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RAVEN CRAG, WALTHWAITE

Ewborn 22m HVS

Start 3 metres right of *Route 1*.

Follow reachy finger-jugs to mantleshelf onto a ledge. Gain the arête and continue with reaches for a good pocket/ledge and then a similar ledge above. Move right via a small hold to the base of an apparently blank wall. Stand on a large foothold and use small edges to gain a large handhold. Work feet up and rock/mantle for a sloping ledge. Follow a line of jugs on the arête to the top. (Big jugs to left of crux are not on route).

A direct line up the arête at VS/HVS and was also done the same day but this seems likely to be *Enterprise*.

First ascent: (16/02/1999) David Browne

Victim of the Brain 30m E3 5b*

Takes the wall right of *Hard Up Wall* that previously formed the left side of *Walthwaite Crack*. Bold. Climb straight up to the niche/groove on *Hard Up Wall*. Place a good cluster here before traversing delicately rightwards across the wall. Turn your brain off and head up the lonely rib above on small opposing side pulls to make a long reach to jug. Continue more easily up the arête to the top.

First ascent: (10/05/2012) Peter Graham, Rick Graham

Did this a couple of years ago but didn't write it up **Martin Dale**

Cliff at Christmas 25m HVS 5b

An eliminate route which, in its final part, seems to be constantly trying to avoid the chimney. Start below the rib. Climb the rib, passing a small nose awkwardly on its right, to gain a thin crack above and just right of the chimney. Climb this crack whilst avoiding the blandishments of the chimney on the left.

First ascent: (19/12/1988) J White, I Williamson, J Billingham

Alfresco 35m HS

Starts mid-way between Walthwaite Chimney and the small ash tree that marks the start of *Route 2*.

1 10m. The first subsidiary wall to belay on a glaxis; poor flake belays.

2 25m. Climb directly up just to the right of the belay for a few feet before trending right to a small dead tree.

Above the tree the wall steepens and becomes a cracked bulge. Climb the bulge with care (doubtful rock) to a good ledge and junction with *Route 2*. The short open groove above leads to the top.

First ascent: (06/02/1954) A C Cain & P J Greenwood

Meson 35m HVS 5a

Start as for *Deuterus*.

1 10 m. Pitch 1 of *Deuterus*.

2 26 m (5a). Climb the wall left of pitch 2 of *Deuterus* for 3 metres, then up and left to an overhanging crack with a flake in it. Surmount this trending slightly right and continue up the overhanging crack to a rib. Up the edge of this to the top.

First ascent: (16/05/1968) P Chapman & N Halligan

Route 66 Variation E2 5c

From the undercut horizontal crack on pitch 2 of *Route 66*, climb leftwards for 2 metres to gain a steep leaning groove. Follow this to the top.

First ascent: (16/04/2000) Tom Walkington, Mick Johnson

Two of Us 40m E2 5c

1 10m. As for the first pitch of *Deuterus*.

2 30m (5c). Gain the undercut slab between *Route 2* and *Deuterus* with difficulty and climb it to join *Route 2* at the end of its traverse. Climb the wall just right of the V-groove above, step right to layaways, then lurch right again to finish direct through the small roof where *Deuterus* starts traversing rightwards. A bit eliminate but worthwhile.

First ascent: (22/07/2001) Graham Iles, Jenny Tweedy

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Taxus 30m E3 5c/6a**

Climb the first 5 metres of *Tritus*. Move diagonally left passing an old peg under a small roof. Gain good handholds at the base of the undercut wall (small wire in horizontal crack). Stand on these with difficulty and climb the wall (Friend 3 in square pocket) to easier ground. Head for a bottomless groove in the capping cornice and top out through this.

First ascent: (03/08/2012) M Bagness, J Kelly

Phorcys 27m E1 5a/b

A harder companion route to *Demeter*, direct and on good rock and with adequate protection. Start directly behind a small hawthorn, 3 metres right of *Walthwaite Gully*. Climb the wall to the right of the dirty groove to the overhang; pull through this direct via an obvious square topped spike. Easier climbing then follows keeping immediately to the right of the groove-line of *Demeter*.

First ascent: (08/11/2007) Martin Scrowston, Mike Hope

De-Tritus 25m VS 4c/5a

Much better than it looks and should improve, though the start is often wet. The route follows the obvious large groove contained in the upper part of the crag. Start below the groove, 3 metres right of *River Boat Gambler*. Climb the often wet wall past a small sapling, keeping a downward tongue of vegetation on your left. Move up and left into the groove, which is followed to the top and is not without interest on the final section.

First ascent: (09/11/2007) Martin Scrowston, Jim Loxham

Girdle Traverse 95m VS

Girdle the crag from left to right starting at Route 1. Go up Route 1 for about 50 feet, and then step right, round the corner and cross the top of Hardup Wall to belay above the crack of Walthwaite Crack. (n.b. this may not be possible since the Rockfall removed Walthwaite Crack). Climb over the blocks and descend the tree-filled groove of Walthwaite Chimney until it is possible to make a delicate step on to the right-hand rib. Traverse across to a stance on Alfresco. Go along the 10 foot traverse of Route 2 and continue across the traverse of Deuterus to Protus. Finish up Protus.

First ascent: (25/10/1953) A C Cain, R Brooks, R Miller

SPEDDING CRAG

NY 325 057

Raven's Nest Rib 20m HVS 4c

Not a bad pitch, and well protected, but some loose blocks give it a serious feel. Start at the right-hand side of the crag below a clean curving arête. Gain the arête, and follow it until level with a huge raven's nest on a ledge on the right. Pull up leftwards with difficulty and climb the fine slab/arête, avoiding the poised blocks if you can. Finish up the arête.

First ascent: (21/04/2005) Stephen Reid, Chris King

Gashed Anorak 20m VS

Rather too vegetated for enjoyment. Start as for *Raven's Nest Rib*.

Climb up the arête a short way, until a traverse left through shrubbery can be made to step onto a hanging ledge on the left. Climb a steep crack above to another ledge, and finish up the heathery crack and V-groove on the left.

First ascent: (21/04/2005) Chris King, Stephen Reid

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White Ghyll

Block and Rib 51m S

Left of Junction Arête is a broad heather-clad, cracked wall. A prominent projecting nose marks the line of this rather poor route which wanders its way up this wall. Starts 15m to the right of Inferno.

(1) 18m. Climb diagonally right over easy rocks to the foot of an incut corner.

(2) 33m. Climb the corner for 30 feet. Traverse out of the corner and up to a block 30 feet above. Ascend the wall to a rib 40 feet higher. Climb this in the centre

First ascent: (01/10/1961) J Gaymore, D Hall

Not Much HS

Left of Junction Arête is a broad heather-clad, cracked wall. The groove on the left of the wall is taken by this aptly named route.

First ascent: (27/06/1979) J Whittock, R Rutland

Not Again 24m S

The line is closely tied to Inferno. Start at the foot of the groove of Inferno.

1 10m. Climb the obvious twin cracks on the right to a junction with Heather Groove below an overhang.

2 14m. Step left round a rib on the wall above the overhang. Make a couple of awkward moves left into a crack which is followed to a narrow ledge. Go up right to the top. Alternatively, after a few feet in the crack traverse back to the right and climb the airy rib above the stance.

First ascent: (09/07/1953) T parker, M Dawson, A C Cain

Granny Knot Direct 37m VS 4b

Start just left of Hollin Groove, directly beneath the holly.

1 11m . The steep, but easy wall leads to a ledge.

2 26 m (4b). Step round the corner on the left into a shattered groove and ascend to a large overhang. Step out onto the rib on the right and continue up the splendid finishing wall and awkward bulge of Granny Knot.

First ascent: (02/09/1971) R Sager, R Meakin, G Thompson

Granny Knot 40m HS

A good route which is exposed in its upper section. Most definitely better than it looks. Start 10 metres left of Hollin Groove, below and right of a large projecting rectangular overhang.

1 22 m. Climb a steep rib to a stance, below an overhang.

2 18m. Traverse 5 metres right on comfortable holds and cross the bulge above direct, continuing up an airy ridge to reach the Great Shelf. An easier alternative is to climb direct to the overhang from the stance, when a short traverse left leads to easy ground just below the Great Shelf.

First ascent: (23/05/1948) R J Birkett, L Muscroft

Naztron 44m VS 4c

A poor route on doubtful rock. Start as for Hitcher.

1 20 m (4a). Pitch 1 of Hitcher.

2 24 m (4c). Climb the corner to the large overhang. Stride left to a resting place and finish easily leftwards.

First ascent: (03/10/2013) L Dickenson, S Southern

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The Fine Art of Surfacing E3 6a

Holds have been lost from this route since this description was written and the route may not have been repeated.

Start below an impending wall between the start of Haste Not and the foot of White Ghyll Chimney.

1 12 m (6a). Climb up to a right-slanting diagonal break, follow it out to the edge and up this to a stance on the large ledge above.

2 28 m (6a). Climb Paladin for about 6 metres to a peg runner. Traverse right across a steep wall to reach a triangular niche in the tip of the overhang. Climb the rib above to the top. A technical problem which might prove particularly so for those of less than average stature.

First ascent: (13/04/1980) A Hyslop, T W Birkett, R Graham (P1 R Graham, t Birkett 18/5/82)

The Horror 40m E3 6a

This is the last published description of Horror before the loss of some holds.

An intimidating and sustained piece of climbing.

1 21m (6a). Climb easy rocks to the right to the bottom of a very steep corner (Paladin). Continue rightwards to a position above the traverse of Haste Not. Swing out right and pull up through the overhangs to a peg runner, on the left. Go up through more overhanging rock to easy ground.

2 19m. Finish easily.

First ascent: (01/01/1978) P Ross, M Myers 1965; FFA R Fawcett

STICKLE BARN CRAG

Will You Be Lucky? 12m HVS*

A bold little number up the wall left of *Right-Hand Chimney*. From the foot of the handjam crack swing left on to the wall and climb it on spaced holds to a ledge. Continue up the easier arete and wall above.

First ascent: (07/10/2009) Frank Wilkinson, Martyn Hopson, Mike Bebbington

SWINE KNOTT:

330m

NY 297 070

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The following details are taken from the 1989 edition of Langdale and have not been checked. This is the steep but rather small and vegetated outcrop which lies below and on the opposite side of the Ghyll to White Ghyll Crag. It has a number of vegetated rakes which run across it which attract more crag fast sheep than climbers. The routes are described from left to right.

Swine Knott Chimney 33m VS

Starts at the foot of the obvious chimney near the left side of the crag.

1 18 m. Ascend broken rock to the terrace, then climb the wall right of the chimney, gain a ledge and step left into the bottom of the chimney. Climb it to a good tree belay.

2 15 m. Climb the overhang behind the tree and follow an open groove to the top.

First ascent: (01/07/1958) A L Atkinson, R Warner, H Middleton

Slanting Grooves 37m S

Start on a terrace, at the foot of a thin crack which slants to the right, about 6 metres right of the chimney.

1 18 m. Climb direct for 5 metres and then traverse left to a stance and flake belay.

2 19 m. Step right and move up to the foot of the right slanting crack. Follow this to a perched block, then traverse left to a short corner which leads to the top.

First ascent: (01/07/1958) D B Jack

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Porkers' Parade 42m MVS 4b

A worthwhile route, the main pitch is long and protection rather poor. Starts at the lowest point of the crag beneath a big blunt arête at the right-hand end. Climb up right to a ledge with a yew tree. Straight up above the ledge for a couple of metres then traverse left, round a bulging corner onto the front of the arête, which is followed on sloping holds to the top.

Variation Swine Knott Buttress VS

Claimed as a separate route but with only a slight variation from Porkers' Parade. From the ledge with a yew tree traverse left around the corner then straight up just left of the arête to join the original route.

First ascent: 1948 Unknown.

Buttress variation R Warner, A L Atkinson, P Turnbull, H Middleton 5/7/58

Porker's Direct 30m E2 5b **

Climb the arête of Porkers Parade directly from the base. Clean rock all the way, no hard moves but intricate micro route finding and regular but thoughtful protection opportunities mean that it is not for the faint of heart.

First ascent: 2011 Rick Graham Bob Windsor

The Girdle Traverse 63m VS

Start from a sloping rock ledge at the left end of the crag.

1. 20 m. Traverse right below the large triangular overhangs to a terrace below a chimney. Climb the corner on the left and step right to a ledge in the chimney, and climb it to a tree at its top.

2. 28 m. Step up and traverse right then down to the tree belay on Swine Knott Chimney. Traverse right, round a corner and along small ledges to a crack (on Slanting Grooves). Traverse right to a small sloping ledge on the arête. Step down and round the corner over an open groove to a sloping ledge. Belay on the right.

3. 15 m. Up traverse a sloping ledge right then down and traverse right past a good hold to a small ledge on the arête. Climb this to the top.

First ascent: (19/07/1958) A L Atkinson, R Warner alt leads

MILLBECK CRAG: 300M NY 294 070 SW

A small crag above and left of Stickle Barn Crag. It can be identified by the prominent nose at its top and by the dark, usually wet, slab which lies below. The easiest approach is as for Stickle Barn Crag and then continue over the wall above and up to contour round left to the foot of the crag. A sunny situation and lack of other climbers may attract a few jaded cragsmen. The routes are described from right to left up the fellside.

Descent: Scramble to the left of the crag and down the grassy slope.

Old Man's Crack 19m E1 5b

Starts 10 metres right of the toe of the slabs. Pleasant slabs lead to a good but short jamming crack and the top.

First ascent: (09/04/1981) E Penman, T Walkington

Ben 32m E1 5b

An interesting route with a good top section taking the line right of the prominent nose. Start 5 metres right of the toe of the slabs. Climb a short corner to reach a ledge at about 10 metres. Trend up and right to a flat-topped projection and move up again to the break beneath the overhangs (junction with Bill). Finish up the striking corners to the right, moving rightwards round two bulges.

