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Buttermere, Newlands and St Bees Archive

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## Yew Crag

### Peregrine Buttress

500 feet

VD

This crag is seen up on left on the flank of Dale head as one walks up to Honister. Start at the lowest left-hand corner of the crag.

1 100 feet A wall, steep but avoidable, with excursions to the left where necessary. Exposed.

2 250 feet Straight up the buttress ahead, on splintery rock, with a variety of line choice.

3 150 feet The buttress splits, the left-hand division forming a steep nose which awaits conquest. The climb makes for the crack junction of the divide and continues up it on heather to the top.

CWF Noyce (solo) 25/07/1941

### Yew Crag Gully

In the current Buttermere guide it says that the central section of Yew Crag Gully is unclimbed. However, in the FRCC Journal 1922 p99, it states: Yew Crag Gully - H Booth led RW Hall up the difficult and (?) hitherto unclimbed pitch of this gully in August. It requires a 50 foot run out over fine rock, part of which consists of a crack

### Incline Wall

NY 224 141

450m

SW

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This very small crag has a sunny aspect, but, as with all the rock hereabouts, it is of dubious quality. It can be seen from Honister Pass and is situated to the right of *Buckstone How*, above an ill-defined incline. Follow the approach for *Buckstone How*, until the fellside can be ascended to its foot (17min). Lines on the main wall have been climbed but not recorded. The isolated rib on the extreme right, has a line of hollow flakes on its right-hand flank:

### Musical Chairs

13m

VS 4b

The rib on the extreme right of the wall has a line of flakes on its right-hand flank (facing Honister mine). Start below here on a higher ledge.

(4b). Climb the flakes with care to a ledge at the top of the rib. Move up for 3 metres then step right to a motley collection of spike belays.

BJ Clarke (solo) 27/07/2006

### Leporello

14m

MVS 4b

A rather better offering, starting 3 metres left of *Musical Chairs* at the base of a groove, from the top of which springs a fine-looking flake crack. Climb the left rib of the groove and gain the flake crack delicately from the left. Continue up it to join *Musical Chairs*, and finish as for that climb.

BJ Clarke (solo) 27/07/2006

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## Striddle Crag

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### The Fretsaw Climb 255 feet S

Starts 6 feet to the left of *Ding Dong*.

1 100 feet Climb the steep rough wall for 60 feet, then traverse left along a sloping rock ledge to a spike-belay on the small buttress which terminates the traverse. 30 feet above is a holly-tree.

2 30 feet Step to the edge the buttress and move round for 6 feet, then, with a long stride, climb the short but severe crack on the left. Belay on blocks.

3 25 feet A difficult slab to a flake-belay directly above the holly-tree.

4 50 feet Move slightly right, then ascend steep rock, working left and up.

5 50 feet A similar line to an open finish.

DN Greenop, G Benn (alt) 25/02/1957

### The Great Slab 220 feet D

Starts at the base of large slab after a 50-foot traverse from the foot of *Fleetwith Gully*.

1 50 feet An easy slab to a ledge at the foot of the *Great Slab*.

2 170 feet Climb up and slightly left to a slight bulge. Traverse underneath this and take a direct line up the centre of the slab.

DN Greenop, J Greenop, G Benn 04/11/1956

## Green Crag

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### Green Crag Gully M

Take the right-hand track up Warnscale Bottom and follow it until it passes below the last crag on the right. The long gully on the left is *Green Crag Gully*. Further to the right and starting at the higher level is *Toreador Gully*. Leader needs 40 feet of rope. The gully starts with two pitches of 25 feet each, both of which are climbed on the right. A 10-foot wall is then climbed to a narrow chimney with a cave about 20 feet higher, entered by a window invisible from below. Two small pitches are passed on the right wall, although the second has a narrow chimney, which might be climbed in dry weather. The last pitch is climbed on the left wall for about 25 feet and a traverse back made to the gully which now peters out.

JW Robinson, WA Wilson 1889.

### Toreador Gully 250 feet S

Leader needs 100 feet of rope

Further to the right of Green Crag Gully and starting at the higher level is Toreador Gully. .

1 20 feet A difficult 20- foot chimney followed by a scree walk.

2 90 feet A wet chimney is backed up for about 60 feet till the gully widens out, when, after a few feet, holds on the wall can be used until the top of the chockstone is within reach. These holds are very doubtful and it is possible to break out on the right wall and traverse left to the top of the pitch.

