on the track and sustained a suspected broken ankle.

18 27 July 17:05
Above Stonethwaite

A casualty with a leg injury was seen by a passing walker being carried down by his companions. He raised the alarm in good faith, but the team was not required.

19 7 August 21:45
Central Fells - 2 lost couples

2 lost couples phoned in for help. We were requested to assist Wasdale MRT. One couple was located in Upper Esk. The other managed to get themselves off, unaware of the concern for them.

20 9 August 14:18
Cat Bells - broken ankle

A woman (41 yrs) slipped and broke her ankle.

21 13 August 20:39
Scarth Gap - overdue fell runner

Requested to assist Cockermouth MRT in search for overdue fell runner. He reported in from Seatoller as the team was mobilising.

22 13 August 21:20
Shepherd's Crag - fall while bouldering

A man (70 yrs) fell 5' while bouldering and fractured the neck of his femur.

23 21 August 00:44
Central Fells - 4 overdue

A party of two adults and two teenage girls failed to return. They were located near Esk Buttress in Upper Esk.

24 28 August 14:53
Grisedale Pike - epileptic fit

A man (30 yrs) suffered an epileptic fit.

25 29 August 16:34
Black Crag - Mortician - faller

A climber (50 yrs) fell from the 2nd pitch while seconding. She sustained broken ribs and head injuries.

26 9 September 12:52
Shepherds Crag - Ardus

A climber (40 yrs) fell from the traverse while leading the climb. He fell about 30'-40' and was then lowered by his second to the foot of the crag.

27 17 September 14:36

Blencathra - Sharp Edge - cragfast

A couple became stranded in steep ground when off-route. They used their mobile phone to call for assistance.

28 3 October 14:36

Shepherds Crag - Ladder Brow

A girl (10 yrs) slipped on path and broke her arm. She had a history of a previous break.

29 6 October 14:20

Helvellyn - Brown Cove track

A woman (67 yrs) tripped on pitched path injuring her arm and face.

30 13 October 16:12

Force Crag track

A man (79 yrs) was found crawling through a stream because his knees had failed him. He was picked up in the Land Rover and returned to his hotel.

31 14 October 14:07

Castle Crag (Allerdale Ramble) - ankle

A woman (57 yrs) slipped and broke her ankle.

32 21 October 12:07

Cat Bells Terrace - broken leg

A woman (46 yrs) slipped on wet ground and broke her ankle.

33 25 October 16:01

Great Gable summit - gone to ground

A man (55 yrs) went to ground having become lost while trying to descend.

34 29 October 17:15

Central fells - overdue walker

Search for overdue solo walker not returned to his car in Langdale. Langdale/Ambleside MRT and Wasdale MRT also involved.

35 29 October 20:00

Green Gable - 6 lost

2 separate parties of 2 and 4 became lost in poor visibility and went to ground exhausted. Alarm raised by mobile phone.

36 4 November 12:22

Blencathra - Sharp Edge

Man (40 yrs) slipped while traversing the Edge. Fell into gully in usual place, luckily only 40".

37 8 November 22:14

Langdale to Grange - overdue

A man (50 yrs) set off to walk from Old Dungeon Ghyll to Grange having consumed a quantity of alcohol during the afternoon. Slipped several times, sustaining cuts to head and mild hypothermia.

38 16 November 16:49

Thirlmere Lakeside Path - Steel End

A woman (57 yrs) slipped on the path and broke her ankle.

39 20 November 21:15

Central Fells - overdue

A man (55 yrs) failed to arrive at Wasdale. Planned route via Langstrath, Esk Hause and Nether Wasdale. Found by search dog at Esk Hause having run out of daylight.



(c) *The Thomas Stretcher is used as a sledge.*

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(d) *Embedded rocks are avoided to ensure a smooth ride for the casualty.*

40 22 November 12:35 Blencathra - Sharp Edge

A woman (50 yrs) slipped on wet rock and fell into usual gully. She sustained a dislocated shoulder. She was airlifted to Carlisle.

41 1 December 16:37 Lining Crag - Greenup Edge

A man (60 yrs) pulled a ligament in his knee. He suffered muscle spasms and difficulty in walking.

42 8 December 16:30 Newlands - Dale Head Tarn track

A woman (59 yrs) slipped on a steep, rocky path and badly broke her leg.



(e) *Route selection continues with the A591 road visible in the distance.*

43 16 December 19:02 High Raise area - Gone to ground

Team called by Langdale/Ambleside MRT to assist in search for walker gone to ground in High Raise area.

44 23 December 17:25 Whinlatter Forest

A man and a woman (both 25 yrs) ran out of daylight while orienteering. They used their mobile phone to be collected from checkpoint 25!