Variation Finish E2 5c (1 long point of aid) Picks the nose direct. From beneath the last overhang on Ben move left under the nose, gain the long sling hanging from a peg and pull over the top.

First ascent: (09/04/1981) T Walkington, E Penman; direct finish by T Walkington 20/4/81 - 1 pre-placed point of aid

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Bill 33m E1 5b

Climbs the slabby wall to finish up the groove on the left of the nose. Start at the toe of the slabs. Reasonably good but with some doubtful rock in places. Climb to a flat-topped spike at 12 metres. Move up right to a shallow scoop, then straight up to beneath the overhangs guarding the corner above. Climb up right until it is possible to swing strenuously left over the roof to gain a small ledge; constricted rest. Climb the corner to the top which is easier than it looks.

First ascent: (10/04/1981) T Walkington, A Trull

Andy Pandy 33m E2 5c

Start 6 metres left of the toe of the slabs, beneath thin left to right slanting fault lines. Follow the fault to the highest of some small ledges. Step up right and then go straight up to a small groove above the overhang. Up the groove to a ledge and climb the blank looking wall above direct. Finish up easy slabs to a belay.

First ascent: (18/04/1981) T Walkington

Sooty 30m VS 4c

Start a few metres left of Andy Pandy at the prominent rake-like groove system beneath an oak tree. Climb the groove and ensuing slab, stepping right to the oak tree. Negotiate this to climb the broken chimney on its right, followed by easy slabs above.

First ascent: (14/04/1981) T Walkington, A D Murray

Sweep 25m HS

Start just left of Sooty where its groove slants up right. Ascend directly up small overlapping slabs for 9 metres and follow the smooth slab which leads into a shallow chimney behind the oak tree of Sooty. Climb this exiting awkwardly right to finish.

First ascent: (18/04/1981) A Sattenstall, T Walkington

Zebedee 15m HS

A direct line beneath a small ash tree and 3 metres left of Sweep.

Scramble up to a shallow mossy groove at 6 metres and climb it, stepping left at its top into another, up which the route finishes.

First ascent: (18/04/1981) A Sattenstall, T Walkington

The Girdle Traverse 39m E1 5b

A left to right line starting up Sooty, traversing beneath the band of overhangs (4c) to belay after 33 metres at the tree beneath the crack of Old Man's Crack. Climb this to finish (5b).

First ascent: (15/04/1981) T Walkington, J Metcalf, J W Garnett

TARN CRAG & UPPER TARN CRAG

Tarn Crag

Tarntasia 16m MVS 4b

Start 44 metres left of West Buttress and 4 metres up and left of *Tarnation*. Follow the "blank" slab to a big ledge below the left-hand prow. Make a move up the wall one metre left of the prow before traversing right to a ledge on the crest. Follow this pleasantly to the top.

First ascent: (06/10/2007) BJ Clarke (solo)

Tarnation 18m HS

Forty metres to the left of *West Buttress* a pleasant crinkly rib nestles beneath two undercut prows.

1 9m. After overcoming an initial steepening climb the crinkly rib to a belay below a groove.

2 9m. Traverse diagonally right to gain the knife-edged right-hand prow and follow this to block belays at the top.

First ascent: (06/10/2007) BJ Clarke (solo)

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Orchid 86m MS

A wandering route which starts below a steep crack 2 metres right of Heather Slab.

1 16 m. Climb the crack to a ledge on the rib.

2 21 m. Up the shallow chimney ahead, past a small pinnacle, pull out to the left and up to a ledge.

3 15 m. Traverse easily rightwards passing a rowan in a corner and continue to the left end of a ledge. A short ascent leads to the foot of a groove.

4 10 m. Climb the groove, awkward at the top. Then step right and continue to a ledge below a slab.

5 24 m. Up the left edge of the slab and finish up easy rock. A wandering route which starts below a steep crack 2 metres right of Heather Slab.

First ascent: (03/07/1949) A Gregory, J Woods, J Renwick

Blandish 54m VD

A poor, broken vegetated route. It starts behind the oak tree high up the vegetated rock which runs up the middle of the amphitheatre, reached by easy scrambling.

1 6m . Climb the wall behind the tree to a ledge.

2 21 m. The steep rib above is climbed, using a thin crack on its left, until a traverse right leads to a corner.

3 27 m. A short wall is ascended to a ledge, then a steep groove is followed by easier rocks leading to the top.

First ascent: (03/07/1949) A Gregory, J Woods, J Renwick

Tarnside 32m MVS 4b

Interesting variations based on *Route 1*. Start 4 metres up and right of that climb at a block.

1 12m (4b). Climb the groove above to a block and step right on to a jagged arête. Follow this awkwardly, before stepping up left to the stance on *Route 1*.

2 20m (4a). Move up the groove for a few metres, then step left into the crack on the arête. Climb this, pulling steeply up left onto the arête proper. Finish up the arête, rapidly easing.

First ascent: (22/05/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

Upper Tarn Crag

This crag lies just above and 150m or so left of the top of Tarn Crag and is easily seen from the top of the Pavey Ark path. It has a distinctive triangular slab as a second tier. The crag has a grassy bay with a nice 15m arete forming its left edge.

Vulgaris Rib 15m VD

The left arête of the grassy bay - start from the lowest rocks of the arête.

First ascent: (03/09/2003) Alistair McCaig, Paul Brown

Heather Slab 12m D

The central slab sprouting several good clumps of heather.

First ascent: (03/09/2003) Paul Brown, Alistair McCaig

Calluna Corner 15m S

The best route is by far. Takes a hanging corner just right of the *Central Slab*, finishing by a V-groove. A very nice line.

First ascent: (03/09/2003) Alistair McCaig, Paul Brown

Red Heather 7m MVS 4b

The triangular slab above has a groove leading to a thin crack which runs from left to right up the top slab.

Climb up onto a grassy ledge then move out to the right onto the slab to follow the thin crack from left to right to the top.

First ascent: (03/09/2003) Alistair McCaig, Paul Brown

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PAVEY ARK

Below Jack's Rake

Wailing Wall 52m VS 4c

Climbs the obvious corner which broadly defines the left side of the steep central area. Though interesting in parts, the route is unattractive from below, being rather grassy, mossy and often wet. Start below an undercut groove. 12 metres right of Crescent Slabs.

1 8 m (4c). Climb The Barrier (very low here) and then the awkward groove to a small stance.

2 12 m (4a). Traverse right into a groove and continue to a gangway running up to the left. Follow this to its left end. when a stride is made to a ledge containing a large flake belay.

3 18 m (4b). Go up the corner on the right, past a smooth section, to a small stance. (The original line avoided the corner above the smooth section by an exposed excursion onto the right wall and back.)

4 14 m (4b). Start just right of the corner where two awkward steps bring belter holds within reach. Continue up short steep walls to a ledge at about 9 metres and then traverse left into a corner, belay. Some 30 metres of scrambling lead to Jack's Rake below Gwynne's Chimney.

First ascent: (04/10/2013) S H Cross, A T Hargreaves, R Hargreaves, A M Nelson

Alph 83m VS 4c

Formerly awarded *

An interesting route weaving a tortuous line up the steeper central buttress to seek out the easiest way between Wailing Wall and Arcturus. Pleasant and open (if not too mossy) and, except for the start, without gymnastics. Start 6 metres left of Wailing Wall.

1 10 m (4b). Ascend The Barrier and then the overhang where it is broken by a shallow depression. Traverse right to the stance above pitch 1 Wailing Wall.

2 24 m (4b). Make a rising traverse to the right on rather sloping holds, to reach a small ledge with a holly. (Junction with Arcturus.)

3 20 m (4c). Step down to the left and make an awkward move out onto the left wall. Traverse delicately left for a couple of metres to a shallow groove which is ascended to a small juniper ledge. Traverse left again to a ledge, then go up to another ledge. Climb the rib at the left end of the ledge for about 3 metres, when a horizontal traverse can be made back right to a good ledge.

4 29 m (4a). Traverse right for a couple of metres, then climb towards Jack's Rake via short walls and grooves, alternating with grass ledges.

First ascent: (16/05/1948) A R Dolphin, J B Lockwood, J Bloor

Variation Direct Start 12 m HVS 5b

A good pitch which is surprisingly difficult. Start below a smooth looking groove 3 metres right of the start of Wailing Wall. It is the last obvious break through The Barrier on this side of the crag. Climb the groove and move left to the stance above pitch 1 Wailing Wall

D Miller, J A Austin and R Matheson 23/5/72

Variation p2 30m VS 4c

Steeper and more direct than the original pitch. Go left for a couple of metres, as for Wailing Wall, and then climb directly up via a pocketed wall, to the right end of a sloping ledge. Traverse right to reach a shallow crackline and climb it to a small ledge. Step right to a junction with Alph, then go up left to a large ledge. From its left end, climb up again and go back to the right to the top of pitch 3 Alph.

D M Hardwick, J Mitchell, J Greybrook 14/7/71

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Sally Free and Easy 95m E3 5c

This intimidating route climbs the corner which is the direct finish to Crescent Gully, utilising the main pitch of Ragman's Trumpet to start. A more serious climb, with some loose rock and poor protection on pitch 2.

1 45 m (5c). Pitch 1, Ragman's Trumpet

2 10 m (5a). Make an awkward rising traverse into the big corner on the right. Peg belays.

3 40 m (5c). Follow the corner on poor rock to a niche below the final overhanging crack. Climb this for a couple of metres and exit left with difficulty onto a ledge. Ascend easily to a spike belay on Jack's Rake.

First ascent: (04/10/1971) P Livesey (1 pt aid) FFA P Botteril, J Adams 27/4/75

Stony Butress 110m S

A disappointing and serious climb with some loose rock, up the front of the butress to the right of Great Gully, gaining it from the left. Start by scrambling up heather for 18 metres to a ledge on the edge of Great Gully.

1 12 m. Climb diagonally to the right.

2 15m . Continue upwards to the right until, after rounding a corner and taking a step up, a ledge is reached with a belay on the right.

3 13m . Climb the obvious steep groove (poor rock) and break out onto steep grass ledges on the left. 4 20 m. Step right and then work back leftwards through the bilberries.

5 30 m. Follow pastures to corner.

6 20 m. Climb onto the ledge on the right. Go up the steep little ridge to another large ledge and continue up another ridge to join Jack's Rake.

First ascent: (18/04/1920) G S Bower, A W Wakefield

Columbus 55m VD

Approximately 60 metres left of *Little Gully*, the final butress of the crag is heavily vegetated. However its left flank throws a slabby wall into a square-shaped gully. The route meanders up this section giving fine, straightforward climbing on beautifully clean rock.

Start 50 metres up the gully at a dark section of rock on its right wall, below some tiny overhangs at 4 metres. Also, this is 20 metres below a huge cave.

1 25m. Pass the tiny overhangs on the left and climb the wall above directly to ledges. Traverse left and tiptoe leftwards up a ramp until moves right lead to a palatial ledge and spike belays.

2 30m. Climb the rib and easy-angled slabs above to a steepening. Up this via the rib on the right to the top. Spike and nut belay 4 metres back.

Decent: Carefully down the broad butress on the far (W) side of the gully.

First ascent: (22/05/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

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Above Jack's Rake

Andromeda 110m HVS 5a

The main second pitch finds a wandering way up the buttress right of Stoat's Crack to join Stickle Grooves. Currently mossy and vegetated. Start as for Stoat's Crack.

1. 16 m. As for Stoat's Crack.

2. 28 m (5a). Climb the delicate little scoop just right of the crack (or the crack to a good jug and runner on the right wall at 6 metres if the moss defeats you), pull over a bulge and gain the triangular niche above. Make a rising rightward traverse to beneath a holly. Climb up to this, gain the overhung quartz ledge on the left and traverse it left to an uncomfortable stance and belay at the top of Stickle Grooves pitch 2.

3 24 m (4c). Traverse across the wall on the left into the bottom of a smooth rightward-slanting groove. Up this to a poor belay by a juniper. (Better belay round to the left on Stickle Grooves, pitch 3, up which the original climb finished.)

42 m (4c). Direct Finish: Traverse right for 3 metres to a chimney/groove (right of that on Stickle Grooves).

Climb this on awkward, suspect holds to a juniper. Move right to another groove

and climb its left wall up onto a slabby rib which leads to a grassy ledge. Further short wall and slabs lead to a large block belay.

First ascent: (02/08/1968) N J Soper, N Allinson (Alt lds) 1 pt aid, climbed free with the direct finish by P Ellis D Hannon 24/8/13

Chequer Buttress 63m HVS 5a

Ascends the buttress flanking Rake End Chimney on its left. It is rather dirty and with some loose rock but its crux is sound and in a good position. Start at the foot of Rake End Chimney.

1 15 m. Go up and round to the left to a steep herbaceous groove which is ascended to a small stance.

2 21 m (5a). Traverse right, across the bulging wall; then climb a steep, delicate little slab on the right edge overlooking the chimney and swing back left into a shallow corner. Continue directly up to a tiny ledge, then to another with a tree on the left. Belay behind the tree in a cave.

3 27 m (4c). Climb the edge of the steep slab on the right to grassy scrambling which leads to a narrow overhanging crack. Follow this until a pull out can be made to the right, step back left and climb up to the top.

First ascent: (20/04/1952) A R Dolphin, A D Brown

Variation Finish 38 m VS 1970

3a (4b). Make a rising traverse out to the rib on the right, step round the corner and join The Rib Pitch just above its crux; follow this to the top.

21/6/70 M Bebbington, J A Austin, S Wood

Bracken Route 112m S

Well named! After starting up Cook's Tour, the route wanders off right looking for a reasonable finish which it eventually finds. Start as for Cook's Tour.