3 40 feet A steep rib of rock with a grassy chimney finish. Belay about 10 feet above on the right.

4 100 feet An easy but loose grassy chimney with a chockstone about half-way up. which can be passed on the left, leads to huge belay.

HB Lyon, LJ Oppenheimer, E Scantlebury, AR Thompson 02/08/1908

### Cyclops 260 feet HS

Starts on the far left-hand buttress, 100 feet left of the fine gully between the left-hand and far left-hand buttress.

1 75 feet Scramble up steep heather for 30 feet and climb a corner groove between a cracked rib and a steep heathery slab on the right. Step right to a tree belay below a steep wall.

2 85 feet Traverse right for 15 feet and climb a little groove to a steep heather ledge. Climb to a right-angled groove on the right and ascend it on its right-hand edge. After passing a pinnacle step right into another groove and climb it for 40 feet to a ledge and peg belay.

3 100 feet Step up and trend right below overhangs. Gain a small ledge on the steep wall on the right, make a

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long step right and traverse across a little slab. Climb a rib on good holds to a steep heather ledge just left of a tree. Move right over a small bulge and climb a little slab. Scrambling over steep heather leads to the top.

J. C. Eilbeck, W. R. Tully 28/08/1965

<b>Poka-Moon-Shine</b>	<b>300 feet</b>	<b>VS</b>	<b>1966</b>
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Not the best climb on the crag, but serious enough to be interesting. It starts from the triple sapling of Thorgrim.

1 60 feet Scramble up to the gardened groove and climb it to a grass exit and rowan belay; junction with Paper Tiger.

2 75 feet Traverse to the right on grass and scramble up to another gardened groove. Go up this; then move to the right to a stance and belay (just below and to the left of the top of the subsidiary buttress on the right).

3 130 feet The wall above is bounded on the right by a corner with square overhangs and on the left by a very steep arête. The pitch takes a line diagonally left to a small grass ledge near the arête, then breaks back right. Move left across a slab and up to a flat ledge; then climb a steep corner to a place for a nut runner below the overhangs above. Traverse left and up on poor rock, across a bottomless groove, to reach the ledge. Follow a crack on the right formed by large blocks, to a niche and thread belay. Climb a short bulge to easier ground. Scramble up to the right for 25 feet to a place for a good piton belay.

4 35 feet Easy rock leads to the top of the crag.

NJ Soper, CD Curtis 1/5/1966

<b>The Odyssey</b>	<b>205 feet</b>	<b>VS</b>
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Starts 15 feet from the extreme right-hand edge of the crag, just to the right of a grassy groove.

1 60 feet Climb the steep wall for 15 feet, pull out to the right onto a steep slab and climb this trending left and over an overlap on good holds. Move right and climb straight up to a ledge. Traverse left to a tree belay.

2 75 feet (Crux) Return along the ledge and climb up a steep gangway on the right to a smooth wall. Climb this by swinging out right and continue up a steep cracked wall trending right. Climb a groove to a slanting overhang and step right to a small stance and peg belay.

3 70 feet Traverse left into a mossy scoop and climb straight up to the top. Scramble up to belay at top of the crag.

Note: On the first ascent a peg was used on each of the first two pitches for gardening. These are now not necessary.

J. C. Eilbeck, W. Young 22/08/1965

**Comment received in 2015**

*Tried a 50th anniversary ascent of this route (possibly might have been a second ascent?), fantastic sunny wall, unfortunately not clean enough to climb just yet after a long cold dull wet summer and many previous bad summers.*

<b>Haystacks</b>
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<b>Warn Ghyll Buttress</b>	<b>265 feet</b>	<b>MVS</b>
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Takes a line overlooking *Warn Ghyll* on the right-hand buttress. Start at the bottom of the gully.

1 80 feet Climb the rib on the right, passing a small overhang, and up the slabs to a corner containing a grass ledge. Chock belay.

2 45 feet Pull into a short V-groove, then turn the overhang on the left to enter a corner. Up this to a grass ledge and piton belay.

3 140 feet Move left then up a steep wall to regain the corner which is followed until it is possible to escape rightwards at 80 feet. Scramble across to a tree.