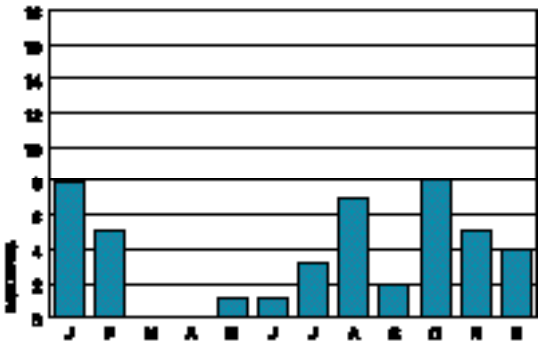
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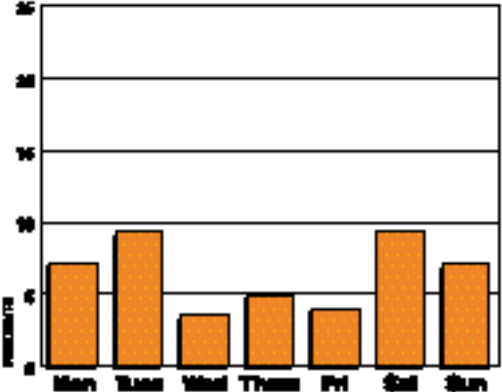
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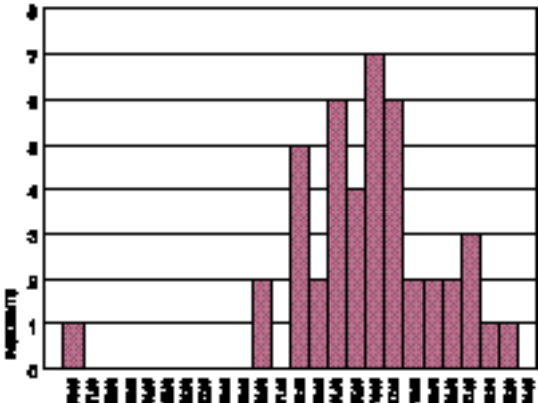
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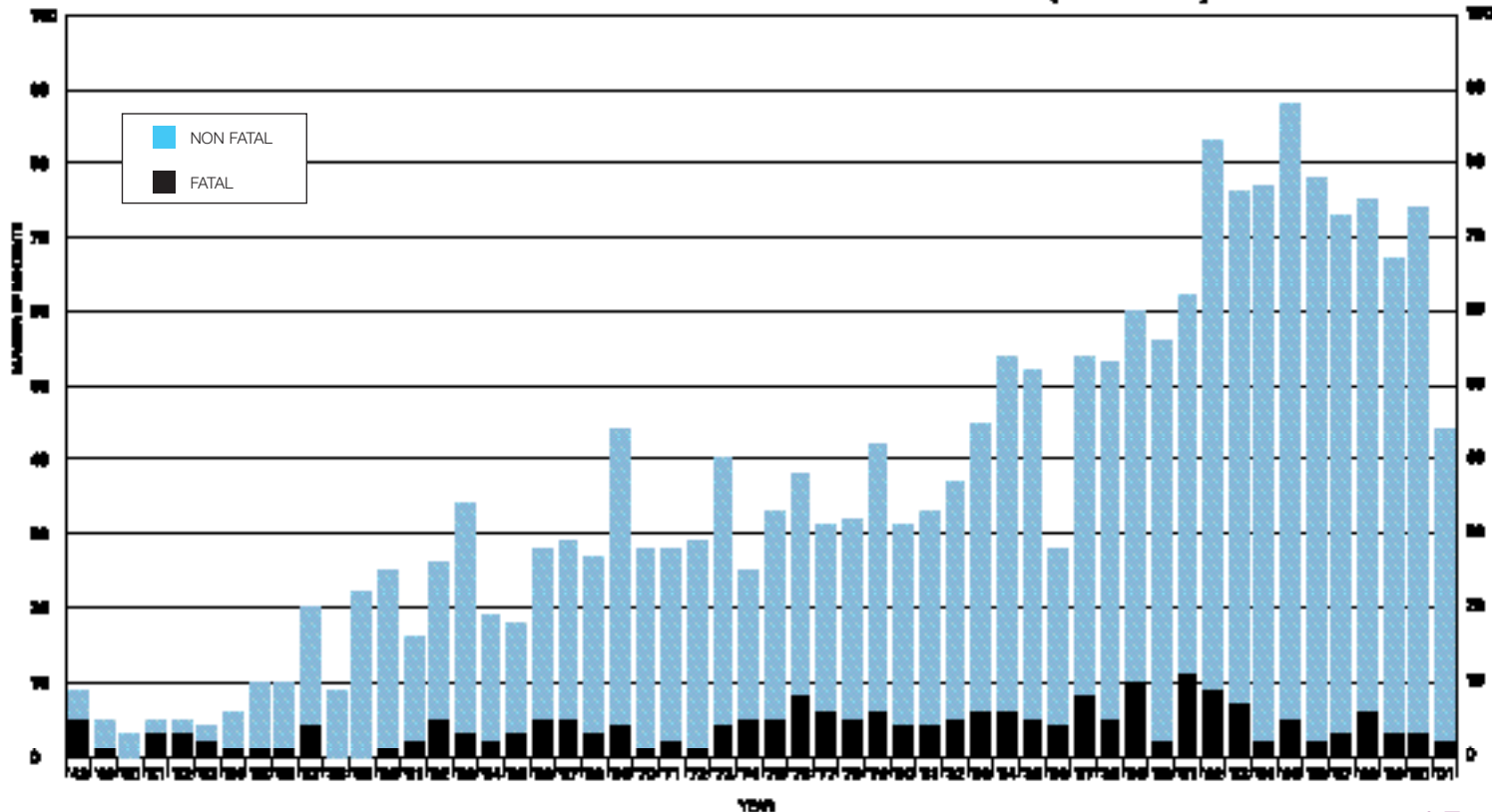
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Keswick Team Search Dogs

The Team has two graded dogs at present. Loch, a Labrador handled by Chris Francis, is the older partner, and Mist, a Collie Terrier cross, handled by Mick Guy, is very much the junior. Chris has now started to train Loch's eventual replacement, Foss, who is a very pale Golden Labrador. Martin Bell is also training Kali, a very lively black and white collie

Last year was a very quiet year because of Foot and Mouth, and training for the local Search and Rescue Dog Association, SARDA Lakes, came to a virtual standstill for eight months. Eventually we were able to use some small areas of forestry, and then we went to Scotland for a week's intensive training in August. Towards the end of the year, we got back to a weekend a month on the Lake District Fells, and all the graded search dogs were re-assessed to ensure they had not lost their skills.