1 28m. Pitches 1 and 2 of Cook's Tour.

2 26m. Climb to the right of the big slab (Rectangular Slab) for 6 metres, then go up to a ledge on the right. Traverse the ledge to its right-hand end, when a 5 metres descent leads to a shelf.

3 9m. Traverse the heather to below a corner.

4 18m . Climb the corner for 9 metres and step right onto the arête. Go up this to a good stance and thread belay.

5 9m . Make a rising traverse right to a large pinnacle.

6 22m. The steep face behind the belay provides delicate climbing throughout if taken directly. Finish up easier ground above.

First ascent: (17/06/1942) G B Elliott, A Mullan, S A Williams

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Armadillo 20m E2 6a

This attempt to create a better start to Poker Face gives a difficult technical problem. Start just left of Golden Slipper. Climb a thin crack with difficult moves to pass the overhang. Traverse right to belay as for Golden Slipper.

First ascent: (17/07/1996) M Bagness, K Grindrod, P Noble

Digitalis 72m HVS 5a

A disappointing route which climbs the mossy, more broken rock left of Golden Slipper. Start at the left end of the overhangs left of Golden Slipper.

1 24 m (5a). Climb the wall below an obvious mossy groove. Step onto a downward pointing fang of rock, then up the thin groove above to a good sidehold; move up and right to small slab, then up and right again to a cleaned slab leading to a ledge. Traverse right to belay as for Golden Slipper.

1 24 m (5a). Climb the slabby wall above, just left of pitch 2 of Golden Slipper.

3 24 m (5a). Move right round the rib below an overhang then up to a ledge. Climb the thin crack on the right of the smooth corner to the top

First ascent: (29/04/1978) P Clarke, M Tolley, M Dale

Little Corner 36m HVS 5a

The fine long right-facing corner on the left of the recessed area tends, unfortunately, to be vegetated. Start at the foot of the steep slab below the corner. Go up the slab to the right one of twin grooves forming a corner. Climb this for about 8 metres, then transfer to the left one, which is followed until a good flake crack on the left wall leads to a pinnacle and an opportunity to swing out of the corner on to the left-hand rib. Climb up a further 6 metres to finish.

First ascent: (21/06/1970) J A Austin, M Bebbington, S Wood

Aero 30m HS 4b

Fifty metres up and left from *Golden Slipper*, *Jack's Rake* turns a corner; after a further 8 metres an attractive rib rises on the right. Start here.

1 15m (4a). Climb the rib and its continuation to a spike belay.

2 15m (4b). Climb the awkward corner crack and finish up the slabs above.

Note:- In times past other pioneers have found these beautifully clean rocks irresistible and their lower sections are well-marked! They are worthwhile. Both re-discovered and named 6th Oct 2007 by BJ Clarke.

First ascent: (06/10/2007) BJ Clarke

Bubbles 27m MS

Start 5 metres up and left of *Aero*.

1 13m. Climb the wall, scoop and right-slanting crack, before moving up to the spike belay of *Aero*.

2 14m. Step left and finish up a series of corners and slabs.

First ascent: (06/10/2007) BJ Clarke (solo)

Aerosol 16m MVS 4b

A rather more substantial offering up the walls to the left, with a memorable finish. Start 20 metres left and up from *Bubbles*, at a flake belay above a belt of slabs on the *Rake*. Traverse a terrace rightwards and climb a short corner crack. Continue up a shallow groove in the wall above to reach a sloping ledge. Teeter up the slabby headwall just right of centre to finish.

First ascent: (06/10/2007) BJ Clarke (solo)

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East Buttress

Girdle Traverse 725 feet Very severe

1 foot = 0.3048m, you may need to take a calculator as well as you packed lunch.

An expedition of considerable interest and difficulty, steep rock pitches being interspersed with sections covered with vegetation which present peculiar problems of their own. The break at Jack's Rake marks a change of character. Although still difficult, the climb seems much less serious. The crag is traversed from right to left, from Hobson's Choice to Crescent Climb.

1 50 feet. From half way up the gully a diagonal ascent is made to the left across a belt of slabs to ash belay. (Pitch 1, Hobson's Choice.)

2 50 feet. Climb up to the grass shelf above the tree and follow it down to the left to a stance and small belay on the edge of a steep wall. The Red Wall.

3 75 feet. A small holly tree in the middle is the first objective—as a running belay. The traverse is then continued past the tree until an ascent can be made to a tiny ledge and raven's nest. Move left over juniper bushes and round a rotten nose to the foot of a grassy chimney which is climbed for a few feet to a small stance and spike belay.

4 45 feet. Step round to the left and cross a steep, open scoop to a very small spike for running belay. Then descend obliquely left to a narrow grass ledge. Belay.

5 20 feet. Traverse easily left to the top of a groove. Belay.

6 10 feet. Descend the groove to a grassy stance and chockstone belay.

7 50 feet. Descend a few feet further to a short thin crack on the vertical left wall and climb it to an awkward mantelshelf on a narrow grass ledge. (Doubtful spike on the left for running belay.) A very awkward move round the overhanging rib on the left is then made, followed by a short ascent to the large shelf at the top of Pitch 4, Rake End Chimney.

8 20 feet. Descend Pitch 4, Rake End Chimney.

9 35 feet. Traverse out past a large, movable block on to the face on the left of the chimney. A steep scoop is entered and ascended to a tiny ledge and running belay 8 feet higher. Traverse left along the ledge for 10 feet to a stance and two small belays.

10 25 feet. Step down and cross a corner on small holds. A withered tree is at first rather useful for maintaining balance but then becomes an obstacle in the attainment of a good ledge. Belay.

11 35 feet. Abseil or climb down an easy chimney full of vegetation to Jack's Rake.

12 30 feet. Walk up Jack's Rake and round to the left to the top of Deception.

13 45 feet. Descend the slab for a few feet, traverse left into the corner and down it to a ledge and belay. (Pitch 4, Deception, reversed.)

14 40 feet. Descend over grass ledges to a ledge level with a large overhang on the left. (Pitch 3, Deception, reversed.)

15 45 feet. Traverse left under the overhang on good holds for about 30 feet. A rather awkward ascent can then be made to the ledge and holly tree belay at the top of Pitch 2, Alph.

16 40 feet. Follow Alph for about 25 feet and make an awkward step up to the left. Traverse to a shallow groove and ascend to a good flake for running belay. After a further short ascent, traverse left over grass to a belay in a corner on Wailing Wall.

17 50 feet. Step down and traverse left on small holds below a bulge until it is possible to step on to a small ledge above the bulge. Continue the traverse left round a steep corner to a large platform and belays.

18 60 feet. Fairly easy climbing leftwards to Crescent Climb.

19 Finish up, or down, Crescent Climb.

First ascent: (11/06/1950) A R Dolphin, J B Lockwood

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East Buttress 565 feet. Very Severe (hard)

An improvement on the Girdle old girdle, but still not very worthwhile. Start as for Rake End Chimney.

(1) 50 feet. Pull on to the right-hand rib and move across to join Rake End Wall, which is followed to a stance at the top of the rib.

(2) 70 feet. Move up right to a good spike and abseil-cum-tension traverse to gain a traverse line which is followed, past an ancient peg, to the arête, when a short descent can be made on to Stoa's Crack. Go up this for a few feet to a stance and belay.

(3) 70 feet. Follow Stoa's Crack for 25 feet then traverse right into a scoop which is climbed to a stance and peg belay.

(4) 130 feet. Move right, round the corner, and follow a line of ribs and grooves slanting right to a large shattered niche. Climb the bulge and traverse right, along awkward grassy ledges to the edge of the Red Wall.

(5) 55 feet. Descend 5 feet and traverse right, passing a fierce holly, to safety on a large ledge at the far side of the wall.

(6) 40 feet. From the right-hand end of the ledge, traverse right to join Cascade at the top of pitch 1.

(7 & 8) 150 feet. Finish up Cascade.

C. H. Taylor, I.R. (alternate leads), 20. 4. 69.

First ascent: (20/04/1969) C H Taylor, I Roper

Bennison's Chimney 60m

Here is the description from the 1926 Langdale Guidebook to tempt the adventurous.

BENNISON'S CHIMNEY: a series of scoops rises from the big cleft at the easterly end of the crag. 200 feet of rotten rock, vegetation covered and much exposed towards the finish, make the climb one not to be recommended.

First ascent: (28/03/1910) W E Bennison, A E Burns, T H Seaton, C D Yeomans

Gibson's Chimney 16m

This is the description given in the 1926 Edition of Langdale, will it tempt the adventurous?

GIBSON'S CHIMNEY: higher up the same cleft as Bennison's Chimney. It is somewhat sounder but gives only 50 feet of climbing.

First ascent: (22/03/1910) H Bishop, C D Yeomans and not a Gibson in sight

DUNGEON GHYLL: 286 067

The Dungeoneers 20m E1 5b

Start directly beneath the twin chockstones roofing the *Dungeon*. Climb the left-facing jam cracks (hidden from below) on the overhanging wall on the right (facing the waterfall) to gain a large jutting tree. Dark, ghoulish, echoing with a totteringly gothic top-out.

Potential for quality slime nearer the waterfall, but there might be rare ferns etc.

First ascent: (06/06/2008) Martin Bagness, John Hempston

HARRISON STICKLE

The Aisle 15m S 4a

Forty metres left of *Waller's Crack* at a lower level is an area of easy-angled slabs, complete with a gritstone-like undercut buttress on their right. Start 2 metres left of the end of the undercut; a route with atmosphere! Pull over to gain a ledge containing a small juniper. Move left then up, to follow the gangway leftwards above the lip of the buttress to finish up the arête.

First ascent: (12/06/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

Verandah Buttress 12m HS 4c

Start 2 metres right at the finish of the undercut. Somehow gain the gangway on the left (similar to, but easier than its Stanage namesake); then follow the easier rib to the top.

First ascent: (12/06/2008) BJ Clarke

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Panda Slab 11m MVS 4b

Start 3 metres right of *Verandah Buttress*. Scratch up the brown wall and follow the slab direct; Keeping left of the small corner.

The slab just right through the overlap is the exquisite **Panda Direct** (7m, VS (4c), 2008).

First ascent: (12/06/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

Primavera 75m VD

A direct, fairly continuous climb up the south face of the dome-shaped buttress directly below the summit, easily seen from the path via Pike Howe. Start at the foot of a ridge of white slabs projecting from the base of the buttress below its right side, cairn. The *South Central Buttress* scramble (Vol 1 Scrambles in the Lake District), takes this ridge.

1 50m. Climb the left flank of the ridge via a steeper section until blocks lead to a steep buttress. Follow this directly up its left edge to a small grassy terrace and a block belay. A fine, lofty perch!

2 25m. Pull up the steep rib on the right, and continue up the shallow groove. Step left and finish up an arete and pale slab above.

A pleasant ramble up the slabby rocks on the left leads to the summit cairn in 60 metres.

Re-discovered by BJ Clarke (solo) (19/02/2008)

Elrond 50m HS 4a

An exciting traverse for the grade across the *Harristicklefront* area.

Start 10 metres left of *Harristicklefront* at a spike belay on a higher terrace.

1 9m. Scramble up right, then climb a spiky arête, before stepping right to belay carefully on the spiked blocks in the middle corner of *Harristicklefront*.

2 25m (4a). Reverse *Harristicklefront* by descending rightwards into the right-hand corner. Move up, and traverse around the arête to gain *Treasure* above its alcove. Move up again, and traverse right to gain a ledge system. Follow this right for 7 metres, before climbing a short, awkward corner to reach a terrace with spike belays on the left.

3 16m (4a). Climb the final slab, awkwardly; moving rightwards to gain easier ground and the top.

First ascent: (08/06/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

Pied Piper 50m VS 4b

A good climb up the brown, crinkly slab immediately right of *Treasure*.

Start as for *Harristicklefront*.

1 10m (4b). Step right around the rib of *Treasure* onto the undercut wall. Pull steeply into a scoop on the right, and continue up and rightwards to a spike belay at a recessed ledge. (On p2 of *Porphry Slab*, I think!).

2 25m (4b). Step left and climb the crinkly slab slightly leftwards, then rightwards via a shallow niche to gain a ledge below the paler rock. Continue straight up a crack and steep wall to reach a small juniper terrace. Move right and up to a ledge with nut belays. A fine pitch.

3 15m. Step right and follow a pleasant slab to easier ground and the top.

First ascent: (22/05/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

Pilot Error 20m S

Start 2 metres left of *Tweed Wall*. Gain the juniper ledge, move up and left up the groove for 2 metres, then climb the arête direct.

First ascent: (25/07/2009) John Robinson, David McKie

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PIKE HOWE

NY 289 069

This fine miniature pike has two rock facets, south-west and south-east; divided by a pale overhanging wall with a slanting groove on its left-hand side (uncannily resembling Shifter, Burnt Crag, Duddon). The south-east facet is steeper and compact, but mossy. The south-west area is more broken, but protruding buttresses have provided a few opportunities which may be worth the 30 minute walk. Routes are described r->l.

Eustacia Vye 18m HS 4a

Start 14 metres down and left of the pale overhanging wall at the left-hand and cleanest of a series of ribs. 1 9m. Climb the rib and follow easier ground to a terrace. Block belay on the right below a slab split by a thin crack.

2 9m (4a). Climb a subsidiary block and continue up the thin crack in the slab to the top.

First ascent: (20/10/2007) BJ Clarke (solo)

Orford Buttress 14m VD

25 metres left of *Eustacia Vye* a slab slants left under an overhang. Start below the right-hand end of the overhang at a small rib. Ascend rightwards past a flake to gain the foot of the buttress on the right. Follow this pleasantly to the top.