**Descent** is best by abseil; 200 feet of rope used singly just suffices. .

JA Austin, I Roper (alt), DG Farley 01/01/1967

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## High Crag

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### Pinnacle Rib

350 feet

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The climb runs up the central of three ribs coming down between *Gatesgarth Chimney* and *Wall End Arete*. The rib is followed to a wall with a pinnacle against it. The wall is ascended from the top of the pinnacle to a ledge. Pleasant climbing continues to the top of the crag. No measurements were taken.

A Barton, EB Mendus 05/10/1941

### Variety Corner

180 feet

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This climb, which is said to be across the' gully from *Wall End Arête*, could not be located. In consequence the following description has been taken from the *Journal of the Fell & Rock Climbing Club*.

The climb goes up the rocks on the left of a grassy gully splitting *High Crag* not far to the left from where an old wall runs up against it.

1 25 feet A start is made on the right-hand corner of a steep slab, Climb up for about 25 feet to a belay on the right.

2 25 feet Traverse left for 10 feet then climb upwards across the slab on the right to a belay.

3 40 feet Easy rocks lead to the foot of a crack on the left. This is climbed for about 8 feet and a traverse is then made round the corner on the right to a good belay overlooking a steep, wet, grassy gully.

4 40 feet From the belay return to the crack and climb it to a good ledge and block-belay.

5 45 feet Stepping off from the belay-block the bulging face above is climbed with difficulty on small holds. The climb finishes at a good belay.

Since incorporated into *Wall End Arête*.

A Mullin, H Henniker, Miss 'David' Maine 09/04/1939

## Brant Bield Crag

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### Blind Man's Bluff

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Because the attempt made to locate this climb did not succeed we give the following description from the *Journal of the Fell & Rock Climbing Club*.

Left of *Birkness Gully* are two big gullies, then a broad buttress. At the base of this is a well-defined nose of rock, similar in structure to *Eagle Crag*. This lasts some 200 feet, merging into heather in the upper buttress.

The climb starts directly at the foot of the nose, it advances across an obvious slab towards the left, but makes back right to keep to the true line of the nose--its only merit--as far as possible. Above good scrambling.

Moderately difficult.

CWF Noyce 20/09/1941

### Brant Bield Buttress

280 feet

VD

Leader needs 70 feet of rope. This route lies on the broad flat buttress behind and to the right of *Blind Man's Bluff*. It can be identified by the oblique fault which is apparent in the structure of the crag. There is little to recommend the climb except its good finish. Start from the foot of the fault at a good flat ledge.

1 40 feet Climb a small chimney; break out on the left at the top. Small belay.

2 15 feet The wall above is climbed on small holds. Belay.

3 60 feet A three-stepped staircase leads right to a wall which is climbed on the right. Block-belay on the right.

4 30 feet The small upstanding buttress above is turned on the right. Good flake-belay in a corner.

5 30 feet Climb the gangway on the left and ascend back right up a short slab to a shallow crevasse. Belay. (The short slab is avoidable.)

6 40 feet Climb the chimney on the left, and traverse left at the top to a thread-belay at the foot of a long crack.

7 25 feet Follow the crack to a small rock ledge and thread-belay.

8 40 feet Continue up the crack to the top of the crag. Block-belays.

W Peascod, EB Mendus 01/08/1942

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## Eagle Crag

<b>Girdle of the Lower Tier</b>	<b>665 feet</b>	<b>HVS</b>
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Start as for *Double Cross Route*.

- 1 30 feet The easy ridge is climbed to a stance and poor belay.
- 2 75 feet Make a semi hand traverse and continue left to a grass ledge and belays.
- 3 60 feet More left and descend for about 20 feet to a line of ledges which lead to the arête (junction with *Birkness Eliminate*). Make a long stride over to a belay on a grass rake on *Piggott's Route*.
- 4 40 feet Traverse easily round the arête to the belay at the end of pitch 2 on *Eagle Front*.
- 5 80 feet Move left and make a descending traverse across the mossy slabs to a grass ledge at the base of a large overhanging groove.
- 6 50 feet Climb the rib on the left of the belay and continue steeply to the base of the crack on *Carnival*. Reverse the traverse of this climb to the stance above pitch 2.
- 7 120 feet Above and to the left of the stance is a sleep leftward trending groove. Climb this to a ledge at 15 feet. Move easily leftwards crossing the 4th pitch of *Fifth Avenue* and then climb the slabs and the rib overlooking *Central Chimney*. Cross *Central Chimney* and belay on the terrace immediately to its left.
- 8 80 feet Scramble up leftwards to a grass bay at the foot of a steep corner beneath the wall containing *Hanging Chimney* (Belays 10 feet up).
- 9 50 feet Climb the corner to the overhang. Traverse left on large holds across the steep wall to the arête and move up to join *Easter Buttress*. Belay at the top of pitch 4.
- 10 50 feet Traverse left for 10 feet and then move up and continue traversing until *Birkness Chimney* halts further progress. Move up to a ledge and belay.
- 11 50 feet Pleasant climbing leads to the top of the crag.