The two graded dogs attended the following callouts to other areas, as well as all of the Keswick searches:

19th Feb. - Police request for assistance to search for a missing distressed person in the Aspatria area. One Keswick dog attended, and after a three hour search she was found dead by a police dog handler.

6th March - Woman missing from Backbarrow, nr Ulverston. FATAL Two Keswick Dogs turned out, but the missing person was found by Kendal Team members on bank of river.

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11th May - Elderly person with Alzheimer's Disease went missing from caravan site near Allonby. Police requested SARDA dogs to search for her. One Keswick dog attended, and she was FOUND alive and well by a Patterdale based Search Dog at 0430 in a field.

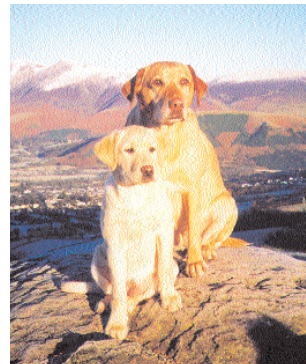
13th Sept. - Kendal, Patterdale and Penrith teams combined to search for a missing 52 year old man, who had set out to walk up High Street from Mosedale and had not returned. Both Keswick Dogs attended but the casualty was found dead by a Kendal Team member before they were deployed.

15th Sept. - Langdale/Ambleside MRT received a request from the Police to search for a missing 76 year old woman in the vicinity of the timeshare complex at Elterwater. 1 Keswick dog set out, but was turned back en route after she was found alive but confused by staff from the timeshare.

19th Oct. - Langdale/Ambleside MRT received a mobile phone call from a woman (54) and her son (22) who reported themselves lost at the top end of Langdale. The two dogs from Keswick were summoned as back up. They were found alive, cold but very relieved by a Langdale Search Dog on Blea Rigg.

18th Nov. - Patterdale Team were informed of a light on Oxford Crag, and decided to get some dogs in, just in case it developed into a search. Both Keswick dogs attended. It turned out to be two campers who had lit a fire. (False Alarm, good intent).

Mick Guy



"Twa Dogs": Foss and Loch

Photo: Chris Francis



Chris with Foss.

Photo: Chris Francis

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Making a Snow Bollard.

Photo: Fiona Boyle

At the end of the first year of the 21st Century, Keswick Mountain Rescue Team dealt with its 2000th incident. Had it not been for "Foot and Mouth" that figure would have been passed much earlier in the year.

When records began in the late 1940s, after the formation of the Team in 1947, the number of "call-outs" in a year was in single figures. That situation continued until the mid 1950s, when the number reached double figures. From then on there was a general increase, over 40 being reached in 1969.

The incident figure - fell and rose, almost like a yo-yo, until 1984, when it peaked at over 50 for two consecutive years. In the following year, 1986, for some unknown reason, it dropped back to the high 20s.

From 1987 the figure climbed quite dramatically, topping 80 on two occasions, including the record-to-date of 87 incidents in 1995. It should be noted that these are the basic figures. The Team Leader and Deputy Leaders deal with many more calls from the police. These are "sorted-out" without the Team being sent on to the hill.

Historically, the earliest recorded incident is the Charles Gough incident on Helvellyn in 1805, immortalised by William Wordsworth and Sir Walter Scott. Has there been more written about this accident than any other since then? *Probably.*

In some cases there has been more than one casualty to deal with. Unfortunately, there have been two quadruple fatalities on

Scafell. While I digress there, I note that the highest number of incidents that Keswick MRT has dealt with in a single day is six.

The Team deals with just about every type of injury, but the most common is to the lower leg. There are also medical problems, such as heart attacks, and, once, a pregnancy. The woman was at Skiddaw House, and was airlifted to Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle, where a baby boy was born. He was named after the warden of that isolated hostel at the "Back o' Skidda", for the care and attention he gave the woman before the Team arrived.

When Keswick MRT was formed in 1947, Team members would "borrow" vehicles to go on a call-out, and use their own gear. Now they have a "state-of-the-art" HQ, and specialist vehicles, with just about every type of climbing equipment, and first-aid gear. A lot of gear usually has to be carried to the scene of the accident, and back, and, of course on the return journey there is the casualty. The injured person could no doubt tell you that there is never a complaint-occasionally a curse or two, but the banter goes on endlessly.

What of the future for mountain rescue? The next 50 years? Take a round figure of 70 incidents a year, multiply by 50, and the total is 3500 - an increase of 1500, compared to the first 55 years of the Team. The question is, "Can a voluntary system deal with the extra pressure ?", Only time will tell

Des Oliver

Where were you ?

Where were you when the call-out came?

I was driving, had to pull in, didn't have my specs handy so still couldn't read the message, so where are we heading?"

"I was in the cinema when my pager vibrated. It gave me quite a shock. It was a lousy film, so here I am."

I was on the lake canoeing, that's why I'm dripping wet."

"I've left a half-filled trolley in the supermarket. I hope I can find it when I get back."

"My pager is defunct -it dropped into the loo while I was trying to read the message."

These are snippets of conversations heard on the drive to an incident. There is no stand-by crew at HQ, so team members can be in awkward positions when they are called.

Team membership can put the soundest of relationships to the test. You are just setting off to a celebratory wedding anniversary meal - your best friend is about to be married in a local church - you've just mixed a bucket of plaster and left a long-suffering wife to finish the job.

On one memorable occasion, a team member's retirement party was in full swing at a Threlkeld pub, when a dozen or more pagers rang out in unison. The bar emptied in ten seconds flat leaving the bewildered host high and dry in his best suit. One guest had to return the next day to pay his bar bill!

