



KESWICK Mountain Rescue Team

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Annual Report
2008

Keswick Mountain Rescue Team



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Keswick Mountain Rescue Team.

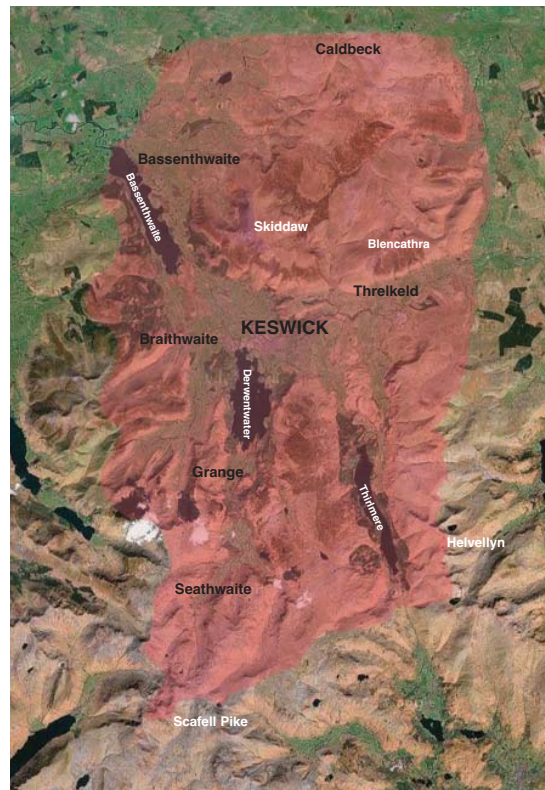
Keswick MRT is mainly responsible for the area in Cumbria shown in red on the map, which includes Skiddaw, the Borrowdale approaches to Scafell Pike, and the western aspect of Helvellyn. Thus, the Team responds to incidents on three of the 3000 foot mountains in England. Search operations may lead to Team members working in other areas of the Lake District, or elsewhere.

The Team was founded in 1947.

By the end of 2007 the Team had attended 2487 rescues.

see also www.keswickmrt.org.uk

Thanks to Venus Griffiths for the acrylic "Fleetwith Pike" used on the cover.



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Compare and Contrast

Editorial by Peter Little

Keswick Mountain Rescue Team

Keswick MRT celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2007 – a milestone.

It's interesting to look back at previous milestones through the reading of old annual reports.

Looking back to some previous anniversaries:

1978 Report (re 1977) the Team's 30th Anniversary:

(No cover painting).

"... the most striking feature of the year was undoubtedly the number of serious rock-climbing accidents ..."

(In contrast there were no rock-climbing incidents in 2007).

In the world of mountain rescue, there are many variable factors, which make analyses of incidents complicated affairs. An extract from the 1978 Report is always appropriate to the Team's work:

"... the only factors which never change are the foul weather, the inevitable legwork on the hills, the tragic deaths, and the folk who don't seem to realise that somebody might just be worrying about them."

1988 Report (re 1987) the Team's 40th Anniversary:

(Cover painting of Sharp Edge/Foule Crag by Richard Fisher).

"... Blencathra was the mountain of the year ... six incidents here ..."

(In 2007 there were six incidents on Blencathra, too).

1998 Report (re 1997) the Team's 50th Anniversary:

(Cover painting of Blencathra by Simon Bull).

"... further assistance from our friend and benefactor, Mrs Ada Hillard. What would we do without her?" (Comment from Chairman Mick Guy re proposed purchase of a new Ford Transit ambulance – see his tribute to Ada at the end of this report).

In this 2008 Report (re 2007) the Team's 60th Anniversary:

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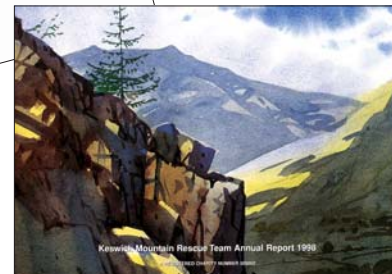
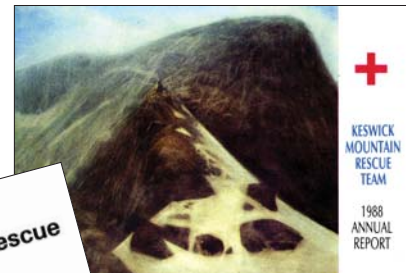
Page 13: Searches in Cumbria and Beyond: (*Search Dogs*)

Page 16: Cliffhanger! (*Keswick MRT in Coronation St. Drama*)

Page 31: Tribute to a Benefactor: (*Death of Mrs Ada Hillard*)

I hope that you find this report interesting and informative. If you want to learn more about the Team's work and history, please consider buying the "*Callout*" book and the *60th Anniversary DVD video* – see details on page 30.

Also, the Team's website has much information: www.keswickmrt.org.uk



Keswick Mountain Rescue Team

A Year of Major Initiatives

Team Leader's Report by Mark Hodgson



2007, another very busy year for KMRT; we were called by the Police 115 times, resulting in 90 full Team callouts and 25 alerts. Alerts are dealt with by just one or two of the Team Leadership and may involve a few phone calls, 'wait and see' time, advice, etc. and don't result in the full Team being paged and deployed. The 90 full Team callouts is our busiest year ever, following I'm sure trends equally applicable across many Teams in the Lake District.

2007 was also our 60th anniversary year, an event which didn't go unrecognised, with several events throughout the year. We were also very happy to play a small part in the first Keswick Mountain Festival, and will do so in future years. It is a great advert for the town and the Lake District and provides opportunities to try new skills and areas of mountaineering in a concentrated period, coupled with some fantastic presentation and lectures. The Team also made some new friends via the festival.

Rescues through the year were varied in nature and included 30 involving leg injuries and 22 involving searches. Sadly there were three fatalities in the year, all on Blencathra. We used the services of RAF/Royal Navy helicopters on 10 occasions and The Great North Air Ambulance on 17.

90 rescues in a year is a big commitment from Team members, with in excess of 3500 man hours expended on the 90 rescues. When it is considered that we also train weekly this, coupled with all the equipment and vehicle checking servicing and repair and the running of the business of the Team really does demonstrate a huge dedication to the Team. Without this commitment we could not operate as efficiently as we do.

To continue to improve we have implemented some new developments this year and continued with our progressive training. These include a complete update of our radio system to include GPS enabled microphones on all our handsets which automatically transmit team members' location on a rescue or search back to our base where they are displayed on digital mapping software. The system is described in detail in our Radio Officers report; huge benefits are being realised in both incident and search management. We are very grateful to the cross-LDSAMRA team that have been involved in its development. In addition to our normal weekly training exercises (45+) we also sent Team members on external courses including; 3 day Swiftwater Rescue training in Wales, 4 day advanced first aid, Winter Skills training in Chamonix and Emergency Response driver training, an extension of our defensive driver training programme started some 5 years ago. More information on training can be found in the Training Officers' report.

One of the most frustrating elements of mountain rescue is the times we are called out on rescues and searches when the services of the Team were not, with a little bit more preparation and thought by those 'casualties', really needed. This may be due to; lack of equipment, lack of planning, ignoring or not seeking weather forecasts, over-expectation of fitness or experience levels, or a combination of all these and more. Much information is available suggesting what equipment should be carried and route planning that I don't intend to detail it here, but two separate callouts to parties without torches on the night that the clocks changed at the end of October was pushing it a bit We still went.



The Moulin de la Mer de Glace

- a feature on the glacier visited in the Chamonix training trip

Simon Hodgson

To try and reinforce these messages we have been heavily involved in two major initiatives this year; the making and sale of our DVD *Callout – the First 60 Years* and our involvement in several episodes of *Coronation Street*.

With an introduction from Sir Chris Bonington the DVD, filmed by local company Fluid Productions, charts the founding and history of the Team through to the present day and includes film of rescues, training, a poignant interview with one of our casualties and her partner, and interviews with Team members. There are also chapters including advice on equipment to take on the hills, route planning and also what to do in the event of an accident. Copies of the DVD are still widely available including from our own website www.keswickmrt.org.uk with proceeds going toward Team funds.

We were approached in the autumn to assist with filming several episodes of *Coronation Street* based in the Lake District where two of the main characters went out into the fells ill-equipped without maps, compasses, torches, etc. Our input included technical advice and support, reviews and amendments to scripts to best reflect the way we operate and roles in searching for and rescuing the casualty, with an RAF helicopter involved in a spectacular stretcher winch on the fells above Honister Pass. Again, the message about being properly equipped and prepared was strongly emphasised. Also, I must be the only Team Leader to have had two 'stunt-doubles'! More information on the Soap Stars and/of Keswick Mountain Rescue Team elsewhere in this annual report.