R Hutchinson, J Earl (alternate leads) 7.6.75

Above and to the right of Eagle Crag is an area of broken buttresses and scree gullies. There is a conspicuous narrow ridge to the left of the second scree gully from Eagle Crag. This is:

<b>The Barn Door</b>	<b>145 feet</b>	<b>M</b>
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An interesting climb, a recent visit suggests that the rock is poor and the climbing harder than M. To the left of the ridge is a slabby face. The climb ascends the right of this face and then crosses its top.

- 130 feet. Climb grassy rocks to a ledge and belay.
- 230 feet. Easier rocks lead to a rock ledge and belay.
- 3 25 feet. Move up left and climb a short chimney to a rock stance and belay.
- 430 feet. Climb the steep slab by a difficult crack, above which rock steps lead to where the ridge levels off.
- 530 feet. Follow the level ridge to the hillside.

Well up the right is an easy-angled ridge of light-coloured rock lies high up, and well to the right of the steep slabby grass covered rocks which form the background behind the Barn-door. This is ;

<b>The Mole</b>	<b>120 feet</b>	<b>D</b>
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- 1 100 feet Smooth rock at a fairly easy angle leads to a ledge and belay.
- 2 20 feet Easy rocks.

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## Grey Crag

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### Turl Street

120ft

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Start as for *Mitre Arête*.

1 40ft. Follow the crack immediately to the right and belay on the ledge of the ordinary route.

2 80ft. Climb straight up the centre of the wall to a large loose block at 70ft (probably gone by now). The climb finishes up the crack a few feet right of the ordinary route.

Rediscovered in the Birkness log book; pitch 2 is probably now pitch 2 of *Mitre Mouse*.

J White, B Coates 15/04/1955

The following route has not appeared in any guidebook.

### Grey Crag Eliminate

120 feet

VS

The climb starts from a bouldery ledge and immediately to the right of a rock fall. There is a narrow wall between Chockstone Ridge and Suaviter.

1 50 feet Climb the smooth wall using a shoulder to reach a piton in place. Make an awkward move or two onto the ledge above. Peg belay.

2 70 feet From the ledge make an awkward step right. Climb the wall and easier rock above to block belays.

R. McHaffie, J. Currie 4/6/1964.

### Grey Crag Chain

545 feet

VS

Exposed in places. Leader needs 80 feet of rope. The most delightful climb on *Grey Crag*; there are several very pleasant situations. Starts at the foot of the front of *Bishop's Arête*.

1 20 feet The steep rough wall. Belay.

2 25 feet A short crack followed by another wall. Belay on left.

3 40 feet Easier climbing to the foot of the final section of *Bishop's Arête*. Block-belay.

4 30 feet Traverse easily into the corner on the left, then out for a short distance on to *Cracked Wall* to a small ledge. Belay high up on the left.

5 35 feet A delicate, upward traverse to the edge of the wall is followed by a swing round into a deeply-cut chimney. Thread-belay.

6 45 feet Descend 15 feet then move with difficulty out on to the right wall. After a short traverse ascend direct to a good hold below an overhang. Pull up to the small ledge below the overhang. Wriggle along the ledge and swing round its end into a nook. Cross the nook and continue the traverse leftwards to a belay block in a crack.

7 50 feet Descend the crack below the block for 7 feet.

Cross the narrow ledge on the left and descend another crack. until the traverse can be continued past two sharp-pointed blocks (the first one is loose) on to *Grey Wall*.

8 20 feet Descend the crack to the left. Narrow ledge and belay (3rd Pitch of *Fortiter*).

9 40 feet Descend the steep crack below to a very small ledge. The two overhangs below the ledge are descended, the second by a layback, until it is possible to stand on the steep slab below. From here work upwards and left to large belay block.