First ascent: (20/10/2007) BJ Clarke (solo)

Senta's Rib 15m S 4a

Ten metres left of *Orford Buttress*, at a higher level, is a two tier arête, identified at its base by a small block overhang, cut by a thin crack on its left. Climb the thin crack and continue up the arêtes to the top. Nice climbing.

First ascent: (20/10/2007) BJ Clarke (solo)

Pamina's Pillar 13m MVS 4b

The final and shortest rib lies a further 10 metres left. Gain the rib from the left and follow it daintily to a ledge. Continue up easier rocks to finish.

First ascent: (20/10/2007) BJ Clarke (solo)

RAVEN CRAG, LANGDALE

West Middlefell Crag

Two Grooves 20m E2 5c*

Climb the short leaning groove to a small ledge at 4 metres. From the right end of the ledge reach up for big holds. Move up, then across right to a short groove which is climbed to easier ground. Continue up to a crack which is followed leftwards to the top.

First ascent: (08/07/2000) Tom Walkington, Jim Cooper

Catherine Zeta 18m E3 5c**

Start 2 metres right of *Two Grooves*. A steep pull leads to the small ledge of *Two Grooves* and on up to the big holds. Move up left and follow a thin crack line which becomes steeper and wider (just left of the arête). Easier climbing leads to the top.

First ascent: (05/07/2000) Tom Walkington, Eric Barnes

Where the next route lies in relation to *Two Grooves* and *Catherine Zeta* is not yet certain.

Gordon the Warden 10m HVS 5b

Takes twin cracks in steep pink wall on the west side of gully to west of *Middlefell Buttress* - on a level with top of that route just above descent route. Follow the left hand crack - jams and cams - to a lofty summit.

First ascent: (19/04/2005) M Bagness, S Ashworth

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Middlefell Gully

Sixty metres further up the gully from Slim Buttress is a large boulder embedded in the gully bed.

Lancelot 15m VD

Ten metres below the embedded boulder is an obvious rib. Climb the rib starting on the left (higher) side.

First ascent: (29/03/2003) Jim Cooper

Chancelot 20m HVS 4c/5a

Takes the south-west-facing wall behind the embedded boulder. Start just right of the left arête of the wall. Climb up for 4 metres to a small overlap. Traverse right for 2 metres to a vague crackline which is followed to easier angled rock and a large ledge.

First ascent: (29/03/2003) Tom Walkington, Jim Cooper

MIDDLEFELL BUTTRESS

Whisper Slab 11m VS

The clean slab on the right of the gully above *Curtain Wall*. Trend left to the top.

First ascent: (21/10/1993) D Wright

Lower Gully Wall

Armalite Lite 35m E2 5b*

A bit of a cop-out that gains and follows the right edge of the wall. Climb *Armalite* to the first (dodgy-looking) peg. Traverse right to the arête below a hollow flake undercut (dodgy-looking cams). Climb the bulge above without falling off, then easier ground above.

First ascent: (11/07/2012) Martin Bagness, John Kelly

RAVEN CRAG BUTTRESS

Ilex 45m E3 6a**

Climb p3 *Holly Tree Direct* to where it goes right, then battle up the overhanging niche and wall above to a rest. Continue direct up the front of the fine pillar (much easier) with delicate moves up a thin crack level with the oak tree. From a ledge continue up the rib (p4 *Holly Tree Direct*). Led with pre-placed gear on crux. Could be E4 to onsight?

First ascent: (27/09/2010) M Bagness, J Kelly

PINNACLE BUTTRESS 283 063

Follow the Gimmer Crag footpath from the ODG for 5 minutes until the stone wall descends leftwards. The buttress lies 150 metres above and to the right across a small gill. It is characterized by a pinnacle on the right and a quartz-flecked rib in the centre.

Pinn Stripe 9m HS 4b

From the foot of the quartz-flecked rib scramble up rightwards to a ledge below the pinnacle. Climb the front of the pinnacle, and from its top step left onto the arête of the main buttress. Continue up the steep wall to the top.

First ascent: (16/06/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

Best Bit 15m HS 4b

Climb the quartz-flecked rib to a ledge, move up an awkward slab, and finish up the headwall, moving right at first then leftwards to finish. A reasonable route.

First ascent: (16/06/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

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Rattle Crack 12m HS 4b

Start 5 metres up and left of *Best Bit*. Climb a slab with a steep start, before following a rib to gain the prominent crack. Up this using a motley collection of rattling holds, to the top.

First ascent: (16/06/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

EAST RAVEN CRAG

Horse or Pony 15m E1 5a

Takes the steep wall just to the right of the scoop in which *Ophidia* starts. Go up and over the bulge to a good ledge, continue up the steep wall directly above the bulge keeping left of the big holds on the route to the right. Poor protection on an interesting crux, the route is far better than the appearance would suggest and the holds are clean and solid.

First ascent: (03/04/2002) Doug Davies (solo)

Sounds very similar to *By Jingo*.

Bingo 18m VS 4c

Start as for *Speckled Band*. Climb up to the short right facing corner at 4 metres. Climb the corner to a small ledge. Then move up and right to a small letterbox (*Friend 2*). Climb up and left to a vertical crackline and up and left again to another crackline which leads to the top.

First ascent: (08/08/2003) Tom Walkington, Eric Barnes

FAR EAST RAVEN CRAG

Ur... 48m MVS 4b

This combination of pitches gives a pleasant route and the easiest line on this part of the crag. Protection is good after the first 8 metres. Start 2 metres right of *Samarkand* at an obvious slabby rib defining the left edge of the large bay containing an oak tree.

1 13m (4a). Climb the rib, which soon eases. Where it steepens again head up diagonally right, passing to the left of a large blunt spike (runners), and then continue to belay at the ledge below Pitch 2 of *Damascus*.

2 7m. Traverse easily left to belay on the holly on *Samarkand* (part of *Far East Traverse* in reverse).

3 28m (4b). Continue the traverse left past a bulge until access can be gained to a groove with a sapling (junction with *Nineveh*). Climb up, as for *Nineveh*, to a stunted oak, then bridge straight up on small holds, keeping left of the right-slanting groove of *Nineveh*.

First ascent: (12/05/2004) R Smithson, D Heard (alt)

WHITE CRAG

Lower Crag

Veteran's Variant VD

The slanting line starting one metre left of *Annie's Song*.

First ascent: (01/10/2000) Jeremy Whitehead, Jill Aldersley

Uppermost Crag

This lies 50 metres up the hillside above a scree slope. A slab leading to a steep wall lies on the left, while a pinnacle forms the right-hand side of the crag.

Leave It 20m E2 5b

The slab needs care and leads boldly leftwards to the prominent right-facing corner. Gain the corner, and then pull steeply out right to ledges and the finishing bulge.

First ascent: (11/09/1999) Roland Strube, John Bull

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The Scientists are Baffled 15m E2 5b

Climb the pinnacle on good rock from its lowest point, via cracks, then bold moves right gain the groove and summit. **This route may have fallen down!**

First ascent: (11/09/1999) John Bull, Roland Strube

Neurons from Chaos 20m VD

Twenty metres left of the pinnacle of *The Scientists are Baffled* is a steep little face below a slab, forming the left side of the crag. Climb the face going left from a groove up a red wall on good holds, then continue easily up the slab. Rugged and sound rock.

First ascent: (23/06/2005) John H Bull (solo)

Right Uppermost Crag

This small crag lies 30 metres to the right of the pinnacle of Uppermost Crag. The small red face on its right-hand side is obvious from below.

Wot? 25m D

Twenty-five metres right of Angkor, at a lower level, is a rounded slabby arête. Climb this (10m, good) to a grass ledge, and then climb the rib above trending left (10m, poor).

First ascent: (23/06/2005) John H Bull (solo)

Raven Crag West

The next route is on yet another crag 50 metres to the right of Right Uppermost Crag. This is really a distinct crag area (the true Raven Crag West?) and lies to the right of the stream at (282 064), between Raven and White Crag.

Scat Cracks 45m HVS 5a

The crag is in two tiers; the first is an impressive prow rising from the streambed (invisible from the valley path below), above which is an obvious open book corner (well visible from the valley).

1 20m (5a). Climb the crack in the prow. Belay well back.

2 25m (5a). Walk 10 metres uphill, take a belay below the short open-book corner and climb it, taking care with stones in the corner itself.

First ascent: (12/09/1999) Roland Strube, John Bull (alt)

GIMMER CRAG

Main Wall

South East Buttress Route 82m S

Takes the lower broken buttress to the right of *South-East Gully*, and then finishes up a chimney to the right. Start 40 metres below the start of *Main Wall Climb*.

1 55m. Weave up the rock and grass buttress to beneath a steep 30 metre high headwall.

2 15m. Follow the base of the headwall up rightwards to a narrow chimney.

3 12m. Climb the chimney, which has an awkward entry.

Continue up leftwards for 60 metres of scrambling or traverse right on grass ledges to descend.

The 30 metre high headwall has three thin cracklines as follows: **Left Crack** E2 (5c), **Central Crack** HVS (5a) and **Right Crack** HVS (5a). All climbed by Tom Walkington and Leo Walmsley in mid-August 2012.

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West Face

Gimmer High Girdle: Variation to Pitch 1 HVS 4c

A very airy outing. More logical and less contrived than the original way. From the *Bower*, climb *The Crack* for 5 metres and then go diagonally up the fine right wall to the rib of *Gimmer String*. Climb this to below *Gimmer String's* final crux wall and launch boldly rightwards on to a small ledge. Swing right again - and keep going on the same horizontal line to end up with your feet in the *Kipling Groove* hand traverse. At the end of the traverse line, step down and round to the stance on *Poacher*.

First ascent: (16/06/2000) Martyn Hopson, Frank Wilkinson

LOFT CRAG 278 071

Standing like a mini fortress guarding the SE flank of Loft Crag, and a mere 200 metres above and right of the top of *South-East Gully* on *Gimmer*; this dazzling sheet of rock holds many strong features

A rock finger on the ground, where the wall changes angle, gives a reference point.

Keep Crack 13m HS 4a

Five metres right of the rock finger a pinnacle block stands at the foot of a corner. Climb the thin crack and arête immediately right of the pinnacle block to a ledge. Step right and finish up a short wall.

First ascent: (12/06/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

Dungeon Jill 12m MS

Climb the corner direct, starting at the left side of the pinnacle block.

First ascent: (12/06/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

Drawbridge 11m S

One metre left of the pinnacle block is another corner. Climb it.

First ascent: (12/06/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

Iron Maiden 11m VS 4b

Start behind and just right of the rock finger. Follow a shallow groove rightwards to a ledge. Finish up the steep wall above on good but hollow holds.

First ascent: (12/06/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

Jesting 12m HS 4a

Start immediately behind the rock finger. Climb a series of thin cracks, moving left to finish up the arête.

First ascent: (12/06/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

Jousting 14m D

Six metres left of the rock finger is an obvious slabby corner.

Follow this pleasantly, finishing up the small, steeper corner on the right.

First ascent: (12/06/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

Banquet Groove 15m VD

Three metres further left is a V-groove running the full height of the cliff; climb it.

First ascent: (12/06/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

Traitor's Gate 15m S

Start 6 metres further left at a higher level. Climb a wall trending right to reach a broken rake. Move up the attractive groove in the buttress on the right to finish.

First ascent: (12/06/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

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Portal Crack 12m HS

Five metres left of *Traitor's Gate* is a mossy V-groove. Start 2 metres left of this below a hand crack. (4a). Climb the hand crack to a ledge at 6 metres. Step left and follow the arête to the top. A good pitch!

4 metres to the left, the compact wall between two thin cracks is **Masque** (7m, VS (4c), 2008). But only if adjoining holds are avoided!

First ascent: (12/06/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

SE FACET – PIKE OF STICKLE

273 073

Just below the summit and facing towards *Gimmer Crag*, this sunny facet of rock is steeper than the slabbier South-West and West Faces; although still plagued by ledges in its upper reaches. Its lofty elevation compensates somewhat! The routes so far start from a grassy terrace, gained by a tricky traverse from the right.

Descent: Up to the summit, then follow walker's paths east to the col and the start of the tricky traverse.

Loafer Rib 34m HS 4a

Towards the left side of the facet a slanting, one metre high pinnacle block stands on the terrace (not to be confused with a more prominent pinnacle 25 metres to the left on a ridge). Start opposite the pinnacle block, cairn.

1 16m (4a). Follow a ramp up left for 3 metres, pull up the steep, rough wall, then trend leftwards to gain an arête. Climb this to a ledge with poor spike belays.

2 18m. Scramble up the right-slanting ramp for 4 metres; then step left to a ledge. Climb the steep wall above, gradually easing to the top.

First ascent: (23/11/2007) BJ Clarke (solo)

Sugar Beat 30m VS 4b

Interesting climbing through the bulges immediately right of *Loafer Rib*. Start as for that climb.

1 15m (4b). Climb up the rounded rib and gain a recess. Step right and pull over a bulge to reach a mossy groove, up this to a ledge with poor spike belays.

2 15m. Climb the wall to the right of the prow above to easier ground and the top.

First ascent: (19/02/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

Beet Route 29m MVS 4b

Three metres right of *Loafer Rib* an indefinite crack-line slants rightwards through several small bulges.

1 15m (4b). Follow the crack-line to a small ledge, step left and climb a pale slab to a ledge with poor spike belays.

2 14m. Move up easily right; step off a block and follow the quartz wall rightwards to the top.

First ascent: (19/02/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

Ruby Slab 25m HS 4a

Fifteen metres right of the pinnacle block on the terrace a vegetated crack slants up rightwards, with an attractive red-hued slab on its right. Start directly below this slab. Climb a short wall and continue up the red-hued slab, where rough rock has to compensate for the lack of protection! Paler slabs above lead to more broken rock and the top.