On an inter-agency level we are fast approaching the closure of Ambulance Control at Carlisle with services being transferred to a new control centre at Preston. Over the last few years we have developed a mutual understanding with the staff at Ambulance Control at Carlisle as to how the two organisations operate and their constraints. Whether the new arrangements will improve services – with the main problem continuing to be the shortage of ambulances at times when we need one – remains to be seen.

So, there we go, with another year gone (this time our 60th) the Team continues to thrive on the dedication of all its members and the support of all our; wives, husbands, families and employers. To every one of these and to everyone who has helped or made a donation to the Team, a huge 'thank you.' Without your continuing enthusiasm and support it just wouldn't be possible.



Chamonix Training

Roy Henderson

Finally, a plea to all: Please – plan your route, your equipment and note the weather forecasts; and have a great time in the hills of the Lake District and beyond. If you do need the services of a Mountain Rescue Team, dial 999 and ask for Cumbria Police.

Keswick Mountain Rescue Team

Dedication to Training and Practice

Jokey Sanderson, Joint Training Officer

For me, one of the best things about the Team is the positive attitude towards training, practice and development in Team members and rescue techniques. We keep up to date with equipment, first aid techniques, regulations and standards. This year has been no exception.

Due to government guidelines we have had to put all the approved drivers through blue light driving which was very informative and beneficial to the Team and other road users. On behalf of the Team I would like to thank the people of Keswick and the surrounding areas for their patience and support when repeatedly hearing and seeing our Landrovers driving at speed with the "blues and twos" on.

We also renewed our Swift Water Rescue training and sent 14 members down to the Welsh white water centre to train and re-train for their "SWR" level one and two awards. With this current climate and the local flooding in 2005, we pay a great deal of attention to water based rescue, training the Team on both rivers and lakes, using rigging techniques, search methods and the safety boat which all needs further training and practice.

In addition to the road and water we have put 18 members through a 4 day Advanced mountain rescue first aid course, supported by Aberdeen University. This was to compliment the existing training and assessment we have to do every 3 years for our MRC Mountain rescue first aid certificate. We hope by making additional advanced training available every year and a half, we keep the members current and confident in casualty care.

In order to prepare the Team for possible foul winter conditions in the Lakes we sent 14 members to Chamonix in November to complete advanced winter skills with local guides and Rescue Team members. This is a great course as it provides the Team new skills and allows them to polish their skills and techniques in reliable conditions, prior to the season starting, which means we hit the ground running.

We send 12 members to Glenmore Lodge in Scotland each February. This winter training has been successful over several years.

All these training courses and joint exercises with other Teams and the RAF are in addition to the regular Thursday training night we do, which includes training and practising in first aid, navigation, rigging for rescue, boat handling, incident management, 4x4 driving and much more. I am pleased to be part of a team that is so dedicated to training and practising which enables us to provide the best care for anyone who calls our services, and all this is possible thanks to you.



Chamonix Training

Richard Gale

Borrowdale Summer Camp

Borrowdale Summer Camp provides outdoor adventures for local children.

The Team has an annual training session there, which is not only useful to the Team, but also helps teach the children about first aid and mountain rescue activities.



Borrowdale Summer Camp

Richard Gale

Pro-active in “Comms” Development

Radio Officer’s report by Alan Prescott

I’m pleased to be able to say that Keswick Mountain Rescue Team continues to be very pro-active in the area of communications. Rather than just embracing change or simply accepting the relentless pace of technology, the Team is constantly looking for ways to improve and extend its capabilities. I am regularly approached by Team members who have seen or heard of a device or are aware of an idea which may be of some benefit. Similarly, all the teams in the Lake District and indeed the entire country, continually share ideas and engage in regular discussions for mutual benefit. It comes as no surprise then that 2007 saw another major development in search and rescue communications.

Early in 2007 we started trialling a brand new personnel tracking system called MRMap. Developed here in the Lake District by Dave Binks and Rob Brookes, MRMap allows the exact position of each Team member to be relayed by radio, back to the control room and traced accurately on an Ordnance Survey map. The software is designed specifically for Mountain Rescue use and has lots of features to assist search and rescue co-ordination. The GPS technology, which the system depends on entirely, is integrated into existing hand radios, used by all Rescue Team members. In its simplest form GPS data from each radio is transmitted to Keswick Control Room, converted to an OS Grid reference, and then plotted on a digital map. The result is an instant picture of the incident, showing the positions of all individuals. The system also shares its data with other rescue teams which allows for improved co-ordination during incidents involving

multiple teams.

The system quickly proved itself to be an outstanding success and was fully implemented by December 2007. Every member of the Team and all Team vehicles now have GPS-enabled radios and are continuously monitored during all rescues and training exercises. This system has already shown itself to be of particular benefit during searches. The ability to see at a glance, areas that have and haven’t been covered, without the need for extended dialog, is an immense time and effort saving.

The system has its limitations and can never be regarded as a safety net. However, it does give us yet another useful tool to assist in the task of Search and Rescue in remote and difficult mountain areas.

We are immensely grateful to Dave Binks and Rob Brookes for developing MRMap and very much appreciate their continued support.

The relentless pace of technology affects us all whether we like it or not. Our everyday lives are now almost completely dependent on some form of hi-tech device, be it the watch on your wrist, the micro chip inside your credit card or even your fancy new GPS. What’s really important in this world of gadgets (as well as the ability to spot a good one) is good familiarity and being absolutely clear about any limitations – before you put yourself and your new love to the test!

I’m amazed I got this far without mentioning mobile phones! – Sorry I must, your demise may depend on its failure . . .

Keswick Mountain Rescue Team

Did you know there are no mobile phone transmitting or receiving stations within the central fells areas? The Lake District is one of the biggest ‘No Coverage’ areas in the UK. Any reception you may obtain will be from very distant stations on the perimeter of the area. Like me, you’ll know it’s possible to get a signal in certain locations or in certain conditions, but like me, you also now know this is down to ‘chance.’

Please don’t take that ‘chance’!

Thanks for your support.



Alan after a climb on Ben Nevis

Roy Henderson

Keswick Mountain Rescue Team

Ninety Call-outs in 2007

Incident Report 2007

Summary by Peter Little



Incident 4

KMRT



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KMRT

- 1 3 January 13:14**
Latrigg
A man slipped on mud and injured his ankle.
- 2 6 January 14:58**
Latrigg
A woman slipped on wet grass and injured her ankle.
- 3 6 January 18:04**
Dale Head area
Five walkers failed to return to Honister Pass. They were located on the road. No injuries.
- 4 7 February 12:27**
Sharp Edge, Blencathra
A man and a woman became cragfast. They were roped down to safe ground. No injuries.
- 5 8 February 9:10**
Coledale Hause
A teenager was suffering from hypothermia after spending the night out. He was evacuated by the Great North Air Ambulance.
- 6 10 February 14:33**
Brund Fell
A woman slipped on a frozen path and injured her back. Five RAF MRT members in the area helped the casualty. She was evacuated by the Great North Air Ambulance.
- 7 18 February 12:40**
Hall's Fell, Blencathra
A man fell approximately 60 metres from the ridge and suffered severe head injuries. He was airlifted by a RAF Sea King helicopter. Fatality.
- 8 18 February 13:52**
Watendlath – Dock Tarn path
A man slipped and injured his leg. He was airlifted by the Great North Air Ambulance to hospital.

- 9 19 February 20:55**
Scafell Pike area
Wasdale MRT asked the Team to help in the search for a family of four including a 5 year old boy and 14 month old baby. They were found in Piers Gill. After they had been roped out of the Gill, the young boy was stretchered off and the parents were able to walk down with the baby. No injuries.
- 10 23 February 21:40**
Grayrigg, near Kendal
The Team was asked to help in the search and recovery of casualties following a derailment of a Virgin Train north west of Kendal, involving 9 carriages with 120 passengers.
- 11 27 March 13:31**
High Raise
A man with a reported groin strain was taken to hospital, with a suspected DVT, by the Great North Air Ambulance.
- 12 31 March 13:00**
Glenderaterra Valley
A man fell off his mountain bike. He was taken by the Great North Air Ambulance to hospital. Broken elbow.
- 13 3 April 20:40**
Keswick area
A woman was reported missing from a care home. She was located after midnight by a police helicopter in Fawe Park, near Portinscale. She had minor cuts and bruises.
- 14 7 April 13:55**
Lingy Bank, Rosthwaite
A teenager lost control when making a descent on his mountain bike. Broken leg.
- 15 8 April 18:30**
Watendlath
Team members assisted the Fire Brigade and National Trust staff to extinguish a fell fire above the village. The fire front took two hours to subdue (see picture page 10).