10 15 feet Easier traversing leads to the left edge of *Grey Wall*.

11 40 feet Traverse left down a short slab then across on to *Chockstone Ridge* to the pitch above the gendarme: Belay.

12 70 feet Descend easily for 25 feet into the grassy gully and out again up the fine wall opposite for 45 feet to a block belay on the *Slabs Buttress*.

13 55 feet Traverse easily across the slabs to a pile of blocks below an undercut of rock. .

14 60 feet Work upwards and left to a niche. Cross the nose to the right, ascend for a few feet then traverse left again to better holds which lead to the top of the crag. Belays.

W Peascod, EB Mendus 12/09/1943

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## Chapel Crag, Bleaberry Combe

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### Empiricism 225 feet D

Start at the toe of the crag's left-bounding spur.

- 1 45' Bear right, then up left on the slabby right face of the spur to a belay on a grassy ledge.
- 2 65' Keep right up the broad easy ridge ahead. Belay above an undercut niche on the right.
- 3 35' Continue for 15 feet in the same line, then traverse left across a wall (often damp) to a grassy crack. Follow this up and left to a large shelf and block belay.
- 4 40' Move left to a chockstone chimney which leads to an immense block overlooking the gully.
- 5 40' Steeper rock above the block. Bear slightly right up the fault, then finish left.

Don Greenop, Eric Ivison (alt) 29/04/1962

### Invar 70m HS

Start at the right-hand spur just left of the toe of the buttress.

- 1 17m Climb the slab on the right face, then scramble up to a ledge on the left.
- 2 17m Climb diagonally right to a ledge below a nose.
- 3 36m Climb into a scoop, right of the nose, and layback the crack above. Follow the crest to a block, then climb the slabs to the top.

DN Greenop, E Ivison (alt) 20/06/1962

### Costate Wall 170' S

This is the terminal spur on the right, some 50 yards right of *Invar*. Start just left of a thin scree runnel.

- 1 60' Up the right edge of the spur to a ledge and belay.
- 2 15'. A short rib to the left. Low belay.
- 3 50' An awkward move into the comer, then mount the rib on the left and traverse left to the next rib which leads to a small grass platform. Belay on the left.
- 4 45' The slabs above the belay, then scrambling to blocks.

Don Greenop, Eric Ivison (alt) 10/06/1962

### Anderley 52m MVS 4a

The leftmost and highest buttress of *Chapel Crag* (Bleaberry Combe), is defined on its right by a wide scree/bilberry slope. This route, which has a few good moves on cleanish rock follows the seemingly pronounced right arête. This may be the same buttress containing *Invar*. Start at the foot of a brown rib, just above the lowest rocks and immediately left of a small gully.

- 1 12m 4a Climb the rib, finishing on its left side, to reach a large ledge.
- 2 40m 4a Follow ramps up right, keeping below two handsome but dirty grooves, for 14 metres. Step up, and climb the fine, crinkly wall diagonally leftwards to a ledge. Step left and finish up a series of short walls.

BJ Clarke (solo) 16/07/2006

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## Rannerdale Knotts

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The crag immediately above the pull-off has three routes, however, the rockfall danger to cars and people below will dictate when climbing is prudent.

### Kavanagh

35m

VD

A direct route which starts 10 metres to the right of the lowest point of the crag.

Climb the wall right of the holly bush to a ledge and flake. Continue up the broken wall above on good holds to a grassy terrace, tree belay.

S Hubball, W James 24/04/1987

### Front Line

36m

VS 4c

Start at the top of the eroded scree slope beneath a short steep wall.

1 30m 4c Climb the wall on the right to a ledge. Move left and climb the green wall above to the black crack.

Climb the crack and broken corner above to a ledge.

2 6m Climb the broken rib above to finish.

N Kekus, S Hubball 22/04/1987

### The Fox

30m

VS 4c

Climb the slab 3 metres right of *Front Line* to below the overhanging corner. Move right round the rib and climb the wall above to exit by a short groove on the left. Belay up on the right.

S Hubball, N Kekus 22/04/1987

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## Newlands

### Grey Buttress

<b>Mangler</b>	<b>145ft</b>	<b>HVS</b>
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Start a little to the right of *Raven's Groove*.

1 50ft 15m Climb a rib to a grass ledge.