First ascent: (23/11/2007) BJ Clarke (solo)

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PYRAMID RIDGE 248 062

The steep, scree-ridden path from the Three Tarns col to Bowfell summit is bordered on its right side by four slabby buttresses forming a discontinuous ridge whose steeper left flank provides a myriad of variants, only the most obvious are described. Although this area is briefly mentioned in Vol 1 of Scrambles in the Lake District, the rocks seem to be crackling pristine. Everywhere the climbing is pleasant on clean, rough, sun-drenched rock. The ridge will "go" throughout the year. Indeed, ice climbers visiting on a cloudless/windless mid-Winter's day will probably regret not bringing their rock shoes and chalk bags instead of axes and crampons.

Pyramid Ridge 60m VD-HS

120 metres up and 10 metres right of the path from the Three Tarns col is the first slabby buttress, characterized by spiky flakes at half height. The grade depends on which variation is climbed. Start at its foot, cairn.

Buttress 1: 15m VD Climb the slabby buttress past the flakes to the top; or climb the thin crack on the left flank (MS)

A short distance above is the next laid-back buttress.

Buttress 2: 15m VD Climb the buttress direct to an inclined platform below a beautifully-stratified wall: or chose another option such as: the curving groove on the left flank (VD); the steep white wall just right (MS); or the scooped groove 6 metres left of the curving groove (S 4a)

Buttress 3, the stratified wall: 6m MS climb the shallow crack just right of the arête. Other options are; the arête on its left side and joining it near the top (HS 4b) or The crack system just left (MS)

A 20 metre walk leads to the final and largest buttress; the triple-tiered Pyramid.

Buttress 4: 4 24m D. Climb the triple ridge direct. Alternatives include; the steep left flank of the first tier (HS 4b if the large holds to the left and right are not used); 4m left of the 4b option a crack system leads to the summit of the second tier, (S 4a); the next crack system 6 metres left leads up to the "neck" between tiers 2 and 3, (MS); above and left of this neck a short, thin crack cleaves the left side of a steep wall, (HS 4b) or, finally , the twin cracks high up on the left of the buttress (VD)

First ascent: (06/11/2007) BJ Clarke (solo)

BOWFELL BUTTRESS

The Plaque Route 90m D

Note; Pitches 5 and 6 were destroyed by Rockfall some years ago, the description is here for the record.

A pleasant all-weather climb, fitted with good belays, up the left-hand edge of Bowfell Buttress. Starts from a large boulder belay at the point where scree and a grass terrace meet at the foot of the crag.

1 40 feet. Straight up past a shelf at 10 feet followed by a very difficult crack or an easier scoop to the left and then easy rocks to a good belay.

2 40 feet. Climb the rib above, which has a crack on its right to a small stance and belay.

3 40 feet. A mossy groove ahead is followed by a grass terrace to a belay.

4 30 feet. Ascend slabs diagonally to the right on good holds to a shelf and belay.

5 45 feet. Traverse right into a chimney and then up. The left wall is formed by a huge detached flake.

6 25 feet. Step on to the ridge on the right (where the Plaque is to be seen) and then up.

7 60 feet. Move right over easy slabs and into a chimney which gives access to the top.

First ascent: (30/04/1931) H M Kelly, Blanche Eden-Smith

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Flight of the Bumble Bee 60m E1 5a

A variation on Woolly Jumper, starting as for that route. Climb the right arête of White Wall on its left side, traversing left below the block at the top and finishing as for Hope Beyond Hoping.

First ascent: (01/06/1992) J Cooper, T Walkington

Right-hand Wall Traverse 45m VD

Traverses the left-bounding wall of the gully from right to left starting at a cairn about two-thirds of the way up the gully below a series of grass ledges. The major part of the climb is incorporated in the Ledge and Groove.

1 45 feet. Follow the broken and grassy rocks slanting up to the left to a conspicuous grass ledge and block belay.

2 20 feet. Traverse left without difficulty to a belay at the foot of a steep crack.

3 20 feet. The crack is climbed for a few feet until an awkward movement can be made on to a small ledge on the left followed by a short, but rather difficult ascent past a projecting block to a large grassy terrace.

4 55 feet. The face above can be climbed straight up, and is severe. Alternatively, a diagonal ascent is made to the left into a crack which is followed to a ledge below a short wall. This is climbed without difficulty to the top.

First ascent: (01/05/1942) G B Elliott, H M Elliott

GUNSON KNOTT

800m

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Right Ridge 40m VS

The disjointed ribs right of Left Ridge. There is much loose rock. After 10m step right to a continuation of the ridge. Follow this throughout. belay as for Left Ridge.

First ascent: (06/09/1991) T Walkington, A Evans

CRINKLE GILL 400M NY 257 049 N & S

The following notes are from Langdale (1999), route descriptions and star rating have not been checked since its publication. These routes are very vegetated and probably unclimbable.

Crinkle Gill is the deep ravine splitting the fellside below Crinkle Crag, visible prominently when driving up the latter part of the Langdale valley. The Gill is an excellent scramble for a wet day, which is when many people obtain their first impressions of the climbing. In such conditions, the crags are not an attractive sight but, once they have dried out for the summer, the climbing is generally much better than one would imagine (really, it is!) and the setting is splendid. The southern walls of the Gill can contain some very impressive ice pitches in winter and the Gill itself is an excellent winter outing, with several finishes.

The crag is reached in about one hour from the Old Dungeon Ghyll car park. Take the road to Stool End Farm, keeping left when the track up the Band goes right, and you come into Oxendale. From here a track leads west to Crinkle Gill, the fine waterfall to the right being Whorneyside Force, the lower part of Hell Gill. Ascend the Gill until the first crag appears on the left above the open middle reaches. It is possible to avoid the first half of the Gill by traversing the fellside on either side and entering it just below the crag.

The routes are described as one proceeds up the Gill.

Descents: For the South Gully Wall, descend the steep grassy fellside downstream of the crag. For the North Gully Wall, descend the slopes 100 metres higher up the Gill.

The South Gully Wall

This north facing crag is very steep and takes the longest to dry out after the winter and any subsequent heavy rain, particularly on the extreme left-hand side. The rock is generally sound with good friction, though rather dirty. The climbing is much better than appearance would suggest, with strong lines and high technical difficulty. The main feature is in the centre of the crag where the large, open corner of Crimes of Quality extends two-thirds the height of the face, its base guarded by a short undercut wall. It has a slabby left wall and two prominent overhangs, one half way up the right wall, the other at the top of the groove below the final headwall. Immediately right is a hanging line of striking thin grooves, Private Eye, whilst ten metres left is an overhanging arête split by a slim groove, A Naked Edge. This marks the point where the crag folds back left towards the fellside, forming more grooves as it does.

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The crag is defined on its left by a dirty alcove containing a shallow, stepped, square-cut chimney-groove system. Immediately right is a slim clean-cut groove above the left end of a left-trending ramp. Right again is a square-cut hanging groove, capped by an overhang and having a sharp, fin-like left rib. This groove provides the first climb and it starts from the foot of the left-trending ramp, some 8 metres left of A Naked Edge.

Public Convenience 25m E2 5b

Easy broken rock leads leftwards to below the groove. Climb it exiting rightwards to the arête below the top overhang. Easy slabs are followed to an ash tree belay.

First ascent: (22/05/1988) D Armstrong, J Williams

Private Investigations 25m E2 5b

A good route (originally rated *)

Climbs the large open groove with a slabby right wall, immediately right of Public Convenience and just left of the obvious arête of A Naked Edge. Ascend the slab rightwards to below the groove. Climb up into this and continue over a small overhang to a niche. Exit either left or rightwards and follow easy slabs and grooves to an ash tree belay.

First ascent: (03/06/1985) J White, T W Birkett

A Naked Edge 25m E4 6a

Another good climb (originally rated **).

10 metres left of the wide central corner of Crimes of Quality is a fine arête split by a slim groove and approached by a ragged flake crack. This gives the line. Climb the crack and the grooved arête above to a niche. The short wall above leads to a left-trending ramp which is followed easily to the top.

First ascent: (16/06/1985) T W Birkett, P Cornforth

A Private Dancer 25m E4 6a

Another good climb (originally rated **).

A sustained and strenuous climb up the steep wall right of the arête of A Naked Edge. Start just right of the ragged flake crack, at the base of a hanging left-to-right slabby ramp. Climb the initial slab and steep groove above to gain a crack on the left. Follow this to the overhang; pull round on the right and climb the steep wall above until it is possible to gain the bottom of the slanting ramp on the left. Go straight up more easily to the top.

First ascent: (03/06/1985) T W Birkett, J White

Genital Touch 28m E5 6a

Another good climb (originally rated *).

Steep and bold climbing up the slanting grooves right of Private Dancer, starting 3 metres to its right below the midway break in the initial hanging ramp. Pull up and gain the right-hand slanting slab below the large overhang. Climb the blank groove on its left, or the left side of the overhang, to gain the slab above. Ascend this rightwards to a small ledge, then climb the blank groove and steep wall above to the top.

First ascent: (14/06/1985) P Cornforth, T W Birkett

Crimes of Quality 28m E2 5b

Another good climb (originally rated **).

Climbs the large open corner in the centre of the crag, 10 metres right of the grooved arête of A Naked Edge. Both this and the short groove just to the right are guarded by a short undercut wall. Start below the main corner. Gain a ledge at the bottom of the groove. Ascend the slab and left arête to a tiny ledge below the overhangs. Pull up into the steep grooves above and continue to the top.

First ascent: (14/06/1985) J White, P Cornforth, T W Birkett

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Deception 42m E4 6a

Another good climb (originally rated *).

An interesting and committing route up the undercut wall left of Private Eye, starting below the right-hand of the two corners. Climb up into the corner and then left onto the notched arête. Continue to an overlap and follow this up and right until a step left can be made to a thin crack in the middle of a steep wall. Go straight up and over an overhang to easier ground. Move right into the long groove of Private Eye and climb this to a tree belay.

First ascent: (21/06/1987) L Steer, T W Birkett

Private Eye 42m E4 6a

Another good climb (originally rated *).

The striking, slim, right-facing groove above and right of the right-hand corner of Deception, up which it starts. Climb up into the corner and then up right into the main groove. Climb it past a peg runner and continue straight up over the overlaps into a long groove which leads easily to a tree belay.

First ascent: (06/06/1985) T W Birkett, J White

Private Affair 42m VS 4c

Climbs the easier looking wall right of the overhangs. Vegetated and loose in places.. Climb up the wall and left to a traverse leading back right to a large groove. Follow this, then go right and continue via rocks, which become more broken, to the top.

First ascent: (06/06/1985) T W Birkett (solo)

The North Gully Wall

Some 60 metres further up the Gill on the opposite side is a rounded buttress of good quality rock forming the left wall of a large right-facing "S"-shaped corner. This is the Bitter Days area.

A further 40 metres further up the North side of the Gill from the Bitter Days buttress is another continuous area of good rock, though it is mossy in places. The main feature is a diagonal crack running up rightwards across the lower half of the buttress. Directly above this at the very top of the buttress is a prominent streak of reddish moss. Both the climbs are much better than they look.

Bitter Days 38m E5 6b

Another good climb (originally rated *).

A bold and delicate route up the smoothest area just left of the corner, following a line of shallow niches after a steep strenuous start, 2 metres left of the corner. Climb straight up steeply on layaways and undercuts to gain a ramp leading left to an obvious weakness in the centre of the buttress. Straight up to a niche and continue to the topmost shallow niche. Pull directly out of this, step right and up to gain a thin crack. Climb up to a ledge, go left along it, then up via a crack and groove to the top.

First ascent: (04/07/1985) T W Birkett

Cold Nights 38m E2 5c

Another good climb (originally rated *).

A good but poorly protected route up the left side of the buttress. Start at a short corner, 6 metres left of Bitter Days. Difficult moves gain easier climbing above. Trend up rightwards to the start of a left-slanting crack system. Follow this, becoming easier as height is gained.

First ascent: (04/07/1985) T W Birkett

Titania 30m E1 5b 5b

An interesting climb starting at the bottom of the diagonal crack. Climb the slanting crack for a couple of metres until a step right allows the thin crack in the wall above to be gained. Climb this to a ledge and pull over the overlap to a larger ledge. Climb up left and from the top of a block, ascend the thin crack just left of the reddish moss streak.

First ascent: (21/06/1987) T W Birkett, L Steer

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Oberon 30m E1 5b

Another good climb (originally rated *).

Pleasant slabby climbing on excellent rock (rated *). Start 2 metres left of Titania at a slight grooveline. Up the grooveline to a hidden thread runner at 10 metres in the crack on the right. Step left and climb onto the slab using a thin crack, and continue to a ledge. Step left to an overlap, pull over using another crack, then finish straight up the pillar above. Block belay 6 metres back.

First ascent: (21/06/1987) T W Birkett, L Steer

Brown Buttress

100 metres up and right of Private Dancer etc. and out of the confines of the Gill, is an attractive, brown-coloured buttress. It consists of a steep wall on the right and a crinkly slab on the left. The routes are good, sustained on compact rock which only permits small, marginal protection!

Note: Although the buttress is fairly sound, anything large dislodged could reach the bed of the Gill, thus irritating any in-situ scramblers!

Brown Bare 13m MVS 4b

Start 4 metres right of the crinkly slab. Climb the deceptive buttress to a ledge. Step right and climb a wall up and rightwards to reach better holds in a crack. Follow this to the top.

First ascent: (14/06/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

Bronze 15m MVS 4a

Start at the foot of the crinkly slab, cairn. Climb the centre of the crinkly slab, trending rightwards to finish.

First ascent: (14/06/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

Bruin 15m MVS 4a

Start 3 metres left of *Bronze* at two embedded blocks. Climb the left edge of the crinkly slab and step left into a shallow corner. Move up the slab on the left and meander to the top.