16 15 April 15:20

Cat Bells

A woman fell and broke her lower leg on the slopes above Gutherscale. The Great North Air Ambulance attended, but was called to another incident. Team members stretchered her down to the road, and she was taken to hospital by ambulance.

17 15 April 22:57

Surprise View, Ashness

A fire, caused by a discarded barbecue, had spread on to the crag, where heather ledges had caught fire. The Team helped Cumbria Fire Service.

18 17 April 20:30

Great Gable

The Team escorted four walkers from Sty Head to Seathwaite after Wasdale MRT had rescued them from a cragfast position on Westmorland Crag, Great Gable. No injuries.

19 19 April 12:30

Skiddaw

Two walkers, lost in mist, used a mobile phone to call for help. They were guided down by phone call, and met on their way down by a Team member. No injuries.

20 26 April 18:09

Ullock Pike – Longside Edge

A man, suffering from a medical condition, experienced a panic attack. The Team accompanied him down. No injuries.

21 28 April 18:15

Sty Head

Wasdale MRT asked the Team to escort the daughter of a casualty to Seathwaite to collect her car, whilst the casualty, who had broken his leg on Great Gable, was carried down to Wasdale by Wasdale MRT.

22 1 May 13:17

Cat Gill, Walla Crag

A woman slipped at the top of the Cat Gill path. She was taken by the Great North Air Ambulance to hospital. Lacerations to the head.

23 11 May 12:55

Lining Crag

A woman broke her leg. She was airlifted by the Great North Air Ambulance to hospital.

24 12 May 14:30

Castlerigg Fell

A teenager fell. He sustained cuts to his head and knees. He was taken by the Great North Air Ambulance to hospital.

25 19 May 17:07

Whinlatter Forest

Two men phoned to say they were lost. The Team searched the forest roads – until the two turned up in Keswick. No injuries.

26 21 May 15:00

Cat Bells

A woman tripped while descending. Ankle injury.

27 22 May 13:27

Stonethwaite

A man sustained head injuries when he tumbled down a bank.

28 23 May 16:36

Greenup Edge

A man was seen by other walkers who were concerned for his welfare. The area was checked by two Team members in a RAF Sea King helicopter which was training in the area. Nothing found.

29 28 May 12:48

How Farm area

The Team was asked to help an ambulance crew with the recovery of a man who had an ankle injury.



Incident 16

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Keswick Mountain Rescue Team

Incident Report 2007



Incident 44

Richard Gale

30 30 May 16:12

Dale Head Tarn

A woman stumbled on wet rocks. Large scalp wound. A Royal Navy Sea King helicopter evacuated the casualty.

31 30 May 17:15

Glaramara

A woman slipped on wet ground. Fractured lower leg. The navy helicopter from incident no. 30 was able to help in the rescue.

32 30 May 17:20

Ullscarf – High Raise

A man became lost in mist. By giving him directions via his mobile phone and going out to find him, the Team helped him down. No injuries.

33 31 May 15:38

Honister to Hay Stacks area

A teenager became separated from his parents. Cockermouth MRT was involved in the search. He was reunited with his parents at Honister Youth Hostel.

34 3 June 15:35

Low Brandlehow, Derwentwater

A woman dislocated her hip.

35 4 June 13:03

Grisedale Pike

A woman suffered exhaustion.

36 7 June 16:10

Rosthwaite – Watendlath path

A woman slipped on the path. Ankle injury.

37 8 June 16:18

Ruddy Gill

A woman slipped while crossing a stream. Shoulder injury. The Great North Air Ambulance took her to hospital.

38 10 June 13:50

Coledale

A woman slipped on a track. Ankle injury.

39 11 June 12:00

Great End

A sheep was rescued from crags.

40 11 June 16:40

Friar's Crag

A woman fell to the lakeshore. Head and spinal injuries. The Great North Air Ambulance evacuated the casualty.

41 16 June 12:22

Sharp Edge, Blencathra

A man stumbled. Shoulder dislocation. A Royal Navy Sea King helicopter took him to hospital.

42 1 July 11:30

Keswick Camping and Caravan Site

A search for a missing Yorkshire Terrier dog.

43 11 July 17:47

Cat Bells

Following a report of a person apparently falling east from the summit, a search was undertaken, but nothing found.

44 14 July 14:10

Windy Gap, Great Gable

A man slipped on the path. Ankle injury. Cockermouth MRT was involved in the rescue.

45 20 July 23:05

Ennerdale to Rosthwaite area

A woman and her son were reported missing at their accommodation, where they were due after a leg of the Coast To Coast Walk. Cockermouth MRT was involved in the search. Nothing found.

46 25 July 13:00

Lonscale Fell

A mountain biker fell on a rocky section of the track above the Glenderaterra valley. Thigh injury. The Great North Air Ambulance took him to hospital.

47 2 August 17:26

Dock Tarn – Stonethwaite path

A man slipped on the path and fell approximately 15 metres. Head, arm and leg injuries. He was carried down to the valley. The Great North Air Ambulance took him to hospital.

48 3 August 16:00

Langstrath

A sheep rescue.

49 7 August 14:26

Beckstones Gill, Whinlatter Forest

A woman slipped on the path. Wrist injury.

50 11 August 09:00

Sty Head

A woman with a knee injury, following an unintended night out on the fells due to a navigation error in descent from Scafell Pike.

51 11 August 17:15

Sty Head

A woman slipped. Ankle injury. She was taken to hospital by the Great North Air Ambulance.

52 14 August 17:31

Calfhow Pike

A man and his wife became lost in cloud. They were given guidance by mobile phone, and were met by Team members at Clough Head summit, from where they were escorted down to the Old Coach Road.

53 14 August 19:24

Grey Knotts area

A man and his daughter became lost and cragfast on the Coast To Coast walk when trying to find a descent to Seathwaite. They were found on the gap between Base Brown and Green Gable. No injuries.

54 15 August 17:42

Esk Hause area

A woman and her two daughters were reported missing after a family had split up at Calf Cove, (so that the man and a son could go to Scafell Pike). As the search was starting, the three arrived at Seathwaite. No injuries.

55 18 August 17:52

Esk Hause area

A party of 4 became lost. Wasdale MRT found them between Allen Craggs and Glaramara. No injuries.

56 25 August 13:10

Force Crag Mine

A woman stumbled on a steep bank. Ankle injury.

57 25 August 16:15

Skiddaw Little Man area

A woman slipped. Knee injury.

58 29 August 12:35

Braithwaite area

A man, an Alzheimer's Disease patient, was missing from his holiday accommodation. The area was searched over two days, with help from SARDA and Cockermouth MRT. A farmer found him, 6 km away from place last seen, on farmland. Wet and cold, otherwise no injuries.

59 3 September 11:35

Castlerigg

The Team helped an ambulance crew in the recovery of a woman who had collapsed near the TV mast.

60 9 September 15:03

Sourmilk Gill, Seathwaite

A woman slipped on a wet rock. Foot injury.

61 9 September 16:13

Rigg Beck, Newlands

A woman caught her foot between rocks and fell. Leg injury.



Incident 15

Richard Gale



Incident 47

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Sharp Edge Training

Peter Little

62 9 September 21:49

Scafell Pike area

Wasdale MRT asked the Team for help in a search for a man and his son. They turned up at Wha House, Eskdale. No injuries.

63 10 September 13:13

Force Crag Mine

A walker experienced chest pains. The Great North Air Ambulance took him to hospital.

64 11 September 14:37

Barrow Door, Barrow

A woman stepped down awkwardly. Knee injury.

65 15 September 16:21

Hause Gate, Cat Bells

A man had leg problems in descent from Hause Gate. A group of walkers helped him. They had reached the road as the Team arrived.

66 17 September 14:30

Nitting Haws, Borrowdale

A walker became stuck on steep ground. He had been helped by other walkers by the time the Team arrived.

67 22 September 15:21

Foot of Stake Pass, Langstrath

A man with a knee problem. The Team was able to walk him down.