It's 3 am - a member's wife half-asleep answers the phone to be asked if her husband is available for a search. She replies "I don't know he's asleep!"

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Then there are the frustrating occasions while walking on Skiddaw summit and there is an incident on neighbouring Blencathra. It seems odd to be on top of Ben Lomond and the pager reads *"leg injury on Catbells-please attend"* or to be driving through Kings Lynn to be told of *"a diabetic collapsed at Back o' Skidda."*

In the early days the police alerted members by phone where possible or by calling at the house. Vehicle sirens would give warning to those in town. Nowadays it is the Vodafone pager that gives details of the location and type of incident.

A team member never knows when he or she will be called or where will be next. Life is never dull!

Brian Spencer



Practising Belays.

Photo: Jill Messenger

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A Crag Rescue, August 2001

*Black Crag, Troutdale
Photos: Ross Murray*



Rescuers at the foot of the crag watch the lowering of the stretcher.



The casualty is on the stretcher.



The careful lowering of the stretcher continues.



Further casualty care at the foot of the cragface.

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KMRT History 1977 - 25 Years Ago

W. R. Neate edited the 1977 Annual Report. Within the Report there was a summary, prepared by Jennifer Gradwell, of all the 38 incidents in 1976.

There was a round-up covering Team matters for the year. It was remarked that "...in some ways it was a typical year ...", including "...a couple of tumbles at Shepherds Crag, several broken ankles, an abortive search." However, the comment was made that it had been "a year overshadowed by death", with eight fatalities.

The theme of mountaineering safety featured in several articles, beginning with a piece comparing the open access in British hills to the strict control enforced in the wilderness areas of Australia, Canada, and the USA, and to the extremely strict control in Poland and the USSR. A further article was entitled "A Survival ABC" and gave the reader some concise advice about: "Accident & Illness, Bivouacs, Clothing, Distress Signals, Equipment, Food, General Advice, Hillcraft, Information." Throughout the Report an emphasis upon winter mountaineering safety was apparent.

W. R. Neate wrote a brief history of the MRC, (*Mountain Rescue Committee*), the mountain rescue organisation at national level in England and Wales. It was noted that one of the original committee members, Eustace Thomas, was largely responsible for the Thomas Stretcher, which remains a workhorse for the Team to the present time.

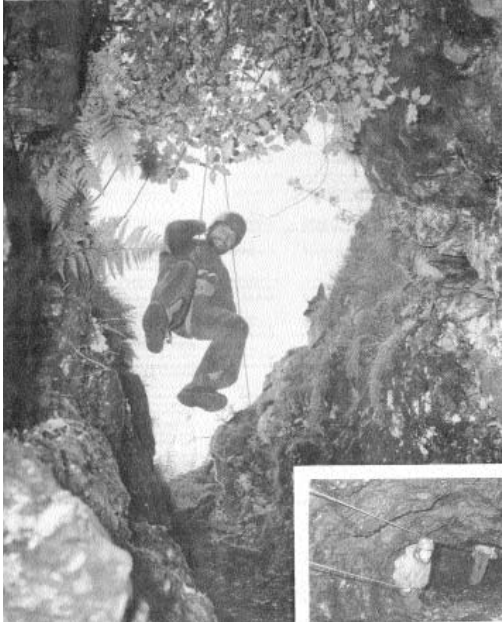
Mike Nixon and Dave Weeks wrote an article about some "unforgettable incidents" in the history of the Team, then approaching its 30th anniversary. Jennifer Gradwell researched and drew a feature about Shepherds Crag, "Accident Black Spot". Of course, in 2002, Shepherds Crag remains "...one of the most accessible crags in the Lake District, with a range of justifiably popular climbs."

I have included here three photographs, (by D.Langford), from the 1977 Report.

Peter Little



Front Cover of the 1977 KMRT Report.



Team members practising mine rescue techniques at the disused plumbago mines, Seathwaite, Borrowdale. Inset is a view down the 'Grand Pipe' the main shaft which descends several hundred feet. Like most Lake District mines this one has plenty of dangers for the uninitiated.

Photos: D. Langford



Back Cover of the 1977 KMRT Report.

Collection Box Sponsors

Keswick Mountain Rescue Team

The team would like to thank all the collecting box sponsors who have in 2001 collected £15,000.00 inspite of Foot and Mouth restrictions on the fells. If you would like to support the Team please contact the Collection Box co-ordinator, Brian Spencer on Tel: 017687 72531.

Abacourt House
Acorn House
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Armthwaite Hall
Bank Tavern
Barclays Bank
Beaty and Co, Wigton
Beckstones Guest House
The Beeches Guest House
Betty Barker's
Birch How Guest House
Bonshaw Guest House
Boots Chemists Ltd
Bookends
Borrowdale Hotel
Borrowdale YHA
Bowfell
Braithwaite Court HPB
Brierholme Guest House
Brookfield Guest House
Brysons
Caffle House, Watendlath
Camping and Caravan
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Cars Of The Stars
Cartwheel Guest House
Casa's
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Castlerigg Hall Caravan
and Camping Park
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The Cornish Pasty

Cowells
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Crag Side Guest House
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Crow Park Hotel
Cumbria Hotel
Cumbrian Properties
Dalegarth Hotel
Dale Head Hall Hotel
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Flock Inn
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George Fisher
George Hotel
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Glamara Outdoor Centre

Glencoe Guest House
Glendale Guest House
Gower
The Grange
Grange Bridge Cottage Cafe
Grange Cafe
Greystoke House
Greystones Guest House
Grove House Gallery
Gypsy
Hazel Bank Hotel
Hazelmere Guest House
Hazelwood Guest House
Hedgehog Hill Guest House
The Heights Hotel
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Hope Memorial Camp
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Howe Keld
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Java Junction
Kalguri Guest House
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Keswick Lodge
Keswick Golf Club
Keswick Mountain Bike Hire
Keswick Mountain Sports
Keswick Outdoor
Clothing Co
Keswick Park Hotel