First ascent: (14/06/2008)

Dainty 16m VS 4b

Start 3 metres left of *Bruin*. Climb a brown slab rightwards, before continuing up a rib immediately right of a heathery groove. Follow the twin cracks in the fine slab above to easier ground and the top.

First ascent: (14/06/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

BLACK CRAG

West Face

In Absentia 10m E1 5b **

Left of *The Last Corner*, ascend the dark corner/niche with some difficulty using the mossy crack for gear and your best bridging moves. Resist the urge to seek the safety of *The Last Corner* with hands or gear.

First ascent: (12/07/2012) Mike Dunne, John Timney

South Face

Crack On 10m VS4b**

Just to the left of *Little Acorns*, climb the slabby wall using excellent holds before heading out left, on considerably smaller holds, above the grassy ledge to the dark crack at the far left, follow this to the finish. If you fall while heading out left, best to aim for the grassy ledge than trust whatever sparse protection you may have been able to place. Pleasantly tricky in the middle.

First ascent: (12/07/2012) Mike Dunne, John Timney, Katy Froggatt, Chantal Price

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True Grit 5m HVS 5b **

A short problem that would benefit from a spotter rather than a rope, however a trad grade is given in keeping with the other climbs. Climb the rough arête of the bulging overhang right from *Skye Ridge* on surprisingly good holds. Excellent friction. Finish up the easy slabs above if necessary.

First ascent: (12/07/2012) Mike Dunne

Gubbins 5m S 4a **

Another short problem. Climb the fist-width crack right of *True Grit* and left of *Man*, surmounting the overhang with surprising ease.

First ascent: (12/07/2012) Mike Dunne

Jelly Baby 10m S 4a

A pleasant climb up the same block buttress as *Just a Minute*. Start as for that climb. Step left and pull up a blunt rib. Follow the scoops up and rightwards to finish up the arête.

First ascent: (31/05/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

Cloggs 11m S

Slabs 4 metres right of *Glass Clogs*. the vegetated fault to the left of Tim.

First ascent: (30/04/2000) Tom Walkington, Jim Cooper, Nick Evans

The crack right of *Misty*, this has been climbed many times at S.

Wry Slab 10m VS 4c

The bold section of slab squeezed between *Misty* and the moss. Start half a metre right of *Misty*. Climb the slab direct.

First ascent: (31/05/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

Mr Pink Rides Again 14m M

Climbs the (west-facing) slab (above the bog) east of *Glass Slipper Butress*. Climb the slab where it is steepest, 2 metres to the right of the black streak.

First ascent: Traditional

BLISCO SUMMIT

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Pale Cheeks

Clean rough rock and a sunny situation on a ledge about 150 metres west of, and 250 metres below Blisco Summit.

The Blisco Dash 8m E1 5b

Climb the centre of the highest wall. Great moves on layaways easing towards the top. No gear but a good landing.

First ascent: (01/07/2004) M Bagness (Solo)

Many other good problems (4a-5c) have been done, all by Martin Bagness.

LONG SCAR

Mull 17m S

Start left of *Jura* and ascend a crack and ramp passing beneath a triangular niche. Go up clean rock right of vegetation to finish.

First ascent: (27/06/2009) Dick Baker, Liz Beswick

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Slab and Rib 17m S 4a

Five metres left of *Jura* a slab leads to a protruding rib. Climb these features direct, finishing up the wall on the left.

First ascent: (09/06/2008) Re-discovered BJ Clarke (solo)

Extravaganza 22m MS

An ascending leftwards traverse across the *Platt Gang Groove* area. Rather sadly, the route is fine and elegant! From the top of the ramp of *Old Holborn*, ascend diagonally leftwards into *Platt Gang Groove*. Move up for 3 metres and traverse left above the small overhang to reach better footholds. Continue the theme to finish up a knobbly arête just right of a mossy streak.

First ascent: (09/06/2008) Concocted BJ Clarke (solo)

Nipper 15m HS

Start between *Sam's Saunter* and *Platt Gang Groove*.

Climb up to the base of the groove of *Platt Gang Groove*. Move up left to a crackline with an obvious flake crack and follow this to a ledge. Finish up the wall above.

Named after the "Nippy" the dog.

First ascent: (15/07/2006) Ron Kenyon, Chris Kenyon

Billy Cotton 22m HS 4b

Start 3 metres left of *Dot's Delight*. Climb the right-hand right facing corner at 4 metres, exiting up to the left. Continue up broken ground to the upper slab which is climbed by a rightward slanting weakness at its top.

First ascent: (22/04/2009) T Walkington, J Cooper Previously climbed by Richard Baker, Caroline King, 11.7.02.

Trumpet Chimney 22m S

The chimney crack high up the crag left of Glen Miler. Climb a slab up to a dirty groove which is climbed before moving up leftwards to gain the chimney crack.

First ascent: (05/04/2009) T.W.Birkett, T.Walkington

LIGHTNING CRAG

Coco Popped 10m VS 4c

Good climbing starting one metre left of *Popsickle*. Climb the bubbly slab and step right to follow the rib delicately to the top.

First ascent: (06/05/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

The fine, well-marked slab 2 metres right of *Popsickle* also goes at MVS 4c

Popsickle 10m VS 4c

Seventy metres down and left of the main crag, a rounded spur truncates at a fine, slabby buttress with a central crack/groove line. Climb the central crack/groove line, finishing directly up the thin cracks.

First ascent: (06/05/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

Eskdale Hero 16m E5 6a**

A fine but poorly protected route up the obvious flakes in the arête between *West Wall* and *Amina*. Climb up to the flakes and obvious blunt spike (crucial RP1). Pull up and finish up the obvious groove left of the niche of *Amina* and the easy slab above.

Paddy Deady 2001.

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KETTLE CRAG

Another Kettle of Fish 15m S 4c

Starts about 10 metres along the horizontal ledge which is partially blocked by a bit of stone wall ledge at an undercut slab is bisected by a wide heathery crack. Though the climbing is pleasant and the rock good this is an uninspiring route. Start left of the heathery crack. A boulder problem start leads to an easy slab. From its apex step across the gully by a rowan and climb the little wall above.

First ascent: (05/07/2003) Roger Wilkinson, Debbie Wilkinson

Tiny but Deadly 15m VS*

Takes the centre of the obvious triangular slab above the stone wall on the ledge. Pull boldly onto the slab starting just left of the wall and continue directly to the apex, Escape up Singing Kettle

First ascent: (09/06/2009) George North (solo)

BLAKE RIGG

400M

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A large, slow drying crag consisting of steep rock walls between extensive systems of sloping terraces and rakes, all endowed with rich vegetation. It lies on the eastern shoulder of Pike of Blisco where it dominates the vista behind Blea Tarn, a popular tourist attraction and Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Various climbs have been made over the years and some individual pitches are excellent. However, many are spoilt by scrappy wandering sections or do not get enough traffic to stay particularly clean. If you do climb here, take care not to disturb this rich ecology of plant life.

The base of the crag can be reached in about 30 minutes from the car park to the east of Blea Tarn by following the footpath to the tarn and ascending the hillside behind. The Upper Buttress is better reached via its summit by walking from just above Wrynose Bridge on the Wrynose Pass road. Follow Wrynose Beck for some 250 metres before ascending the slope north-east of the beck. When it levels out, continue in the same general line, heading for some prominent rocky outcrops, beyond which an obvious gully top is found 10 metres beyond this, a rock ramp leads down and round northwards to a horizontal terrace and a small cave.

Lower Left Buttress

This buttress is situated at the bottom of and near the left-hand end of the crag. It can be identified by a large holly tree growing below the centre of the buttress. The routes are described from left to right.

Descent: Abseiling from a large thread (own sling probably required! above Crazy Horse is recommended for most routes. Otherwise, continue up seriously exposed heathery ledges to the top of the crag and descend to the left.

Too Excess 25m VS 4c

Climbs the hanging prow at the left-hand end of the buttress. Poor protection and suspect rock. Start at the foot of the gully to its left. Climb diagonally right for 4 metres to a ledge. Move up steeply past a flake then continue up the wall just left of the arête. 6 metres of scrambling leads to a thread/spike belay and abseil point.

Variation Right-Hand Finish MVS 4b 1987

(4b). From the flake, traverse right to a ledge on the right side of the arete. Climb an easy groove to the same belay.

First ascent: (08/08/1987) J Wilkinson, J Daly, K Phizacklea. var. K Phizacklea & J Daly 3/8/87

Missing E7 7a

The steep arête to the left of *Crazy Horse*. Start 2 metres left of the left-hand start. It is best to clip the peg on *Crazy Horse*. Climb a steep crack. Move right one move to a good Rock 7 and a rest. Move left to the arête and a peg runner. Hard moves gain good holds but not at first! Climb easy ground to the top.

NB: There is an extremely rare species of fern on the beginning of this route so the utmost care must be exercised to avoid damaging or disturbing it.

First ascent: (19/06/2000) David Birkett

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Crazy Horse 32m E1 5b

Originally rated *

The steep groove right of the prow. Start beneath the left-slanting crack 4 metres left of the holly. Pull onto a ledge, surmount an overlap then climb diagonally leftwards for 3 metres to gain the prominent overhanging crack/groove. Climb it curving up leftwards to a ledge on the arête. Follow the right side of an easy groove to the thread/spike belay.

Variation Left-Hand Start E2 5c 1987

Start below the hanging prow at the left end of the buttress. Climb impending rock rightwards past a peg runner, then traverse right for 3 metres to join the main route below the overhanging crack/groove.

First ascent: (19/08/1987) J Daly, K Phizacklea. Var. J Daly K Phizacklea 2/8/87

Leningrad 30m E4 6a

Originally rated **

A very good pitch with excellent climbing, often on pockets, which initially climbs the thin crack system up the centre of the smooth wall left of the holly. Start 4 metres left of the holly, as for Crazy Horse. From a ledge, surmount the overlap and follow the thin crack to a large pocket and good runners at mid-height. Step up and right to a smaller pocket, pull up with difficulty then hand traverse back left on more pockets to below a break in the overhang. Climb through this and up easier rock to the left end of a grass ledge. Easy slab climbing leads up left to the thread/spike belay and abseil point.

First ascent: (19/08/1987) K Phizacklea, J Daly

Baby Blue Sky 40m HVS 5a

Originally rated *

The prominent wide overhanging diagonal corner-crack on the right side of the buttress gives unusual and interesting climbing with reasonable protection. Start just right of the holly.

1 26 m (5a). Climb the stepped arête to a tiny right-slanting overlap. Follow this to the obvious wide crack which is climbed to a ledge and block belay.

2 14 m (4c). Move right to a shallow scoop with a block. Climb the scoop and short wall above, and then follow grass ledges right to a belay. Scramble up to the top (rope advised) and descend well to the left of the buttress.

Variation Start 10 m HVS 5a 1987. Start just right of the original start. Climb the thin curving flake crack to gain the base of the obvious wide diagonal crack.

First ascent: (03/08/1987) K Phizacklea, J Daly (alt). Var. 15/8/87 J Daly & K Phizacklea

Time After Time 52m E2 5c

Originally rated *

A disjointed route, but with a good finish, linking rock pitches at the right-hand end of the buttress. Start 20 metres right of Baby Blue Sky at the lowest point of the buttress, just right of another holly.

1 18 m (4c). Surmount a bulge above a ledge at 3 metres, then follow the slabby rib above direct to a ledge.

2 16 m (5a). Steep rock behind the belay is climbed awkwardly to another ledge. Follow easier rock then scramble back to belay beneath an impressive overhanging crack.

3 18 m (5c). Climb this classic jamming crack to a ledge. Continue up the left-leaning overhanging crack, then scramble back 5 metres to belay.

Scramble up leftwards (rope advised) and descend well to the left of the buttress.

First ascent: (02/11/2013) K Phizacklea, J Daly (alt)

Right-Hand Buttress

This prominent buttress, slanting up from right to left with a band of overhangs at half-height, occupies the right-hand third of the crag. The following are logical combinations of pitches climbed at different times.

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Nelli Kim 42m E2 5b

Start at the vertical stepped groove near the right side of the face.

1 20 m (5b). Climb straight up to the top of the groove, crux. Better holds lead up and right to a line of overhangs. Climb this on large holds directly above the groove, and move left to belay.

2 22 m (5b). Move right to gain a shallow scoop which is climbed to easier ground. Belay and abseil point 5 metres higher.

Variation: The Scoop 20 m E2 5a 1987

Start just right of the stepped groove. Climb the easy stepped rib and step left to join Nelli Kim below the overhang. Follow this to the stance.

First ascent: (28/06/1981) T Walkington, D Nottage. Var. K Phizacklea, J Daly 6/12/87

Press Gang/Olga Korbut 48m E2 5c

Originally rated *

Start at the crackline left of the stepped groove of Nelli Kim.

1 25 m (5a). Climb the crack direct to the overhang. Step right, climb the overhang at an obvious weakness, then back left to belay some 6 metres above the overhang. The direct ascent of the overhang above the initial crackline provides a difficult and gymnastic problem (Olga Korbut E4 6b 1981).

2. 23 m (5c). Continue up the crack and small groove until undercuts lead up left to a good hold up right. Reach up left to a large ledge. Climb up right to another ledge then up to a belay and abseil point.

Historical Notes: Several rests taken on the overhang, climbed free by T Walkington 17/9/88. Variation Pitch 1, (Press Gang) climbed by J & K Daly 11/6/87 during what was believed to be the first ascent of the unrecorded line almost identical to Olga Korbut.

First ascent: (28/06/1981) T Walkington, D Nottage.