68 24 September 15:20

Lining Crag – Greenup Edge

A group of five teenagers on a Duke Of Edinburgh Award Expedition got into difficulties in poor weather. The search and rescue operation involved team members from Keswick, Cockermouth and Penrith MRTs and a Royal Navy Sea King helicopter.

69 28 September 13:05

Castle Crag, Borrowdale

A woman slipped on damp rocks. Hand and wrist injuries.

70 1 October 16:40

Great Stanger Gill, Stonethwaite

A sheep was rescued.

71 4 October 14:37

Shepherd's Crag, Borrowdale

A woman slipped on a wet path below the "Little Chamonix" rock-climbing route. She fell 6 to 8 metres in a boulder field. Head injuries. The Great North Air Ambulance took her to hospital.

72 8 October 23:14

Scafell Pike area

A man and a woman were overdue from a walk to Scafell Pike. They were found in the upper Esk valley, at the foot of Little Narrowcove suffering from cold and exhaustion. No injuries.

73 12 October 13:04

Stonycroft Beck track, Newlands

A man slipped on wet rock. Ankle injury.

74 12 October 14:53

Blease Fell, Blencathra

A man slipped and tripped. Leg injury.

75 26 October 12:35

Dock Tarn – Watendlath path

A man slipped. Knee injury.

76 29 October 17:40

High Spy area

A man and a woman became lost, with no torches. They were found on Low Scawdel. No injuries.

77 29 October 19:00

Sty Head area

A man and a woman became lost, with no torches. They were found near the stretcher box. No injuries.

78 1 November 14:56

Honister Pass area

A search for a missing man, whose car was found at Honister Pass. The man returned safely to his car. No injuries.

79 9 November 13:06

Gibraltar Crag, Skiddaw

A missing man was thought to be in this area of Skiddaw, following a police investigation. A search involving search dogs and two Sea King helicopters, one from the RAF, one from the Royal Navy, found nothing. The man had returned safely to Keswick. No injuries.

80 14 November 12:11

Brundholme Wood, Latrigg

A woman slipped on a muddy footpath. Ankle injury.

81 18 November 11:20

Woof Stones, Langstrath

A sheep was rescued.

82 20 November 15:10

Coledale Hause area

Two men became lost in hill fog. A fell-runner found them and guided them down to the Team.

83 23 November 14:25

Blease Fell, Blencathra

A man collapsed with severe chest pain. The Team and the Great North Air Ambulance responded. Fatality.

84 25 November 15:01

Nitting Haws, Borrowdale

A man fell while scrambling. Multiple injuries. Although the Great North Air Ambulance was present, he was winched into a Royal Navy Sea King Rescue helicopter and taken to hospital.

85 29 November 19:00

Sandbed Gill, Clough Head

A sheep rescue. The animal was successfully rescued, at the third attempt, on the 8th December. Members of The Ochils MRT, training in the Lake District, helped with the successful attempt.

86 11 December 16:45

Blea Crag, Robinson

A man slipped on wet grass. Ankle injury.

87 14 December 17:04

Stockley Bridge, Seathwaite

A man slipped on an icy path. Ankle injury.

88 22 December 16:45

Thornythwaite Fell, Glaramara

A woman slipped while fell-running. Leg injury.

89 30 December 13:13

Sharp Edge, Blencathra

A man slipped and fell approximately 30 metres down the gully on the north side of the "awkward step" on the Edge. A RAF Sea King helicopter was used to recover the casualty. Multiple fatal injuries. Other walkers, who had gone to help the man in the gully, were roped down the gully to safer ground.

(This is the gully viewed from above in the picture on page 11).

90 30 December 23:00

Jaws of Borrowdale area

A man suffered breathing difficulties. A Team member who lives nearby was first on scene. The casualty was taken to Grange, and other Team members arrived there.



Relaxing after Incident 90

John Malley

Keswick Mountain Rescue Team

Searches in Cumbria and Beyond

Search Dogs Mist and Ginny (Mick Guy's dogs) were joined this year by Search Dog Mac, with his handler Elly Whiteford. They achieved Graded Dog status in March with a pass in their own area at Combe Gill.

All three dogs have been busy, not just in the Keswick Team area, but also in various searches with Wasdale, Cockermouth, Kendal, Langdale and Dumfries Rescue teams. These included a number of searches for missing depressed people, a family



Elly with Mac

Chris Francis

including young children, a group from a seminary, various Alzheimer's Disease patients, and a honeymoon couple, located on Clough Head by Search Dog Ginny after a mobile phone call to Control.

Search Dog Mac distinguished himself by locating a missing walker above the Blengdale Forest (Wasdale) after the man's torchlight disappeared into broken ground, early in September. This walker was on his "last legs," and needed the support of two other dog handlers and a Team member to walk the last 600m to transport, having been out for 16 hours.

All the Keswick dogs attend regular monthly training organised by Lake District Mountain Rescue Search Dogs, and weekly "top-up" sessions in Whinlatter or other local areas, and will be off to a Winter Avalanche training course in the Cairngorms in February. SARDA Lakes, to use their official title, train search dogs for all Rescue Teams in the Lake District. For information on their training and operations, look on the web for www.sardalakes.org.uk

Another Team member, Chris Francis, who is "between dogs" at present, acts as the Callout Co-ordinator for all Lake District based search dogs. Both Chris Francis and Mick Guy act as assessors of search dogs, and were invited to instruct on the Norwegian Search Dogs Summer course this year.

Keswick MRT Search Dogs by Mick Guy



Mick (in red) in Norway

Mick Guy

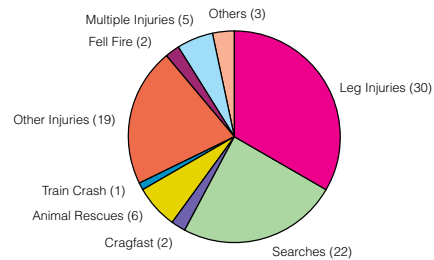


Mist and Ginny

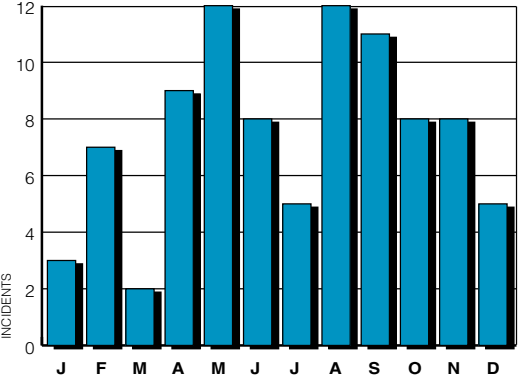
Mick Guy

INCIDENT TYPES 2007

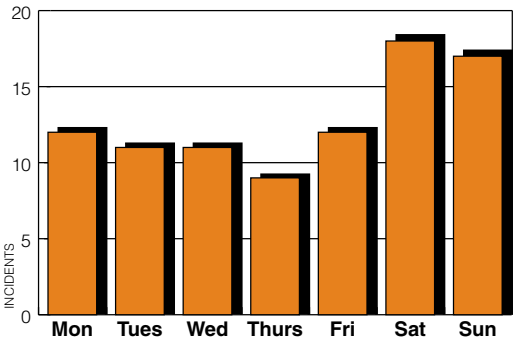
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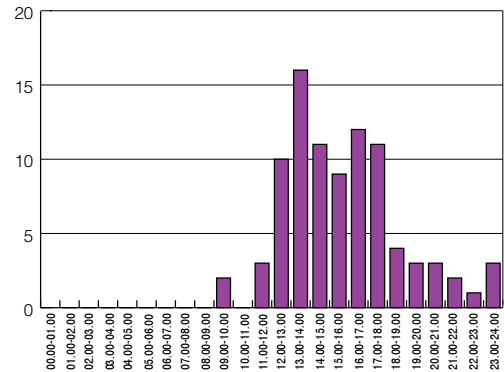
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DAYS OF THE WEEK 2007