2 40ft 12m Go up a crack formed by blocks. Move right up an overhanging crack, (/2 slings and 1 peg for aid). Then the wide crack to gain a ledge on the right.

3 55ft 17m Cross a slab rightwards. Then up a corner crack. Traverse under an overhang into a corner and go left to finish.

R McHaffie, L Kendall 23/06/1972

<b>Master Eye</b>	<b>145ft</b>	<b>HVS</b>
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Takes the line of cracks to the right of *Mangler*, two pitches

R McHaffie, J Lake 29/06/1972

### Red Crag right side

<b>Dnieper Buttress</b>	<b>260 feet</b>	<b>S</b>
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This climb is on the extreme right subsidiary buttress of Red Crag, and starts at an arête a few feet up the very wide gully which comes down between Red Crag and Waterfall Buttress. Bad rock is prevalent.

1 20 feet. Easy arête to a ledge and spike-belay on the right.

2 50 feet. From the belay, move left, then climb an awkward, sloping groove to a platform beneath a big overhang. Step across to the left, round the corner of the overhang, into a grassy nook. Poor belays.

3 40 feet. Climb the broken groove, which is ivy-covered in its lower part. The groove finishes at a rock ledge with a good stance near a rowan-tree. Belays.

4 60 feet. Climb the steep rock above the belay and then step right into a broken groove. 30 feet of easy rocks lead to a rock ledge and belay.

5 90 feet. Broken rocks and heather to a sheep track and the finish.

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## Miners' Crag

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### North Buttress

200 feet

VD

The climb goes up the Buttress to the left of *Newlands Gully*.

1 40 feet Starts a few feet to the left of the bottom of the *Gully*. Easy rocks lead to the nose of the buttress distinguished by three piled blocks. Belay.

2 40 feet Start to the right of the three blocks, climb onto the slabs and up to a heather ledge. Belay round the corner to the left, at the foot of a steep corner.

3 50 feet Climb the groove for a few feet then step right up onto a rock platform. Traverse horizontally right then continue up the buttress to a ledge. Block-belay.

4 20 feet Above and to the left can be seen a big flake; traverse left and round the flake to a narrow platform above it: belays to the right.

5 50 feet The bottomless chimney on the left. This pitch is harder than the rest of the climb, and no doubt an easier alternative could be found.

G Rushworth, S Dirkin 09/11/1949

### Bronco

315 feet

VS

Follows the broken-looking groove to the left of *Miners' Groove*, starting from cairn 4 feet to the left of the latter.

1 20 feet Ascend easy slab, moving left to spike-belay beneath a bulging crack.

2 40 feet The crack is climbed direct to good stance and small, doubtful spike-belay.

3 30 feet Up the groove on the left to small stance and good belay.

4 55 feet Up crack on the right. Belay at top of hard groove of *Miner's Groove*.

6 40 feet Move down and step onto top of overhang on left wall and continue up broken rocks to spike belay below a wall.

6 60 feet Move up on the left of some small grooves, then left and up slabs to belay on left.

7 70 feet Finish up heather-covered slabs to the top.

DJ Wildridge, R Wilkinson 16/07/1952

### Newlands Corner

250 feet

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Owing to the difficulty in determining the exact route the following description has been taken from the Borrowdale Guide Book of 1937. If you choose to look, good luck.

The best rock is to be found at the southerly end, on the steep flat buttress which faces the pass from Borrowdale to Newlands. A route has been made up this, which starts some 15 yards to the right of the foot of this buttress (cairn) below a series of narrow cracks. After a movement to the left, scrambling for 30 feet brings the leader to the foot of these cracks, which can be turned by an interesting traverse to the right, over a nose of rock, (25 feet). The stance is poor but a belay can be obtained round a boulder at the top of a chimney. After 10 feet on to a grassy ledge to the right, a horizontal traverse back to the left for about 15 feet, leads to a corner under an overhang. About 15 feet higher on the arête there will be found a fine belay. From here the climb continues up an indefinite chimney until one is forced out to the right to a corner from which a short easy crack leads back to the arête (30 feet). A scramble and a big gently sloping slab leads to a corner and a fine chimney with a belay on the right. The chimney, which is very difficult, can be avoided by a traverse along the top of the slab and round the corner to a belay, after which a further 15 feet of steep rock end all difficulties

RST Chorley, EF Harland 01/01/1923

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## Dale Head Crag

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### Acropolis 190 feet S

Starts about 25 yards left of the left arête of the main crag at a slab with horizontal slot marks.