Upper Buttress

This is the fine slabby wall of beautiful rock at the top of the crag, immediately right of the central gully system. It is actually the left-hand end of Right-Hand Buttress but access is difficult from below. The starts of the routes are best accessed by abseil from the terrace at the top (spare rope recommended) to avoid disturbing the vegetation too much. This brings you to the foot of Mega Pitch. Good abseil belays can be found in the wall left of the shallow cave on the top terrace. It is also possible to descend the gully for some 50 metres until a narrow ledge across its left wall (facing out) leads to a tree and the south end of the terrace, which cuts diagonally down across the cliff beneath the upper buttress.

The exposure on these pitches is considerable. This, together with the abseil approach, creates something of an expeditionary atmosphere on some of the climbs.

The routes are described from left to right. All the routes belay well back from the top.

The Clag Men 20m E4 6a

Start below the prominent groove system in the centre of the front east) wall of the pillar (there is a further line (unclimbed) between this and the arête on the right). Climb the very steep groove until forced to exit left at around half-height. Climb up and right to finish.

First ascent: (09/08/1997) T Walkington, A Clough

Pump up the Pillar 20m E4 6a

Originally rated *

An arduous route up a series of cracks in the right-hand (north) side of the pillar. Start below a prominent crack at the left edge of the wall. Check there are no birds nesting on the half-way ledge. Climb the crack and continue rightwards to the obvious ledge. Finish up the right-slanting crack in the impending wall above.

First ascent: (21/09/1997) T Walkington, A Clough

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Upper Buttress, right wall of the deep chimney

The following routes lie on the clean wall right of the deep chimney

Wrynose Crack 20m E1 5b

Climb the crackline immediately right of the deep chimney

First ascent: (07/09/1996) T Walkington, D Birkett

Pratinacar 40m E3 5c

Originally rated **

Climbs the attractive clean wall right of a grassy break. Start at the right-hand of twin cracks on the left of the wall. Climb the crack for some 15 metres; step left and continue to a ledge. Follow a line of weakness diagonally rightwards, until it is possible to finish more directly.

First ascent: (07/09/1996) T Walkington, D Birkett

White Van Man 40m E3 5c

Start at the centre of the clean wall, 2 metres right of *Pratinacar*. Climb up to a hidden finger pocket (possible sky hook) and arrange a runner high on the left, traverse right 2 metres, and gain a standing position on the obvious sloping ledge. Move left and up the pocketed wall (Friend 1 half way, out up and right). Delicately move up and left to gain good holds in the edge of the main ledge. Continue straight up to a flat hold, then move up and left with difficulty to a flake-crack and continue more easily to the top.

First ascent: (06/07/2000) Bill Birkett, T Rogers, K Forsythe

Mega Pitch 40m E4 6a

Originally rated **

An impressive crackline up the centre of the clean wall. Start 8 metre; right of *Pratinacar*, on a higher ledge. Climb the crack with interest.

First ascent: (02/11/2013) T Walkington, F Farady

Mystery Crack 40m HVS 5a

Originally rated **

Pleasant climbing up the shallow curving crack-groove with a short well-protected crux near the top. Start 3 metres right of *Mega Pitch*. Climb the right wall of the groove, following the slab out rightwards when the crack steepens. Move up to the overhang and enter the break in it from the right. A couple of confident strenuous moves (crux) gain good holds. Step right and finish up the steep crack.

First ascent: (02/11/2013) T Walkington, A Clough, R M Biden

Jim's Route 55m HVS 5a

Originally rated **

Enjoyable and varied climbing up the purple slabby wall right of *Mystery Crack*. Start from the main terrace at a crack beneath the centre of the purple wall.

1 20 m (4c). Climb the twisting crack to belay on a ledge.

2 35 m (5a). Climb a crack into a short groove which gives access to the slab above. Savour your way up this to the steep band Move right around it and up into a short corner to finish.

First ascent: (24/07/1996) J Cooper, F Farady

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SPOUT CRAG

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The following text is from the 1989 edition of the guide.

Situated about 300 metres south (left) of Oak Howe Crag is a line of rather dirty outcrops. Approach as for Upper Spout Crag to the quarry then contour through the woods on the right to the foot of the crag: alternatively traverse leftwards across the steep hillside from Oak Howe Crag. The routes climb the right-hand side of the steep yellowish lower face. The descent from the top of the crag is well to the right.

Crossword 56m VS

A serious climb which starts 4 metres right of a holly, below the centre of the steep wall.

1 15 m. Pull over an overhang into a niche and climb a crack until a ledge on the right is gained. Traverse right to a recess. Belay on the right.

2 14 m. Climb the overhanging wall on the left of the recess to a ledge and traverse right to a birch.

3 19 m. Ascend the easier wall on the left, moving right to an oak.

4 8m . The steep wall behind the oak to the top.

First ascent: (20/07/1970) E Cross, N J Soper (alt)

Gurt gardin Stuff 66m VS

Start 10 metres right of Crossword, at a left facing corner, just right of a small briar.

1 30 m. Pull up into a groove and climb the rib on its right to ledges. Pull up the steep wall to a flake on the left and up the steep groove above. Cross pitch 2 of Crossword and continue up to some trees. Go left to a birch below a brown wall.

2.36 m. Move up and to the right to a mossy corner. Climb this then traverse left on an obvious line.

Mantelshelf onto a higher line. traverse right and pull out to easier rock. Steeply up left, then up rightwards to the top. Tree belay well back.

First ascent: (20/07/1970) N J Soper, E Cross (alt)

HELM CRAG

Full Spectrum 30m VS 4b/c*

An exciting right to left ascending traverse. Start immediately left of the dirty gully and 2 metres right of a small oak tree. Climb directly for 4 metres then traverse left on large foot holds to gain a rising traverse line leading to a groove just right of a large grassy ledge. Climb the groove above to finish up *Skyglow*.

First ascent: (06/06/2011) Martin Scrowston, Paul C Bennett

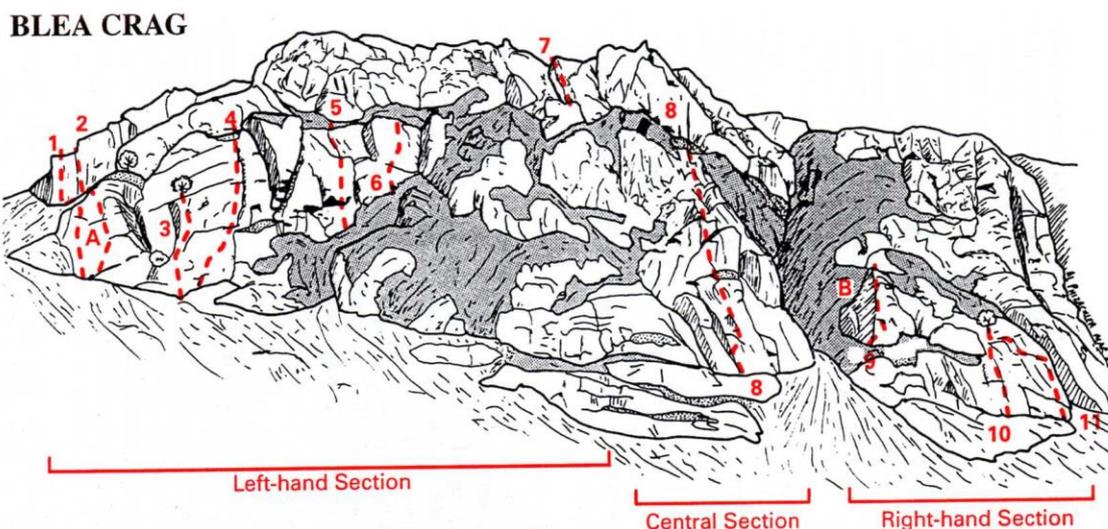
Valley of Tiny Lights 25m VS

Buttress left of *Green Light*. Start one metre right of *Secret No More*. Climb the thin crack passing two small overhangs on the right finishing at yet another tree.

First ascent: (21/04/2010) Martin Scrowston, Paul C Bennett, Dave Till

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B Poachers Buttress		5 Chameleon	E3	9 The Hunted	E4
1 Fruit Bat	E2	6 Erne	E2	10 Mussolini	E2
2 Spider Monkey	HVS	7 Crack in the Sky	HVS	11 Obelisk and Co	HVS
3 No Rest for the Wicked	E3				

The following information is taken from the 1999 edition of Langdale. No routes or star ratings have been checked since that edition.

The large sprawling crag situated high on the fellside overlooking Easedale Tarn. Its many small buttresses give fine, mainly slabby climbing on excellent rough rock. Its seclusion provides a cool and peaceful retreat from more crowded venues, particularly welcome on those hot days of high summer.

It can be approached from Grasmere or Langdale with equal ease, the advantage of the latter being a greater choice of crags to retreat to if Blea Crag is wet. From the Grasmere car park mentioned in the area introduction, follow the metalled road to a gate and cross the footbridge over the river. Follow the footpath up the south side of the valley to Easedale Tarn. Halfway along the tarn, a path leads up past the left side of the crag. From Langdale, follow the approach for Pavey Ark to Stickle Tarn then take the path round its right side and continue eastwards to the ridge above the crag. A well-marked track leads off down towards the tarn, skirting the right side of the crag (facing out). Each approach takes about 75 minutes.

Deep vegetated gullies split the crag into three separate areas. Each section is endowed with large vegetated ledges and rakes between clean rock slabs and walls. The majority of the routes lie on fine slabby buttresses along the base of the crag, though several of the older routes take the best continuous rock to the top.

The Left-Hand Section contains the excellent Animal Buttress on its left and the prominent clean-cut overhang of Chameleon up to the right. The Central Buttress, which stands forward from the remainder of the crag, is extremely vegetated on its left-hand side. Below its right side is a tall narrow buttress of smooth rock above a small terrace, this is taken by the excellent Bleaberry Buttress. Poacher's Buttress guards the left-hand side of the Right-Hand Section, facing into the right-hand gully. Further right, at a lower level, is a fine area of slabs.

Descents: These can be made down either side of the main crag or either of the gullies with caution. Descents for each section are given in their introductions.

The climbs are described from left to right.

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Left Hand Section Animal Buttress

The area of slabs on the lower left-hand side of the crag is known as Animal Buttress. The upper pitches are above a wide grassy ledge above and to the left of the slabs. Descent is best made down the left-hand side of the crag.

Fruit Bat 45m E2 5b

Originally rated **

A good route up the left-hand side of the slab. Poor protection for the hard section on pitch 1. Start just left of the toe of the buttress.

1 24 m (5b). Climb the steepening slab, gaining good holds in the top horizontal band with difficulty, and continue to the large vegetated ledge.

2 21 m (4c). Walk 15 metres down to the left to a large block below two obvious cracks. Climb a short groove and gain a protruding ledge 3 metres left of the cracks. Continue up the wall above.

I Williamson, J White, P Cornforth. 1984

Flying Squirrel 45m HVS 5a

Originally rated **

Fine open climbing on excellent rock, following a direct line up the centre of the slab. Start at the toe of the buttress. (

1 24m (5a). Climb straight up, with a delicate move at half height.

2 21m (4b). Walk down and left, as for Fruit Bat, to the large block below the twin cracks. Climb the left-hand crack.

J White, D White, P Cornforth, I Williamson. 1984

Spider Monkey 45m HVS

Originally rated *

Pleasant climbing up the right-hand side of the slab. Start just right of Flying Squirrel.

1 24 m (5a). Up the slab towards the left end of a vegetated ledge at half height, with a thin unprotected move to reach a runner placement. Follow a crack leftwards and gain the top of the flake above. A short rib leads to the large ledge.

2 21 m (4b). Walk down and left and climb the short corner and crack just right of pitch 2 of Flying Squirrel.

P Cornforth, J White, I Williamson. 1984

Left Hand Section, Sorbo Area

Starting 15 metres right of Animal Buttress, the prominent slabby corner and ribs are taken by the following four routes. They all start from a slanting grass ledge some 6 metres long with a juniper just above its right-hand end.

Fifteen metres right of *No Rest for the Wicked* a wide vegetated rake slants up to the right below a series of square cut overhangs in the lower tier of the Left-Hand Section of the crag. The rake leads to a wide gully above the fan of vegetated rock in the centre of the crag, and provides a rather awkward descent.

Simon Says 26m HVS 5a

The left-slanting clean-cut groove above the left end of the grass ledge gives a good pitch. Start at a short rib below the groove. Climb the rib and slab to a vegetated ledge. Up the groove moving right at the top to a tree belay.

First ascent: (31/05/1984) A Feely, I Williamson

No Flange for the Poor 28m E3 5c

Delicate climbing up the rib left of Simon Says. The grade is for the purist and assumes no runners are placed in the adjacent corner; deduct one "E" point for each such placement! Start 3 metres right of Simon Says. Climb the short steep wall to some sloping ledges then step left to the vegetated ledge below the corner of Simon Says. Climb direct up the unprotected arête finishing left of a short crack near the top.

First ascent: (15/06/1985) M Dale (solo)

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No Rest for the Wicked 24m E3 5c

Originally rated **

A first rate, bold pitch up the elegant narrow slab right of the corner of Simon Says with minimal protection. Start on the grassy ledge below a short steep wall as for No Flange for the Poor. Climb the wall to some sloping ledges then traverse right to a crack, runners. Up and left to a flat spike, then to a good foothold on the left arête. Delicate moves lead up and right to a crack (final runners). Climb back left more steeply and go straight up to an awkward finish directly below the tree.

First ascent: (08/06/1984) I Williamson, A Tilney

Sorbo 52m VS

The second pitch climbs the obvious left-facing corner above the vegetated ledge splitting the crag at about 18 metres. Start 3 metres right of No Rest for the Wicked, beside the juniper on the ledge.

1 25 m (4c). Climb the flake crack on the left or the groove above the juniper then trend right to the left end of a ledge, which is followed rightwards for about 6 metres.