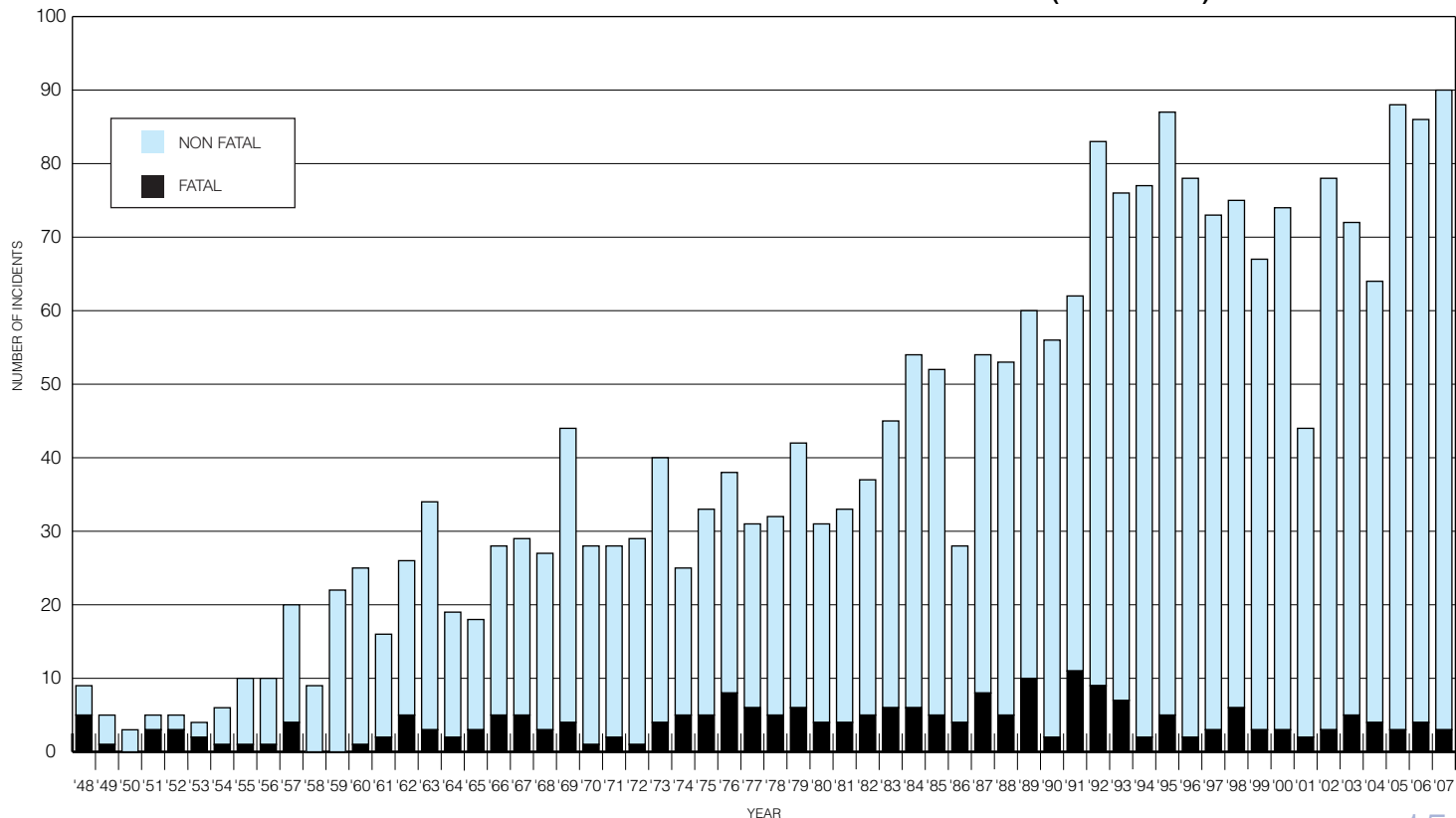
TIMES OF THE DAY 2007



Keswick Mountain Rescue Team

Incident Report 2007

KESWICK MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM 1948 - 2007 2487 callouts (234 fatalities)



Keswick Mountain Rescue Team



Some of the cast with KMRT

Malcolm Miller

So for one week at least at the beginning of January I have to admit I was addicted to Coronation Street on ITV1. Why did I gather around the telly with a group of mates at 7-30 nearly every evening you might ask. Well it was to catch my 15 minutes of fame as a soap star!

I initially found out about the opportunity to appear in front of the camera from an email sent out by our Team Secretary. It asked whether anybody would be available for a couple of days in November. Little did we know what was going to happen next . . .

Six of us gathered at base early on a Monday morning to take the Land Rover up to Honister Slate Mines. We rolled up in the misty drizzle to find the usual car park taken over by various trucks, pick-ups and the all important catering van. We quickly found ourselves a brew and sat down to wait for the rest of the crew to arrive.

We soon found out that this was the biggest outside location filming that Coronation Street had ever attempted as more and more vehicles and people started to arrive. It took a while for it all to get organised but as we were just starting to think about another cuppa we were called up the hill to take our positions.

The first scenes they wanted to shoot involved our initial search for the casualty. Not in our usual style but more akin to Benny Hill chasing a young milk maid! Two actors were brought in to play our team leaders (the first time Mark has had a stunt double!) and we were asked to provide them with rucksacks. Dutifully we handed over the 600ft ropes insisting this was something we always carried on a job. The actor struggled to even pick it up and when asked if we could take something out to make it lighter we pointed out there was only one rope in it!

After shooting a couple of scenes everyone headed back down the hill for lunch. The generous portions were enjoyed by all and the suggestion was made that a catering van should be made available for all future call-outs.

Keswick Mountain Rescue Team

Day 2 was the big day with the RAF Sea King coming in to film the big winch. It was still pretty damp and everyone was beginning to realise just how big a task this was turning out to be. The crew finished filming a couple of scenes up top while we began rigging the ropes on the chosen crag. I was finishing up on the ledge when the Sea King hovered over head to get a closer look. This day was a fantastic training day with the opportunity to do the winch over half a dozen times. Everything was incredibly slick and a large crowd had gathered below to watch the action. Being able to work alongside the RAF is always very exciting and it was great to see everything go to plan.

After the action of the previous day we returned to film everything again in close up. This involved dangling the winch man from a bulldozer in the quarry while we worked around him! The actor Rob was left strapped into the vac-mat, cas-bag and stretcher between takes despite desperate pleas to let him out to go to the toilet!

All that was left was to race over to the location hotel at Ullswater where they wanted to film our arrival with the blue lights flashing and sirens going. We thought this was the end of our bit until we were asked for possible availability again in couple of weeks as they were going to have to return and finish off a few bits and pieces.

So back we went at the beginning of December to film a big abseil to create more action and a few other bits at the top of the crag. It was too windy up on Fleetwith Pike so this was recreated down in the car park. Continuity was important and it was interesting to see the photos they had taken previously despite attempts by some to wear a different hat on every take.

By the time you read this the storyline will have been aired and 'Liam' will be well on the way to recovery. In total we spent four and a half days filming having to re-do several scenes a number of times. It was a great experience and we all learnt a lot. Around 20 million people watch Corrie each week and we hope that Mountain Rescue's profile will have been raised across the country because of this. Most importantly I should add that the dog was alright and came to no harm!



Unusual Bulldozer work!

Malcolm Miller



The winning sequence

Richard Gale

Keswick Mountain Rescue Team

Another amazing year. The team greatly appreciate the generosity of our local businesses and their customers. In 2007 they raised more than £21,000. If you would like to house a collection box, please ring Brian Spencer (017687 72531).

Abacourt House
Acorn House
Allerdale House
All Seasons
Armathwaite Hall
Bank Tavern
Barclays Bank
Barn Gill Guest House
Thirlspot
Beaty & Co. Wigton
Beckstones Guest House
The Beeches Portinscale
Birch How Guest House
Blacks
Bookends
Boots Pharmacy
Borrowdale Hotel
Borrowdale YHA
Bowfell Guest House
Braithwaite Court HPB
Brierholme Guest House
Britannia Building Society
Brookfield Guest House
Brysons
Caffie House Watendlath
Camping and Caravan Club
Site
The Card Collection
Cars of the Stars
Cartwheel Guest House
Casa's
Castlefell Guest House
Castle Inn
Castlerigg Farm Camping Site
Castlerigg Hall Caravan and
Camping Park
Chapel House Hesketh
Newmarket
Charmwood Guest House
Cherry Tree Guest House
Chilltee Guest House
Clarence House