Keswick YHA
King Of Bohemia,
Hampstead
Kings Arms
Kingfisher
Kings Head Hotel
Kitchens, Cellar Bar
Ladstock Hall Hotel
Lairbeck Hotel
Lakeland
Lakeland Pedlar
Lake Road Inn
The Lakes Fish Restaurant
Lakeside Holiday Park
Lakeside House
Lakeside Tea Gardens
Langdale Guest House
Langstrath Hotel
Latrigg House
Leathes Head Hotel
Littlefield Guest House
Lodore Hilton Hotel
Low Manesty Caravan Park
Luca's
Luchini's
Lynwood Guest House
Lyzzick Hall Hotel
Mary Mount Hotel
Max Spielman Photography
Medical Centre
Middle Ruddings Hotel
Mill Inn, Mungrisdale
Mines Museum
Moot Hall
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National Trust Lakeside
The Necessary Angel

Needlesports
New House, Rosthwaite
Newton Riggs College
Nichol End Marine
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The Paddock
Parkergate
Police Station
Powe Howe Guest House
The Puzzling Place
Rainbow
Rathbones
Rathbones Outdoor Wear
Ravenstone Hotel
Ravenstone Lodge Hotel
Ravensworth Hotel
Rembrandt Restaurant
Richmond House Hotel
Rickerby Grange
Rock at The Warehouse
Rock Shop
Rohan
Rosthwaite General Store
Rowe Opticians
Royal Oak, Braithwaite
Royal Oak Hotel, Rosthwaite
Salutation Inn
Sandon Guest House
Saw Mill Cafe, Dodd
Scawdell Guest House
Scafell Hotel
Scotgate Camping Site
Seathwaite Farm Cafe
Seatoller Farm
Seatoller House
Scales Farm Cottage
Shemara Guest House

The Sick & The Wrong
Silver City
Silverdale Hotel
Skiddaw Grove Hotel
Spar Grocers
Spoonery Green Cottage
Strathmore Guest House
Stybeck Farm
Sundance Wholefoods
Sun Inn, Bassenthwaite
Sunnyside Guest House
Swan Inn, Thornthwaite
Swinside Inn
Swiss Court Hotel
Tarn Hows Guest House
Theatre By The Lake
Thirlmere YHA
Thistledown
Thornleigh Guest House
Thresher Wine Shop
TOG 24
Touchwood
Trekks Cave
Treeby and Bolton
Tynemouth Lodge Hotel
Underscar Hotel
Village Shop, Braithwaite
Village Shop, Portinscale
West View Guest House
Whinlatter Forest Tea Room
White Horse Inn
The Wild Strawberry
Winchester Guest House
Wine Rack
Woodside Guest House
69 Wordsworth Street
Yeoman Outdoors
Yew Tree Cafe
Yew Craggs



Brian Spencer

Keswick Mountain Rescue Team

Treasurer's Report, Trustees' Annual Report, Financial Statements for the year ended 30th November 2001

TREASURERS REPORT

I thought that last year, my first year as Treasurer for the Team, would be a learning year, and that this year would be plain sailing. How wrong I was!

In an organisation such as this with ongoing running costs and large irregular capital expenses, it is necessary to have a structured approach to income and expenditure. I started off the year in a degree of panic, thinking that the Foot and Mouth disaster would keep people off the hill and lower our profile and our income accordingly. This could have been a problem as our ongoing costs are now quite substantial even without the cost of actual Callouts.

Thankfully I was to be proved wrong.

The collecting boxes performed magnificently again despite the loss of twelve boxes to the criminal fraternity.

Covenants have been superseded by the Gift Aid Scheme, which accounts for the rise in Income Tax recovered.

To maximise the interest on our funds, monies have been transferred to higher yielding accounts over the year. The changing dates of interest payment have caused the apparent discrepancy in those entries over the last two years.

Legacies would have been about the same, apart from a superbly generous gift of £130,000 from a Keswick lady. This Legacy will enable the Team to conduct a structured programme of renewal.

Already the overdue replacement of two of our vehicles, and obsolete computer equipment is in process.

We are also considering a revamp of our Communications Systems. There are several locations in our area that have always been blind spots for Radios, and we now have the funds to rectify this.

We are also considering the use of more external training courses, which could be opened to other Local Teams.

At the moment the Team appears to be over endowed with resources, but we have no guarantees that our income in the future will meet our ongoing costs. With this in mind, the Team have taken independent financial advice and evolved a system of short, medium and long term investments which will release funds for the coming years and gain benefits from interest accrued.

Can I thank, on behalf of all the Team members, Venus Griffiths for the paintings and prints that have graced the front covers of the most recent Reports. She has also donated the originals to be auctioned and the proceeds to be used to further our Mountain Rescue Activities.

Reliance for the operation of the Team is placed on unpaid Volunteers. The Trustees do not receive any remuneration in respect of their obligations or activities. The Trustees will oversee this responsibility and will continue to ensure that the Teams assets are utilised efficiently to provide the best possible service to those who may require it. They confirm that the funds available are sufficient to fulfill the objectives of the Team.

Team Treasurer - Ian Wallace

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

Trustees Responsibilities

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- (a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- (b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- (c) state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the appropriate SORP on Accounting by Charities and the Accounting Regulations and with applicable Accounting Standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- (d) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice and the regulations made under S44 of the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

The following information is published in accordance with the requirements of The Charities (Accounts & Reports) Regulations 2000 and SORP 2000.