2 27 m (4b). The short groove on the left leads to a ledge, follow the pleasant groove above to the top.

NB This route was cleaned and re-climbed with the described start by I Williamson and J White, 21/7/83.

First ascent: (05/07/1964) N J Soper, J A Austin (alt)

Blea Rigg Climb 38m VD

An unsatisfactory route up the left side of the square cut overhangs. Start by scrambling up the vegetated rake to a square cut scoop below the left end of the overhangs.

1 10 m. Climb the scoop, exit left onto a ledge then go up right to a block belay below an overhang.

2 28 m. Traverse right to the arete, and climb up on its right side to a ledge. Follow the groove, chimney and grassy gully to the top.

G C Turner, J Stables Oct 1908

Chameleon 40m E3 6a

Originally rated *

Strenuous climbing through the square cut overhangs leads to delicate climbing up the slabby wall above. Start at a crack below the overhangs, 4 metres right of Blea Rigg Climb, and just left of a large rock spike. Climb the crack to the overhang and pull over with difficulty into a shallow groove. Trend up and right to another groove which leads to easier slabs and the top.

J White, I Williamson. Summer 1984

Erne 20m E2 5b

Originally rated *

An excellent little pitch with a fingery climax on the clean wall halfway up the left side of the gully reached by scrambling some 30 metres up and right of Chameleon. Start below a thin crack near the left side of the wall.

Climb the crack, starting from the right (harder direct), to a horizontal break, move right and climb the twisting crack to the next break (good nuts in opposition). Finish delicately and boldly up the wall above on small holds.

J White, D White. summer 1984

The Strop 20m E2 5b

Originally rated *

A good sister route to Erne, perhaps slightly harder. Start right of Erne, right of a tiny overhang. Climb up to a runner and traverse left to a good foothold. Climb straight up a vague line on the wall just right of the central crack of Erne to a horizontal break and a junction with Erne (good nuts in opposition). Finish delicately with steadiness up the wall above, just right of Erne.

First ascent: (17/06/1990) J White, M Scrowston, S Hollis, G Hussey

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Crack in the Sky 17m HVS 5a

On the skyline at the top of the grassy gully can be seen a narrow pillar split by a striking crackline. Best reached via a route on the Erne wall or one finishing further left. The crack leans, overhangs, and is awkward at the top, but is generally furnished with good jams and protection.

First ascent: (17/06/1990) J White, M Scrowston, S Hollis. Possibly climbed previously by P Rigby and A Greig

Central Section

Fifty metres right of the scree, below the central fan of vegetated rock, is a narrow buttress of clean, smooth rock. This is just right of a holly and juniper filled groove and above a small subsidiary terrace. The next three routes start here. Descend down the wide grassy gully 20 metres to the right.

Offcomers' Slab 30m E5 6b

Originally rated **

Very delicate climbing up the steep slab left of the corner. A fine route with a particularly bold and committing move above the peg. Start at the left rib. Climb the slab past some small wire placements to an in-situ thread at the bulge. Move left and up to a peg runner and small spike. Continue up and then rightwards to reach the large spike on Another Bleeding Controversy. Finish up the groove and slab above to a grassy corner.

First ascent: (25/05/1987) M Berzins, C Sowden

Another Bleeding Controversy 30m E3 5c

Originally rated **

A direct line up the corner above the start of Bleaberry Buttress. Climb the stacked blocks and continue up the ramp and groove passing a tiny sapling to a good spike. Climb the thin crack in the bulge above to gain a slab and belay in the grassy corner above.

First ascent: (25/05/1987) C Sowden, M Berzins

Bleaberry Buttress 70m HVS 5a

Originally rated **

A long interesting climb with excellent positions. Start up a prominent groove containing a pillar of three blocks.

1 28 m (5a). Climb to the base of the top block. Move up and swing right onto a block on the rib. Pull up into a niche above. Move right around the rib to avoid the steep corner and follow slabby scoops to a terrace on the left.

2 17 m (5a). The slab in the impending wall behind the terrace is traversed to the rib on the left, step left round this to where steeper easier rock leads to a grass ledge. A bold pitch.

3 25 m (4c). The scoops directly ahead, then the arête on the left, lead to the top.

First ascent: (12/07/1964) J A Austin, N J Soper (alt) D G Roberts

Pam's Wall 24m E4 6a

Originally rated **

A superb pitch up the wall above Offcomers' Slab to which it provides a fitting continuation, being easily reached by scrambling up left from the final belay. This point can also be reached by scrambling up leftwards from the wide grassy gully to the right of the buttress. Start on ledges below the cleaned line on the right side of the wall. Sustained climbing leads past a peg runner at 18 metres to a large ledge. Thread belay well back.

J White, M Scrowston. June 2008

Sinister Footwear 26m HVS 5a

The groove system just right of Pam's Wall. Follow the groove system past a bulge and smooth wall. Continue up easier rock to the large ledge and belay as for Pam's Wall.

M Scrowston, J White. June 1988

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Right Hand Section

The right-hand side of the crag is split by a wide grassy gully, Right-Hand Gully, rising full height of the crag. Near its lower right-hand side is a short smooth wall set at right angles to the main crag with a slabby groove to its left and prominent arête on its right. This is known as Poacher's Buttress.

Iguana 18m VS 4c

The obvious grooveline. Climb the clean cut groove which gradually steepens and runs into vegetation near the top.

First ascent: (26/05/1987) J Billingham, I Williamson, J White

The Ivory Wall 20m E5 6a

Originally rated **

Superb and committing moves up the poorly protected wall. Start beside the twin hairline cracks just left of the arête. Climb the wall direct on small finger holds (skyhook used at 6 metres for protection) to some good wires in the horizontal break right of a small overlap. Follow the horizontal fault line left then pull up to good finishing holds.

First ascent: (10/05/1987) J White, I Williamson

The Hunted 22m E4 5c

The arête gives a good though unprotected climb which eases as height is gained. Start below the left side of the arête. From the obvious foothold step round into an exposed position on the right side of the arête and make a very hard move to gain a flake in the niche on the right. Move back up left and continue up the easier angled arête above to the top.

First ascent: (10/05/1987) J White, I Williamson

The Prey 22m VS 5a

Originally rated *

A pleasant route up the wall and slabs 5 metres right of the arête. Start on a ledge right of the arête of The Hunted. Climb to a rib at the right-hand side of an overlap. Pull up this on a good jug and climb leftwards up slabs to the top.

First ascent: (24/06/1987) I Williamson, J White

Extreme Right Hand Side

Low on the extreme right-hand side of the Right-Hand Section is a slabby buttress of light coloured rock of excellent quality. This is about 30 metres right of the large grassy Right-Hand Gully splitting the right side of the crag. A large silver birch tree at the top of the buttress provides a convenient belay for most routes. The best descent is to abseil from the same tree; please treat it with care. It is possible to descend down the right-hand side of the buttress. The following routes start from a narrow vegetated ledge below the left side of the slabs:

The Clothes Show 14m E4 6b

Originally rated E4? *?

A hard micro-pitch up a subsidiary slab lying to the left of Mussolini. Climb the thin crack slanting up left, passing a peg runner.

K Phizacklea, S Merry, B McKinley. August 1992

Mussolini 24m E2 5c

Originally rated **

An excellent pitch starting below an attractive thin vertical crack near the left side of the main slabs. Climb the crack to a resting place at its end. Go up and right past an obvious flake to the left end of the overlaps near the top. Climb a short groove and traverse right to a ledge and tree belay.

First ascent: (23/05/1987) A Tilney, A Rowntree

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Hermann Goering 24m E2 5c

Originally rated **

Delicate climbing up the slab just right of Mussolini, giving a pleasant eliminate. Straight up the slab, use a right-to-left slanting crack (good runners) to surmount a bulge. Continue up the centre of the slab above to join Mussolini at the prominent flake. Finish as for Mussolini.

First ascent: (03/11/2013) I Williamson, J White. 1987

Asterix the Gaul 24m HVS 5a

Originally rated **

An enjoyable route starting 3 metres right of Mussolini at a thin crack. Climb the crack to a ledge. The thin crack above is followed to its end; climb up to another crack, then rightwards to below an overlap. Step right to its centre and pull over to a slim ledge. Up the short wall above to a ledge and tree belay.

First ascent: (23/05/1987) A Rowntree, A Tilney

Death Camp 20m E5 6a

Originally rated *

Bold, poorly protected climbing on tiny rugosities. Start 5 metres right of and at a higher level than Asterix the Gaul, below a rock scar at 8 metres. A peg runner in the shallow groove on the right protects the first moves. Precarious moves up the slab, just right of a hairline crack, gain small holds below the scar. Step left and pull up into the vague scoop above. Easier climbing up the groove above to a tiny overlap, pull over on large holds and up a short wall to a ledge and tree belay.

First ascent: (24/06/1987) J White, I Williamson

SS Scoop 20m E3 5c

Originally rated *

A delicate poorly protected route with a worrying but short crux section up the vague scoop right of Death Camp. Start as for Raindancer. The light coloured slabs lead up to poor wires on the right, near the foot of Raindancer's groove. Make an increasingly delicate series of moves leftwards into the scoop, and climb this to better holds. A final couple of thin moves gain the ledge above and easier climbing to the belay tree.

J White, M Scrowston. June 1988

Raindancer 20m HVS 5b

Awkward moves up the shallow crackline just left of the groove of Obelix and Co. Slow to dry. Start directly below the crack. Climb up over short slabs and easy ledges to below the crackline. Climb the crack to a good ledge.

First ascent: (21/06/1987) R Faragher, A Tilney, A Rowntree

Obelix and Co 20m HVS 4c

Originally rated *

The obvious right facing groove in the upper half of the right-hand side of the slab. Climb the easy slabs to gain the groove which is followed to the right-hand side of the capping overhang. Pull up and traverse left to belay on the tree.

First ascent: (21/06/1987) A Rowntree, R Faragher, A Tilney

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EAGLE CRAG	450M	NY 298 083	E
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Some half kilometre right of Blea Crag is a small though very impressive pillar of rock standing out from the steep hillside. It has a large slanting roof at its base above a short wall. One route has been climbed up the front face of the pillar.

Too Bleeding Hard 35m E5 6b

A difficult route up the centre of the wall. Start below a crack in the overhang. Traverse right, pull up, and then back left along the lip of the overhang. Climb the wall to finish up the obvious V-chimney by difficult and painful fist jamming.

Variation Direct Start E5 6b The obvious crack in the overhang has been ascended using a nut for aid, passing an in situ sling near the lip, to gain the line direct.

First ascent C Sowden, M Berzins. Direct start by the same team. Both Summer 1988

LOOKING HOWE CRAG	370M	NY 309 082	E
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This text is from Langdale (1999).

This small crag is composed of excellent rough, grey rock. Like its bigger neighbour, Blea Crag, it provides climbing in a beautiful and quiet setting, despite the proximity of the ever popular Easedale Tarn. Approach by striking up leftwards from a point just beyond the tarn outlet towards a vague ridge which leads up to the base of the buttress in about ten minutes. It should be noted that the major part of the crag cannot be seen from the approach as it is hidden by a broken ridge.

The first two routes lie on the right-hand side of the broken ridge.

The Brazen Hussey 19m S

Climb the obvious left-facing groove right of the broken ridge, then the slab to the right. (rated *)

Hidden Treasure 19m S

Start at the foot of the groove right of The Brazen Hussy. (rated *)

Climb the groove, or more pleasantly the sharp ridge on the right, to gain the top of a pedestal. Step left and climb the pleasant clean slab direct.

Hidden Pleasures 19m E1 5c

Originally rated *

To the left of the broken ridge is the best section of the crag, a compact and attractive wall. The left-hand crack-ramp-crack line gives a good technical problem. Make a couple of hard moves up the initial crack, assisted by a conspicuous sharp nubble, and gain the ramp. Follow this and the upper crack with less difficulty.

Hidden Secrets 18m E1 5b

Originally rated **

A superb little pitch with better protection than is apparent from below. The right-hand crack and wall above are followed with continuous interest on excellent rock.

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SLAPESTONE EDGE	390M	NY 302 088	SE
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The following text is from Langdale (1999). No routes or star grades have been checked since that edition. This is the extensive though very broken area of rock which lies due west of and overlooking Easedale Tarn, from whose south side it is best approached directly up the fellside. The following routes lie on the steep mossy slabs at the left side of the crag.

The routes are described from right to left.

Descent: to the left of the buttress.

Sharni Slab 25m HVS 5a

Originally rated *

An interesting route. Start at twin perched blocks below an intimidating wall leading to a shallow right-facing groove. Climb the wall (easier than it looks) direct, stepping left at 5 metres to gain the ledge below the groove; climb its right wall exiting left to another ledge and finish up the immaculate clean wall above.

First ascent: (16/10/1988) A Phizacklea, J Lockley

Slape Stones 24m HVS 5a

This eases after a tricky start. Start a metre right of Easedale Ramble. Effect a standing position on a triangular pocket then step right. Climb past a horizontal crack to a tiny spike. Move left into a wide diagonal crack which is followed to a ledge. Finish easily up the mossy slab. The original way traversed rightwards from the tiny spike and then climbed the wall direct to the mossy slab. Contrived and poorly protected, E2 (5c).

First ascent: (16/10/1988) A Phizacklea, J Lockley

Easedale Ramble 25m HVS 5a

Some pleasant climbing. Start on the rock ledge just left of the split blocks, below a flake at 4 metres. Climb the flake to a wide diagonal crack. Step left and climb the clean slab to a ledge. Above is a pillar with an overlap at half height. Finish up the left side of this. The pillar can be climbed direct at poorly protected E2 (5c) - the original way but rather artificial.

First ascent: (16/10/1988) A Phizacklea, J Lockley