Claremont House
The Climbing Wall
Cledale Inn Braithwaite
The Corner Shop
The Cornish Pasty
Cotswold Camping
Craghills Boot Store
Craghills Guest House
Cragside Guest House
Crosthaite Garage
Crow Park Hotel
Cumbrian Cottages
Cumbria House
Dalegarth Hotel
Dale Head Hall Hotel
Daresfield Guest House
David and Elaine Burn
Ashtree Avenue
Derwent Bank HF
Derwent Club
Derwent Filling Station
Derwent Hill Outdoor Centre
Derwent Jewellers
Derwentwater Caravan Park
Derwentwater Marina
Derwentwater YHA
Dorchester House
Dog and Gun
Dollywaggon Guest House
Easedale Hotel
Eden Green
Edwardene Hotel
Eel Crag
Elger Sports
The Electric Shop
Erinville Guest House
Fat Face
Ferndene Guest House
Fieldside Grange
Fine Designs
Flock Inn
Four in Hand

George Fisher
George Hotel
Golden Lion Inn
Good Taste
Glamara Outdoor Centre
Glencoe Guest House
Glendale Guest House
Ginger and Pickles
Grange Bridge Cottage Café
Grange Café
Greystoke House
Greystones Guest House
Hawcliffe Guest House
Hazel Bank Hotel
Hazelmere Guest House
Hazelwood Guest House
Hedgehog Hill
The Heights Hotel
High Lodore Farm Café
C. & C. A. Holmes
Honister House
Honister Mine
Hope Memorial Camp
Horse and Farrier
Hot Tram Roll
How Keld
HSBC
Hunters Way Guest House
Ivy House
Karra Cottage Threlkeld
Keskwick Lodge
Keskwick Golf Club
Keskwick Bikes
Keskwick Mountain Bike Hire
Keskwick Mountain Sports
Keskwick Park Hotel
Keskwick Spa
Keskwick YHA
Kings Arms
Kingfisher
Kings Head Hotel Thirlspot
Knotts View Stonethwaite

Lairbeck Hotel
Lakeland
Lakeland Decor
Lakeland Pedlar
Lakeland Toys and Hobbies
Lakeland View Guest House
Lake Mere Guest House
Lake Road Inn
The Lakes Fish Restaurant
Lakeside House
Lakeside Tea Gardens
Langdale Guest House
Langstrath Hotel
Larry's Lodge
Latrigg House
Laurel Bank Guest House
Leathes Head Hotel
Little Chestnut Hill
Little Dodd Garden Centre
Littlefield Guest House
Lodore Falls Hotel
Low Manesty Caravan Club
Site
Luchini's
Lynwood Guest House
Lyzzyck Hall Hotel
Maury Mount Hotel
Medical Centre
Middle Ruddings Hotel
Mill Inn Mungrisdale
Mimosa
Mines Museum Threlkeld
Moot Hall
Morrell's
Namaste 21 Manesty View
National Trust Lakeside
Needlesports
New House Rothwaite
Newlands Adventure Centre
Nichol End Marine
North Lakes Caravan Park
Norwegian Store

Oddfellows Arms
Outdoor World
Old Keswickian
Packhorse Inn
The Paddock
Parkergate
Peathouse Stonethwaite
Pizza Panorama
Police Station
Portland House
Pretty Things
The Puzzling Place
Rainbow
Rathbones
Rathbones Outdoor Wear
Ravenstone Hotel
Ravenstone Lodge Hotel
Ravensworth Hotel
Rembrandt
Rickerby Grange
Rivendell Guest House
Rohan
Rothwaite General Store
Rowe Opticians
Rowling End
Royal Oak Braithwaite
Royal Oak Rothwaite
Salutation Inn
Sandon Guest House
Saw Mill Café Dodd
Scafell Hotel
Scotgate Camping Site
Seathwaite Farm Café
Seatoller Barn
Seatoller House
Setmabanning Caravan 7
(Mrs Wood)
Scales Farm Cottage
Shemara Guest House
Siennas
Silver City
Silverdale Hotel

Skiddaw Grove Hotel
The Soap Co.
Spar Grocers
Spooney Green Cottage
Star of Siam
Strathmore Guest House
Stybeck Farm
Sun Inn Bassenthwaite
Sunnyside Guest House
Sweeney's Cellar Bar
Swinside Farm Cottage
Swinside Inn
Swinside Lodge
Swiss Court Hotel
Tarn Hows Guest House
Temple Sports
Theatre by the Lake
Theatre Café
Thornleigh Guest House
Thornwaite Gallery
TOG 24
Touchwood
Trespass
Troutbeck Inn
Troutbeck Caravan and
Camping site
Tynemouth Lodge Hotel
Ultimate Outdoors
Underscar Hotel
Underscar Timeshare
Village Shop Braithwaite
Village Shop Portinscale
West View Guest House
Whinlatter Siskin Tearoom
White Horse Inn
The Wild Strawberry
Winchester Guest House
Wine Rack
Woodside Guest House
Yeomans Outdoors
Yew Tree Café
Yew Tree Guest House



Brian Spencer

Treasurer's Report, Trustees' Annual Report, Financial Statements for the period 1st December 2006 to 31st October 2007

TREASURER'S REPORT – Ian Wallace

In last years' report I included the following sentence:

"It can be seen from the accounts that income excluding legacies remains static, but expenditure has again increased, and this is an area which must be kept under review."

I fear that this applies to 2007 as well, and our goal for the Team to be in a financial situation where we know that we have enough funds coming in each year to cover our running costs is not any nearer.

Brian Spencer's efforts with the collecting boxes are exemplary but I cannot see that we can increase this part of our income above the levels that he has achieved over the past years.

Can the team members be expected to put in more time collecting funds?

My opinion is an emphatic "no"!

Team members did a superb job raising money for our new base several years ago but times then were different.

Nowadays we have many more callouts, ninety this year, and we have to spend a lot more time training, at least 45+ sessions a year. We certainly cannot cut back on training or equipment as this would jeopardise the lives of Team members and casualties.

So what is the solution? Answers on a postcard to the Treasurer please!

I am reminded of a winter skills course that I attended in the Cairngorms when I first joined the Team in 1975. (Yes, we did see the need for "out of house" training even in those days!) I was lowering a "casualty" off a 100 foot crag in the dark. Everywhere was covered in verglas and I was wearing a Willans harness, state of the art then, and was well belayed to the rock. I was leaning out over the edge of the crag and was wondering why I could see more and more of the bottom when a stream of Glaswegian invective, worthy of Gordon Ramsay, hit me and the late great Jonny Cunningham, one of the instructors, hauled me back from the edge and probable death. Willans harness buckles do not work if they are not threaded back on themselves and I was about to come out of mine! I like to think that the sort of training that we do now cuts that sort of potential accident to a minimum and I tell this story against myself to show that one can never do enough training **and training costs money.**

Each rescue equates to an expenditure of just over £900 so the Team still needs donations. Donations in the form of covenants are good and you can also support the Team by purchasing any of the merchandise through the web site link.

Please do not underestimate the value of filling in a **Gift Aid** form which provides the Team with another 22%. This can be found on the website or in the Annual Report, or simply write in your letter "Consider Gift Aid to be applicable to this donation."

The more observant of you will have noticed that we have moved our financial year end a month earlier to make more time for the accountant before the AGM.

Finally, may I thank all the people who have helped us by providing funds to run the Team this year? It does not matter how big or small the donation or whether it comes from a legacy, an individual or a walking club, we thank you for helping us.



At Honister Quarry

KMRT

Keswick Mountain Rescue Team

Annual Report

for the period 1st December 2006 to 31st October 2007

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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.

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

Trustees:

Acting Chairman	Anthony Michael Guy
Secretary	Paul Cheshire
Treasurer	Ian Wallace
Team Leader	Timothy Mark Hodgson
General Team Member 1	Paul Horder
General Team Member 2	Fiona Boyle

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 Francis Jones.

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

Auditors: Gibbons & Company, Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors, Carleton House, 136 Gray Street, Workington, Cumbria CA14 2LU.

Bankers: HSBC Bank plc, Market Square, Keswick, Cumbria CA12 5BG.

Investment Advisers: Brewin Dolphin Securities Limited, 34 Lisbon Street, Leeds LS1 4LX.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD 1st DECEMBER 2006 TO 31st OCTOBER 2007

Trustees Report: The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the period 1st December 2006 to 31st October 2007. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 25 and comply with the Charity's trust deed and applicable law.

Particulars of Written Constitution: The written constitution was approved by the Charity Commission and adopted by the Charity on 20 March 1980 and amended on 10 November 1994 and again on 8 October 1998 and subsequently again on 5 September 2006. This contains the provisions that regulate the purposes and administration of the Charity.

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 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 and 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 Annual General Meeting, and notified to the membership not less than 14 days prior thereto. Voting is conducted by a secret ballot.

