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LANGDALE NEW ROUTES AND COMMENTS TO JULY 2016

2013 GUIDEBOOK ERRATA CORRECTIONS

p58 Titus Groan: First ascensionist's name should be Richard Sagar not Sager.

p151 Nadir: This was first done by John Hartley approx. 1970/1.

p163 photo credit overleaf: The photo caption for Revelation HS - Clair Haynes (note, not 'Clare') is the copyright of the author, Max Biden, and not David Simmonite as shown.

p175, Angel's Way MS: The route starts 15m below the large chockstone, not above it as described in the guide.

p180 Festerday: first climbed by Andrew Sagar in the mid 1970's It was entered in the ODG New Routes book

p184 Brown Trousers: Brown Trousers was first climbed by Richard Sagar, John Hartley and Stuart Fishwick approx. 1972/3.

p265 Mithrandir: first ascensionists should read John Hartley, Richard Sagar. Richard Sagar 2/6/14

p395 Flarepath Direct: First climbed Richard Sagar, John Hartley Aug 1975

p232 Intern photodiagram: Photodiagram for Gimmer Lower North-West Face contains an error. The blue line for Joas (47) and the blue/white dashed line for Intern (48) have the correct numbers at the start and finish of the routes. However, the two numbers part way along the blue/white dashed should both read 48 and not 47.

RAVEN CRAG WALTHWAITE

Chance 20m E4 6a

Tackles the pillar left of Route 66 and offers some fun climbing making the most of that bit of wall. Start at an easy rib beneath the pillar. Climb up the easy rib to OK wires and make a tricky move up and leftwards to gain the start of the diagonal crack and gear. Make one move up this before crimps lead right to the arête where an improbable stand up via the layaway above allows a step back to the crack for gear. A pinch above allows a fun move direct over the last overhang.

This route was climbed on the BMC Youth Meet and its name has the first letter of everyone who came up it on the youth meet i.e. Caff, Holly, Adam, Nina and Ellie.

First ascent: (04/07/2015) James McHaffie, Holly Harper, Adam Jackson, Nina Stirrup, Ellie Cox

True Socialist 20m HVS 5a *

Steep clean climbing that follows the rightwards slanting ledge system right of Militant Tendency. Small wires provide adequate protection. Start behind the large block 2m right of Militant Tendency. Pull up right to gain a good ledge, follow ramps and small ledges leading to a dark mossy streak. Step left to finish up the steep bulging wall. An alternative finish is also possible to the right of the mossy streak.

First ascent: (30/09/2015) Martin Scrowston Paul C Bennett

Thrang Crag;

Beatnik E6 6b *

Start to the left of pollster. Go straight up the wall to the overlap, and join pollster middle section for gear. Place a sing over a spike just below the chimney and step back down. Make moves across the slab to a good hold below the headwall. Climb up the headwall heading rightwards on small holds and side pulls to an obvious undercut a hard move gains the right arête and the top

First ascent: (11/04/2014) Peter Holder, Craig Naylor

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THRANG CRAG WEST 210M NY 318 058 S

Comprises of three small buttress above and left of Thrang Crag. They enjoy easy access and all the sun that Langdale has to offer; most importantly they are in clear view of the pub. All routes are worthwhile, some are very good.

Approach as for Thrang, just keep going upwards and left.

Belays can be engineered above most routes. There are also some large boulders that can be utilised further up the fellside. Award yourself a bonus point if you manage to locate the old bolt hanger, deduct all points if you decide to use it as it is at least 30 years old.

Decent, closely follow the top of the crag leftwards passing behind a large oak tree to access a short decent gully. Alternatively carefully down climb DUST BUNNY Diff.

Routes are described from left to right

Left Buttress

1. Dust Bunny 15m D

Three metres left of the left edge of the buttress is an obvious short rough pillar. Climb it.

First ascent: (12/09/2014) Carole Scrowston Martin Scrowston

2. Clone 16m S

Start below a right slanting groove at the left end of the buttress. Climb the groove to a small bulge, step up and left to follow the rough slab above.

First ascent: (24/08/2014) Martin Scrowston



3. Mitosis 17m VS 4b

A good route with a choice of exits. Start two metres right of *Clone* at the second groove. Follow the groove to a short steep slab, bold moves via finger pockets leads to better holds and the cracked slab above. An alternative finish is possible by traversing right from above the short slab up an obvious diagonal line.