1 90 feet Up the slab to a large ledge, continue up a short corner and belay on the left side of the top of the pillar.

2 50 feet Climb the corner above then follow a line of good holds leftwards and around the corner; a short crack and easier rock leads to a belay.

3 50 feet easier rock and veg to the top

T Langhorne, L Kendall 30 June 1972

### Caradoc 300 feet E1 (no tech grade)

To the right of the upper pitches of Mithril is a large corner, close to the chimney of Central Route. An indifferent approach leads to this. Start at the same point as Mithril.

1 120 feet Climb the rib to the right of the groove of Mithril; at the top make a descending traverse left to a groove, which leads, via an exit on the right hand rib, to a stance and belay.

2 100 feet Traverse right on broken rock to a loose gangway which leads into the large corner.

3 100 feet Climb the corner and pull onto the left arête. Pull over the overlap and up the overhanging groove to join Mithril. Finish up the groove above.

### Holy Roller 60m HVS 1976

Starts up Caradoc then takes a direct line to its right, no description available.

### Central Route 310 feet S

The north face of *Dale Head Pillar* has two climbs on it. *Dale Head Pillar* at the extreme left and *Gable End* at the extreme right. A gully divides the crag. To the left of the gully the rocks overhang in the upper section. The route endeavours to follow the ridge forming the left-hand bounding wall of the gully and starts at a small slab 20 feet to the left of the gully.

1 50 feet Climb the slab and traverse right on a small ledge. Continue up the arête to a heather ledge. Block-belay.

2 50 feet Bear left to a large flake-boulder at the foot of a wall. A few feet to the right of the flake is a short crack leading to a big scoop. Climb the crack and then traverse right onto the arête. Climb the arête and then move round the corner to the foot of a grassy chimney. Flake-belay.

3 25 feet Climb the grassy chimney to the foot of another steep chimney.

4 70 feet The steep chimney. Traverse out to the left at the top of a little rock ledge on the ridge.

5 25 feet The steep slab above leads to a heather ledge.

6 90 feet Follow the ridge to a finish.

G Rushworth, S Dirkin 01/01/1949

### Deflection 125 feet VS

50 yards left of the right edge of the crag there is a concave slab topped by a grooved wall.

1 90 feet Start just left of the centre of the slab and climb up to a scoop at 20 feet. Traverse left to the corner, ascend a few feet and move left onto a series of slabby steps. Climb these to a vertical wall, then traverse narrow slabs to the right until directly below a black groove. Climb up to a scoop immediately beneath the groove. Piton belay.

2 35 feet Climb the overhanging, mossy groove and continue up the slab above. Belay 25 feet higher.

W Clarke, JK Jacobson 10/07/1965

### Gable End 135 feet VD

This pleasant climb which takes the right-bounding arête of the crag, immediately left of the scree gully, starts just left of the toe of the arête.

1 25 feet Climb broken rocks to a rock platform and belay.

2 30 feet Move to the right and climb a slab via a big flake. Continue to a stance with a large spike belay up to the left.

3 20 feet Climb easily up to the right to a recess below an overhanging section of the arête. Belay.

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4 60 feet Move up to the overhang, step left to a steep open groove and climb this, strenuously, to easier ground. Go up to a block belay.

#### **Nomad**

**110 feet**

**VS 4b**

A variation to the right of Gable End, on the gully wall. The start is a few yards up the scree to the right of the slab, which is pitch 2 of Gable End.

1 50 feet (4b). Climb up left, crossing a small overhang (crux) and continue straight up to the belay on Gable End below the overhang on the arête.

2 60 feet (4a). Traverse to the right under the overhang on to the gully wall. Cross a shattered groove; then climb straight up, steeply, to the top.

#### **Dale Head Girdle Traverse**

**HVS**

A full description is not available.

1 Easily up the left side of the pillar to its top.

2 Make a rising traverse across a steep grooved wall past a precarious grass caterpillar to the stance on Mithril before its first traverse.

3 Follow Mithril rightwards then descend a corner on the rope for about 15 feet. Peg belay.

4. Follow the slab on the left to join central route.

5 The last pitch of central Route

R McHaffie L Kendall 30 June 1972

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