Investment Policy: The Charity provides a vital emergency service that requires certainty of funding. The Charity Trustees have, historically, adopted 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. In that way, the capital is secure, and interest income is maximised. However, last year the charity received a significant legacy. This enabled the Trustees to invest a sum of money to provide a regular income to offset the need to rely on irregular public donations. The Trustees have agreed to invest in a balanced portfolio managed by a team of Financial Advisers who specialise in investments for charities. This sum has been invested to provide capital growth and income for the charity and will lead to a regular income which will be used to offset any imbalance between income and expenditure, reducing the need to utilise reserve funds for this purpose.

General Reserves: This policy continues to be under review – but is led by the view that 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. Collection box income has been solid – a reflection of the hard work of Brian Spencer, our collection box co-ordinator. The Charity Trustees will maintain the general income reserve 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, and is based on the Charity's experience of fund-raising. 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.

Designated Reserves: The fixed asset reserve, which was created during the period, shows the amount of reserves tied up in fixed assets and hence helps clarify the true level of General Reserves. The trustees reserves, which was created during the period, is a reserve to be set aside to cover uninsurable contingencies and unforeseen circumstances. The level has been set at £245,904 which is three times the previous year's adjusted expenditure.

Development, Activities and Achievements: During the eleven months ended 31 October 2007 the Team attended 90 incidents. Training is vital to the Team and training was given paramount importance during the year and 50 days training was undertaken.

Financial Review: The trustees are satisfied with the financial position of the Charity.

Future Developments: The Team aim to be able to secure the long term future of the Keswick Mountain Rescue Team with the increased level of reserves held. In the shorter term the Team's aim is to meet the current level of call out and maintain the high level of training given to the volunteers.

Safety and Risk Management: The Trustees actively review the major risk which the Charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves at current levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the Charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

Grant Making: During the last financial year, the Charity made no specific grants to any other charitable organisations.

It remains the Charity's policy to make available to other teams training in specialist areas (for example swift water rescue, and advanced rope rescue techniques) that other teams may not otherwise have obtained, and without charge to them. The policy in this regard is threefold – to facilitate the spread of modern or evolving techniques; to encourage closer co-operation between teams; and to utilise the Charity's funds to the advantage of mountain rescue generally. This policy will continue in the next financial year.

Other than the policy outlined above, 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. Any such grants will be on a case by case basis.

Volunteers: The Trustees wish to acknowledge the work of the many volunteers who give their spare time to help the Charity and enable it to carry out its activities.

Retired Chairman: The trustees wish to thank Mr. D. Pratt for his previous service as Chairman of the Trustees.

Statement of Disclosure of Information to Auditors: The trustees of the charity who held office at the date of approval of this annual report confirm that –

- So far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information, information needed by the charity's auditors in connection with preparing their report, of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- They have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities: Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- c) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- d) prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with 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 and other irregularities.

Approval: This report was approved by the trustees on 11th January 2008 and signed on their behalf.

Mr. A. M. Guy, Trustee

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of Keswick Mountain Rescue Team for the period 1st December 2006 to 31st October 2007

We have audited the financial statements of the Charitable Trust for the period 1st December 2006 to 31st October 2007 on pages 23 to 27, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 25.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Regulations made under the Charities Act 1993. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Auditors

As described on pages 22 to 23 the Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 and report in accordance with regulations made under Section 44 of that Act. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with the relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 1993. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Report of the Trustees is not consistent with the financial statements, if the Charity has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We read the Report of the Trustees and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent mis-statements within it.

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Trustees in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Charity's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material mis-statement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 October 2007 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, in the eleven months then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 1993. In our opinion the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report is consistent with the financial statements.

Gibbons & Company, Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors, Carleton House, 136 Gray Street, Workington, Cumbria CA14 2LU. 21st January 2008.

Keswick Mountain Rescue Team

Statement

*of financial activities for the period 1st December 2006
to 31st October 2007*

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

		Unrestricted Funds		Unrestricted Funds	
	Notes	Designated	General	2007	2006
		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
Covenants		–	1,925	1,925	1,533
Donations		–	36,363	36,363	31,872
Collection Boxes		–	21,615	21,615	20,649
Legacy		–	80,978	80,978	5,803
Investment Income	2	–	43,885	43,885	24,836
Miscellaneous and Book Sales		–	2,476	2,476	207
Total Incoming Resources			187,242	187,242	£84,900
Resources Expended					
Cost of Generated Funds 60th Anniversary					
Promotional Costs		–	13,067	13,067	–
Direct Charitable Activities	3	28,462	60,997	89,459	99,881
Governance Costs	4	–	5,951	5,951	4,939
Total Resources Expended		28,462	80,015	108,477	104,820
Net Income/Expenditure		(28,462)	107,227	78,765	(19,920)

STATEMENT OF OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

Funds Transferred re Designated Reserves	12, 13	480,631	(480,631)	–	–
Designation of Fixed Assets Purchased		9,393	(9,393)	–	–
Unrealised Gain on Investments		–	6,776	6,776	4,974
Net Movement in Funds for the Period		461,562	(376,021)	85,541	(14,946)
Total Funds Brought Forward at 1 December 2006		–	768,083	768,083	783,029
Total Funds Carried Forward at 31 October 2007		461,562	392,062	853,624	768,083

The notes on pages 25, 26 and 27 form part of these accounts.

Balance Sheet

as at 31st October 2007

Keswick Mountain Rescue Team

	Notes	2007 £	2006 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	7	215,658	234,727
Investments	8	314,242	299,069
		<u>529,900</u>	<u>533,796</u>
Current Assets			
Stock	9	356	380
Debtors and Prepayments	10	16,652	20,659
Building Society Deposits		293,746	206,050
Cash at Bank		15,798	10,567
		<u>326,552</u>	<u>237,656</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one period	11	2,828	3,369
Net Current Assets		<u>323,724</u>	<u>234,287</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		<u>853,624</u>	<u>768,083</u>
Unrestricted Funds			
General Funds		392,062	768,083
Designated Funds	12, 13	461,562	–
		<u>853,624</u>	<u>768,083</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 11th January 2008 and signed on its behalf by:
Mr. A. M. Guy (*Trustee*).

The notes on pages 25, 26 and 27 form part of these accounts.

Keswick Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the period 1st December 2006 to 31 October 2007

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention with the exception of investments which are included at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005 and applicable accounting standards.

1.2 Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and donations are included in incoming resources when they are received. The income from fund raising ventures is shown gross, with the associated costs included in fund raising costs.

1.3 Resources Expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered.

Expenditure which is directly attributable to specific activities has been included in these cost categories. Where costs are attributable to more than one activity, they have been apportioned across the cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of these resources.

1.4 Tangible Fixed Assets for use by the Charity and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Charity are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

- Leasehold Land and Buildings - Straight line over 50 years
- Equipment - 15% straight line
- Motor Vehicles - 25% reducing balance

1.5 Stocks

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

1.6 Expenditure on Governance Costs of the Charity

Administration expenditure includes all expenditure not directly related to the charitable activity or fund raising ventures.

1.7 Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the Balance Sheet date. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the period.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2007	2006
	£	£
Profit on Disposal of Investments	1,284	-
Income from Listed Investments	9,110	5,048
Interest Receivable on		
Cash Deposits	33,491	19,788
	<u>43,885</u>	<u>24,836</u>

3. DIRECT CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Motor Vehicle Expenses		
Insurances	2,296	2,970
Petrol and Oil	912	972
Maintenance	2,162	2,865
Equipment Rental	3,386	2,867
General, Outdoor and		
Radio Equipment	16,805	10,560
Courses, Medical and		
Other Expenses	16,723	20,324
Rent, Rates and Water	790	1,108
Telephone and Electricity	2,938	3,665
Repairs and Cleaning	6,280	2,622
Postage, Printing and Stationery	5,923	8,448
Insurance	2,782	3,278
Depreciation on Leasehold, Land		
and Buildings	4,124	4,497
Depreciation of Motor Vehicles		
and Equipment	24,338	35,705
	<u>89,459</u>	<u>99,881</u>

4. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	2007	2006
	£	£
Accountancy and Audit Fees	2,162	2,115
Sundry Expenses	1,680	1,371
Investment Management Fees	2,061	1,433
Bank Charges	48	20
	<u>5,951</u>	<u>4,939</u>

5. NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE PERIOD

Net Movement in Funds for the period is stated after charging:

Depreciation of Tangible Fixed		
Assets for use by the Charity	28,462	40,202
Audit Fees	1,293	1,100