Name: The name of the charity is Keswick Mountain Rescue Team ("the Charity").

Registered Number: The Charity is registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales under number 509860.

Principal Address: Keswick Mountain Rescue Team Headquarters, Lakeside Car Park, Keswick, Cumbria CA12 5DJ.

Correspondence Address: The Secretary Keswick MRT, The Royal Oak Hotel, Rosthwaite, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5XB; The Treasurer KMRT, Spooney Green House, Spooney Green Lane, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4PJ.

Legal Entity: The Charity is a charitable un-incorporated association, established by written constitution.

Particulars of Written Constitution: The current version was approved by the Charity Commission and adopted by the Charity on the 8th of September 1994, and contains the provisions that regulate the purposes and administration of the Charity.

Total Gross Income 1st December 2000 - 30th November 2001: Between £10,000 and £250,000.

Total Gross Expenditure 1st December 2000 - 30th November 2001: Between £10,000 and £100,000.

Basic of Preparation of Accounts: As the Constitution of the Charity does not require annual accounts to be audited, and as neither total expenditure in the last financial year nor gross income nor total expenditure in the two financial years preceding it exceeded £250,000, the Trustees elected for the accounts to be scrutinised by independent examiners, rather than by way of audit.

Description Of Objects of the Charity: The main object of the Charity (as set out in its constitution):

"...shall be for the public benefit, to relieve suffering and the distress arising therefrom, among persons and animals endangered by accident or natural hazards within the area of Great Britain and particularly on the mountains of Cumbria in the vicinity of Keswick."

Details of Persons or Bodies Entitled to Appoint Charity Trustees & Details of Method of Appointment: The only body with the power (within the terms of the Constitution) to appoint a trustee is the membership of the Charity. The Charity Trustees are appointed at each Annual General Meeting, and hold office until the following AGM. The Trustees must be members of the Charity and are the Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Team Leader and two others elected from the general membership. There is no bar on a Trustee standing for office for successive terms. Candidates for positions conferring trusteeship must be nominated in writing to the Secretary not less than 21 days prior to the AGM, and notified to the membership not less than 14 days prior thereto. Voting is conducted by a secret ballot.

Name of Current Charity Trustees: The Charity Trustees as at the date of this Report (1st February 2002) are:

Chairman	Michael Leonard Fanning
Secretary	Neil Dowie
Treasurer	Ian Wallace
Team Leader	Timothy Mark Hodgson
General team member 1	Paul Horder
General Team Member 2	Peter Barron

Names of Former Charity Trustees: The following was, but no longer is, a Charity Trustee during the Financial Year:
(Secretary) Anthony Michael Guy

Property Holding Trustees: The following are the legal trustees of the lease of the Team Headquarters, and (except where named as a Charity Trustee above) do not exercise a management function within the Charity:

Anthony Michael Guy; Peter Barron; Timothy Mark Hodgson; Andrew John Jones.

Income Reserves Policy: The Charity Trustees must have regard to both the short and long term needs of the Charity. The Charity has endeavoured to secure a regular income via collection boxes, covenanted and Gift Aid donations. These sources of income have, historically, been insufficient to ensure that annual running costs are met. However, historically, the Charity has benefited from legacies which when annualised have ensured that annual income exceeds annual running costs.

The sector in which the Charity operates is subject to the EC regulatory regime - most notably in respect of personal protective equipment. In consequence, equipment renewals are routine, and required regardless of actual wear and tear. Equipment renewals now take place according to a timetable that is budgeted for within the particular year of renewal. Overall, therefore, annual running costs have increased.

As highlighted in the Treasurers own Report above, large-scale expenditure will be required in respect of the ageing communications network. The Charity Trustees are keen to retain a significant specific reserve to meet this contingency.

The Mountain Rescue Council of England & Wales (itself a registered charity) is committed to national fund raising. A professional fund-raiser is to be appointed and aims to raise £1 million annually. There are currently 68 MRC member bodies likely to receive support from MRC fund raising. The extent of the benefit to each of these organisations is not yet quantifiable, nor is the potentially adverse impact MRC fund raising may have on the Charity's own fund raising.

Given these intangibles, and having regard to increasing annual running costs, the Charity Trustees are unable to conclude that the current annual income/expenditure excess is sustainable in the long term. Accordingly, the Charity has a current general income reserve policy of three times annual expenditure. That is to ensure that the provision of the Charity's primary objective will not be hampered by any imbalance between income and expenditure over such a relatively short period.

The Charity Trustees will continually monitor and adapt this policy (as necessary) in order to ensure that funds that can no longer be justifiably held in reserve are applied in accordance with the Charity's objective.

Investment Policy: The Charity provides a vital emergency service that requires certainty of funding. The Charity Trustees have, therefore, a risk averse approach to investment. The preference is to safeguard funds by placing them in building society accounts - with medium to longer term funds placed in the highest yielding (but limited access) accounts. The Charity Trustees are constantly reviewing this policy, and have taken, and will continue to take, professional advice in respect of appropriate investment strategies.

Grant Making Policy: During the last financial year, the Charity made one grant to another charitable trust with like objects to its own - namely £10,000 to the Lake District Search and Mountain Rescue Association (LDSAMRA). The grant represents the return of the balance of £20,000 to LDSAMRA that was donated by it to the Charity in 1994 at a time when the Charity held insufficient funds to finance the building of its Keswick Lakeside Headquarters.

As yet, the Charity Trustees have not formulated policies for the selection of any other institutions, which will receive further grants out of the assets of the Charity. Such grants will be considered on a case by case basis.

Chairman, Mike Fanning; Treasurer, Ian Wallace

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Keswick Mountain Rescue Team

We report on the accounts of the Team for the year ended 30th November 2001 which are set out on pages 26 to 29.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

As the Charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is our responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7) (b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- (1) Which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting requirements of the Act, have not been met.
- (2) To which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Armstrong Watson, Chartered Accountants
Institute of Chartered Accountants In England and Wales

Bakers Yard, St Johns Street
Keswick, Cumbria

Statement

of financial activities for the year ended 30th November 2001

Keswick Mountain Rescue Team

	Notes	2001 £	2000 £
Incoming Resources			
Covenants		2,127	2,629
Donations		28,068	15,193
Collection Boxes		15,315	15,299
Legacy		147,196	16,674
Income Tax Recovered		3,863	2,479
Bank and Building Society Interest		4,902	12,313
Miscellaneous and Shirt Sales		52	65
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>201,523</u>	<u>64,652</u>
Resources Expended			
Direct Charitable Expenses	2	46,962	38,493
Other Expenses	3	15,406	16,792
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>62,368</u>	<u>55,285</u>
Net incoming Resources Before Transfers			
NET INCOMING (EXPENDED) RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR		139,155	9,367
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1st DECEMBER 2000		469,013	459,646
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 30th NOVEMBER 2001		<u>£608,168</u>	<u>£469,013</u>

The Notes on pages 28 and 29 form part of these accounts

Keswick Mountain Rescue Team

Balance Sheet

at 30th November 2001

	Notes	2001 £	2000 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	4	268,492	285,938
Current Fixed Assets			
Debtors and Prepayments	5	2,170	2,620
Stock	6	800	850
Building Society Deposits		326,198	166,476
Cash at Bank		10,767	13,423
		339,935	183,369
Liabilities, Amounts falling due within one year	7	259	294
NET CURRENT ASSETS		339,676	183,075
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>£608,168</u>	<u>£469,013</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted		£608,168	£469,013

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 24th January, 2002, and signed on its behalf by:
M. Fanning (*Chairman*) and I. Wallace (*Treasurer*), (*Trustees*).

The notes on pages 28 and 29 form part of these accounts

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30th November 2001

Keswick Mountain Rescue Team

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting Convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Applicable accounting standards and the Charities Statements of Recommended Practice.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to, write off the cost Less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life. The rates used are as follows:

Property	-	Straight line over 50 years
Equipment	-	15% reducing balance
Motor Vehicles	-	25% reducing balance

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

	<i>Total funds</i> 2001	<i>Total funds</i> 2000
	£	£
2. DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENSES		
Motor Vehicle Expenses		
Insurances	1,349	1,507
Petrol and Oil	456	517
Maintenance	1,529	1,877
Equipment Expenses		
Rental	2,861	2,788
Maintenance of Radio	1,137	1,888
Maintenance of General Equipment	1,602	1,218
Clothing and Outdoor Equipment	10,793	8,719
Other Expenses and Courses	2,834	2,510
Depreciation of Motor Vehicles and Equipment	14,401	17,469
Grant to other Charitable Institution	10,000	-
	<u>£46,962</u>	<u>£38,493</u>

3. OTHER EXPENSES

Garage, Team and HQ Expenses

Rent, Rates and Water	698	632
Telephone and Electricity	1,727	1,825
Repairs and Renewals	1,961	2,943
Postage, Printing and Stationery	3,416	3,438
Insurance	1,448	1,290
Bank Charges	33	24
Independent Examiners Fees	200	294
Sundry Expenses	1,478	1,901
Depreciation on Leasehold Property	4,445	4,445
	<u>15,406</u>	<u>16,792</u>

Keswick Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30th November 2001

	<i>Leasehold Land & Buildings £</i>	<i>Equipment £</i>	<i>Motor Vehicles £</i>	<i>Total £</i>
4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				
Cost				
At 1st December 2000	222,262	140,686	61,401	424,349
Additions During Year	-	1,400	-	1,400
At 30th November 2001	222,262	142,086	61,401	425,749
Depreciation				
At 1st December 2000	17,780	78,958	41,673	138,411
Charge for the Year	4,445	9,469	4,932	18,846
At 30th November 2001	22,225	88,427	46,605	157,257
Net Book Value				
At 30th November 2001	£200,037	£53,659	£1,476	£268,492
At 30th November 2000	£204,482	£61,728	£19,728	£285,938

All fixed assets held are for the furtherance of the Charity's objectives.

5. DEBTORS	<i>2001 £</i>	<i>2000 £</i>
Prepayments	2,170	2,620
6. STOCK	<i>2001 £</i>	<i>2000 £</i>
Consumable Stock	80	80
Stock of Books	720	770
	£800	£ 850
7. LIABILITIES - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	<i>2001</i>	<i>2000</i>
Accruals	£259	£294

Keswick Mountain Rescue Team

Please read the following if you wish to donate to Keswick Mountain Rescue Team.

Provided you pay Income Tax, the Team can now reclaim the tax you have already paid on the sum donated to the Team, from the Inland Revenue. It simply requires you to fill in the form below, and return it to the Treasurer. It does not involve you in any further payment.

GIFT AID DECLARATION

Name of Charity

Keswick Mountain Rescue Team

(Registered Charity No 509860)

Full name and address of donor in CAPITALS

Mr/Mrs/Miss

Address

.....

Post Code

I want Keswick Mountain Rescue Team to treat the following as Gift Aid Donations (delete as appropriate):

- the enclosed donation of £
- the donation(s) of £.....
which I made on...../...../.....
- all donations I have made since 6 April 2000, and all donations I make from the date of this declaration until further notice

SignatureDate...../...../.....