6. STAFF COSTS

No remuneration was paid to the Trustees in the period, nor were any Trustees' expenses reimbursed

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	<i>Leasehold Land & Buildings</i> £	<i>Equipment</i> £	<i>Motor Vehicles</i> £	<i>Total</i> £
7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				
Cost				
At 1st December 2006	224,872	195,472	109,889	530,233
Additions	–	9,393	–	9,393
Disposals	–	–	–	–
At 31st October 2007	224,872	204,865	109,889	539,626
Depreciation				
At 1st December 2006	44,533	160,235	90,738	295,506
Charge for Period	4,124	19,949	4,389	28,462
On Disposals	–	–	–	–
At 31st October 2007	48,657	180,184	95,127	323,968
Net Book Value				
At 31st October 2007	176,215	24,681	14,762	215,658
At 30th November 2006	180,339	35,237	19,151	234,727

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

	<i>2007</i> £	<i>2006</i> £
8. INVESTMENTS		
Listed Investments – United Kingdom - Market Value 1 December 2006	294,171	–
Additions	51,257	290,059
Disposals	(40,007)	(862)
Net Realised Gains	1,284	–
Net Unrealised Gains	6,776	4,974
Market Value at 31 October 2007	313,481	294,171
Cash Deposits	761	4,898
	314,242	299,069

The investments are managed by Brewin Dolphin Securities Limited on behalf of the Charity.

9. STOCK		
Consumable Stock	356	380
10. DEBTORS		
Prepayments	16,652	20,659

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	2007 £	2006 £
11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
Accruals	2,828	3,369

12. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Investments £	Net Asset/ (Liability) £	Total £
Unrestricted Funds:				
Designated Funds:				
Fixed Asset Reserve	215,658	–	–	215,658
Trustees Reserve	–	245,904	–	245,904
Other Charitable Funds	–	68,338	323,724	392,062
	<u>215,658</u>	<u>314,242</u>	<u>323,724</u>	<u>853,624</u>

13. DESIGNATED FUNDS

The funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the Trustees.

Trustees' Reserve

The Trustees consider that reserves should be set aside to cover uninsurable contingencies and any unforeseen circumstances.

The Trustees set the currently desirable level of reserve as three times the previous years expenditure adjusted for depreciation and the acquisition of tangible fixed assets. A transfer has been made from General Reserve to set the level at £245,904.

The policy is to be reviewed annually by the Trustees.

Fixed Asset Reserve

The Trustees have established this fund to clarify to users of the accounts the amount of reserves, which are tied up in Fixed Assets. This in turn helps to clarify to users of the accounts the level of General Reserves.

	Balance 30.11.06 £	Income £	Transfers £	Expenditure £	Balance 31.10.07 £
Unrestricted Funds:					
Trustees Reserve	–	–	245,904	–	245,904
Fixed Asset Reserve	–	–	244,120	(28,462)	215,658
	–	–	<u>490,024</u>	<u>(28,462)</u>	<u>461,562</u>

Any income derived from the underlying assets of these funds is deemed to be General funds. The levels of the reserves held and the allocation of any income and expenditure is at the discretion of the Trustees.

Please read the following if you wish to donate to Keswick Mountain Rescue Team.
There is information also on the website including the facility to donate online, and a sponsorship form which can be downloaded.

Gift Aid


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 or use a photocopy of the form, 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)	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.
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):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	
Signature	Date...../...../.....

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, or use a photocopy of the form, and return it to the Treasurer.

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
The sum of £ Annually/Monthly	to be Debited
	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 !



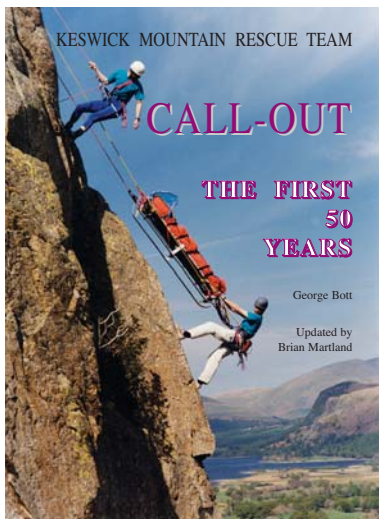
Keswick Mountain Rescue Team

If you want to learn more about the Team's work and history, please consider buying the "Call-Out" book and the 60th Anniversary DVD video

CALL-OUT

THE FIRST 50 YEARS Second Edition

by George Bott (1997) and updated by Brian Martland (2006)



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, 60 pages. An extra four pages have been added to bring the story up to date.

Price by post (£9.00 including postage and packing) from Mick Guy, Limhus, High Hill, Keswick, Cumbria CA12 5PB. Cheques should be made payable to: Keswick Mountain Rescue Team.

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

60th Anniversary DVD

Launched in August 2007.

Running time approximately 71 minutes.

A look at the Team sixty years after the first rescue in 1947, featuring the varied exercises and call-outs attended by the Team.

Foreword by Sir Chris Bonington.

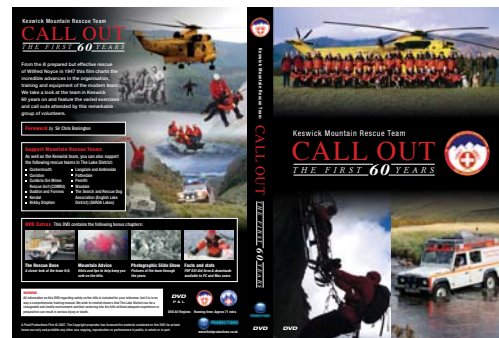
Bonus chapters include: The Rescue Base, Mountain Advice, Photographic Slide Show.

Also includes a section on facts and statistics, with information in the form of PDF files available to PC and Mac users.

You can purchase one for only £10 (includes postage and packaging).

Please send a cheque (made payable to Keswick MRT) to Mick Guy, Limhus, High Hill, Keswick, Cumbria CA12 5PB.

All proceeds from the sale of **the DVD** go to Team Funds.



Keswick Mountain Rescue Team



George Fisher

ADA HILLARD

Chris Bonington

Mick Guy

At the new base opening in 1996

It was with great regret that the Team learnt of the death of Mrs Ada Hillard just before Christmas. Ada was a staunch supporter of the Team, and made a very generous contribution towards our New Base appeal, which enabled us to build our current Headquarters in 1996. Although a millionaire several times over, you could not have met a more ordinary, yet committed person. She supported a large number of charities, often anonymously, and kept a close eye on all of them.

She took a fierce pride in the achievements of her "lads" as she called us, and Paul Horder and myself were charged with keeping her up to date on what had been happening in the Team every couple of months or so. Whenever you went to Ada's, you were fed on fruit cake and champagne, so as a duty, it was actually quite pleasant! From time to time, she would press some cash into our hands, saying, "Here's something towards the Team's phone bill . . ." And you couldn't turn it down, she simply would not accept that the Team didn't need the money. She would wag her finger at you and say "*No-one* says 'No' to Ada . . ." and then burst into a fit of the giggles. In the early days, she would come to the Team dinner, and her wicked sense of humour brought many a brave soul down to earth.

If there was one thing that Ada loved, it was watching people make the most of her donations, and achieving things as a result of them. She was a genuine philanthropist and a remarkable lady. Without her support, we would not be where we are today – we shall miss her a lot.

Mick Guy

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:

D. Barrow	J. Duckworth	G. Harper	P. Lucia	K. Raymond
P. Britton	J. Foulder	J. Houghton	J. Marshall	K. Wain
K. Cameron	G. Gray	T. Jones	G. Melrose	G. Waterworth
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Shirts

Buy a Supporter Shirt, featuring the logo on the right

If you would like to purchase a T-Shirt, or a Polo Shirt, please contact:

The Treasurer,
Ian Wallace,
Spooney Green, Keswick,
Cumbria CA12 4PJ.

Sizes are XS, S, M, L, XL, and XXL.

Thanks

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

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 Derwent Frames, High Hill, Keswick.



Keswick Mountain Rescue Team

Open Days 2008



Photo: Montage by D. J. Newman

- **Saturday 17th May**
- **Sunday 24th August**
- Come along and see our vehicles and equipment
- Meet team members and visit our headquarters

11 am to 4 pm Call-Outs permitting
at the

Keswick Mountain Rescue Headquarters
Lakeside Car Park, Keswick
(next to the Theatre)

In an emergency for Mountain Rescue

Call 999 (or 112)

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