Notes

1. You can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying Keswick Mountain Rescue Team.
2. You must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that Keswick Mountain Rescue Team reclaims on your donations in the tax year (currently 28p for each £1 you give).
3. If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and capital gains equal to the tax that Keswick Mountain Rescue Team reclaims you can cancel your declaration (see note 1).
4. If you pay tax at the higher rate you can reclaim further tax relief in your Self-Assessment tax return.
5. If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid tax relief, ask Keswick Mountain Rescue Team. Or ask your local tax office for leaflet IR 113 Gift Aid.
6. Please notify Keswick Mountain Rescue Team if you change your name or address.

**Please return this completed Gift Aid Declaration
to the Team Treasurer:**

**Ian Wallace
Spooney Green, Keswick, Cumbria CA12 4PJ**

Thank you for your support !



Keswick Mountain Rescue Team

Bankers Order

If you would like to make a regular donation to Keswick Mountain Rescue Team, please complete the Bankers Order below.

Provided you pay Income Tax, the Team can now reclaim the tax you have already paid on the sum donated to the Team, from the Inland Revenue.

Full name and address in CAPITALS	Gift Aid: please do not detach
Mr/Mrs/Miss	ToBank plc
Address
.....
.....	(name and address of your bank)
Post Code	Name of Account
	to be Debited
The sum of £ Annually/Monthly	Account Number
	Sort Code
Gift Aid	Please pay to Midland Bank plc, Market Square, Keswick, Cumbria CA12 5BQ (Sort Code 40-26-06) for the Credit of Keswick Mountain Rescue Team (Account Number 60498173)
I am a UK tax payer and I would like this and all future donations I make to be considered as Gift Aid	The sum of £ (figures)
Signed (words)
	on the day of 20
	and a like sum Annually/Monthly on the
	day of
	until or further notice
	Signed.....
	Date 20
Please return this completed form to:	
KESWICK MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM	
Spooney Green, Keswick, Cumbria CA12 4PJ	
Thank you for your support !	

Donations

Keswick Mountain Rescue Team

Many people and organisations have made donations to Keswick Mountain Rescue Team during the course of the year. In common with all other Mountain Rescue Teams, we receive no funding from official sources. We are, therefore, extremely grateful to all those who support us in so many different and individual ways, allowing us to concentrate on assisting those in distress on the Fells. It is not possible to acknowledge all donors in the space of the report, however, a full list is available on request.

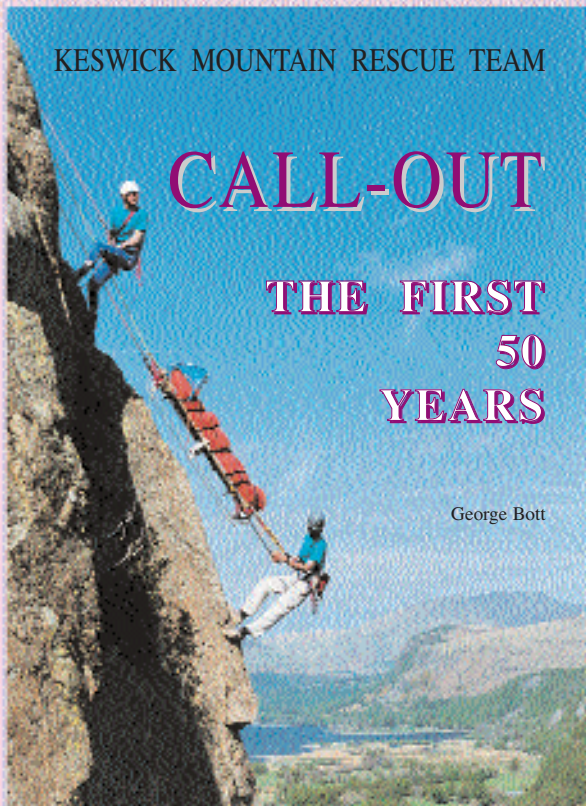
During the year donations have been received IN MEMORY of the following:

F Winwood	P Kent	C Green
D Duffy	A Boardman	V Sheen
A Seaton	M Bransby	G Gray
A Draper	F Harrison	M Cohen

Thanks

The framed original of the cover painting is for sale to the highest bidder, all proceeds to Keswick Mountain Rescue Team, and may be viewed at George Fisher.

The painting has been donated by the artist Venus Griffiths, and the frame donated by Derwent Frames, High Hill, Keswick.



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CALL-OUT

THE FIRST 50 YEARS

by George Bott

On 24 April 1946, Wilfrid Noyce, later a member of John Hunt's successful Everest team, was badly injured while he was climbing on Great Gable. His rescue - a long and difficult operation - prompted a local climber, Colonel Horace Westmorland, to form a properly organised Mountain Rescue Team.

From its humble beginnings, the Team has grown into a highly efficient, well-equipped group of volunteers, ready to respond to a call-out for help at any time of day or night.

CALL-OUT traces the story of the first 50 years of the Team, a history that records hardship and humour, dedication and drama, courage and commitment.

CALL-OUT has a full colour cover, photographs in colour and black and white, 56 pages.

Price £5 available in bookshops, or by post (£6 including postage and packing) from Brian Martland, Keswick Mountain Rescue Team, Cornerstones, 15 Helvellyn Street, Keswick, Cumbria CA12 4EN. Cheques to be made payable to: Keswick Mountain Rescue Team.

All proceeds from the sale of **CALL-OUT** go to Team Funds.

For Mountain Rescue Call **999** and ask for Police

Then be prepared to state:

- Your name, and the number of the telephone from which you are ringing, and its location.
- The nature of the incident, and its (accurate) location.
- The time of the incident.
- The number of casualties.
- The details of any injuries.

Then:

- **STAY BY THE PHONE** so that the Team can contact you.



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