First ascent: (09/08/2014) Martin Scrowston Paul C Bennett

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4. Random Drift 22m HVS 5a

Excellent climbing with sustained interest. Start at the third groove in the centre of the buttress. Ascend the groove for 5 metres to a steepening. Make a committing rising traverse right and follow the fine rough slabs above.

First ascent: (09/09/2014) Martin Scrowston Paul C Bennett

Cocaine Kaite 21m HVS 5a

An intimidating start leads to more relaxed climbing above. Start at a recess 5m right of Random Drift below a short steep groove. Ascend the groove and pull up left to surmount a bulge, move up rightwards passing some dubious blocks. Follow a direct line passing an overhang at its left edge.

First ascent: (18/06/2015) Paul C Bennett, Martin Scrowston

5. Gene Genie 18m MVS 4b

A pleasant route. Start below a small triangular overhang on a protruding ridge at the extreme right end of the buttress. Steep climbing leads to a good ledge, step left above a large overhang, and follow the wall and slabs above.

First ascent: (27/09/2014) Martin Scrowston Hannah Scrowston

Nurture 22m HS

A pleasant route that takes the broken arête right of Gene Genie. A rambling start leads to better climbing above. Start in a small bay right of a prominent rock fin 3 meters right of Gene Genie. Climb the broken rib for 6 meters, step right across a short black slab and move up passing some fine circular rock art to access the arête. Follow the arête to finish left of the crag top holly tree.

First ascent: (15/04/2015) Freya Scrowston Martin Scrowston

End Game 11m S

Takes a little pillar located on an isolated buttress 10m left of the decent gully. Start at the lowest point of the pillar left of a juniper bush. Take a direct line on good holds to finish right of another juniper bush

First ascent: (17/03/2016) Martin Scrowston, Solo.

Central Buttress

A steep one time quarried crag topped by a conspicuous overhang



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6. Old Genes 14m S

The short hanging slab on the left of the overhanging buttress. Scramble up left to gain the slab, bold climbing up the short slab leads to a steep wall with good holds.

First ascent: (06/10/2014) Martin Scrowston Colyn Earnshaw

7. Norman's Route 17m S

An exciting trip with wild exposure for a route at this grade. The original route of the crag first climbed on a wet day in Walsh shoes, which explains why it took so long to return for further adventures. Start at the centre of the overhung buttress at a left slanting ramp. Follow the shattered ramp on large protruding holds to gain the left arête, pull up to access a slab and follow its right edge to finish.

First ascent: (05/09/2009) Martin Scrowston solo

Not the Norm 18m VS 4c

Another steep and exciting addition to this fine little crag. Start as for Norman's Route at the left slanting ramp. Ascend the ramp for three metres. Commit to the steep wall above and follow a direct line of large hand holds to exit at the left end of the capping overhang.

First ascent: (16/03/2015) Martin Scrowston Dave Till.

8. Selfish Gene 17m E1 5b

Start at a rightwards slanting ramp in the centre of the buttress. Climb the short ramp; ascend the steep wall direct on large holds to a good ledge. Pull up steeply to surmount the bulge right of the large overhang, step left to finish.

First ascent: (25/09/2014) Paul C Bennett Martin Scrowston

9. Natural Selection 23m HVS 5a

The striking rightwards slanting fault line that dissects the length of the crag. Start 2m right of *Selfish*. Steep climbing gives access to a sloping ledge; continue steeply up the ramp passing a junction with *Evolution* to finish by wrestling with the Yew tree.

First ascent: (02/10/2014) Martin Scrowston Paul C Bennett

10. Evolution 16m HVS 4c

Start three metres right of *Natural Selection* at a thin right slanting crack. Climb the steep wall on big holds to a large ledge. Direct up another steep wall to a shattered overhang, move left to finish up yet another steep wall.

First ascent: (16/09/2014) Martin Scrowston Paul Kear

11. Mutation 15m VS 4c

Another steep and bold route. Start at the right end of the buttress. Climb the steep wall on good holds right of a mossy streak to a large ledge. More steep climbing and big holds to finish right of the Yew tree.

First ascent: (25/09/2014) Martin Scrowston Paul C Bennett

A Dream of White Houses 25m HVS

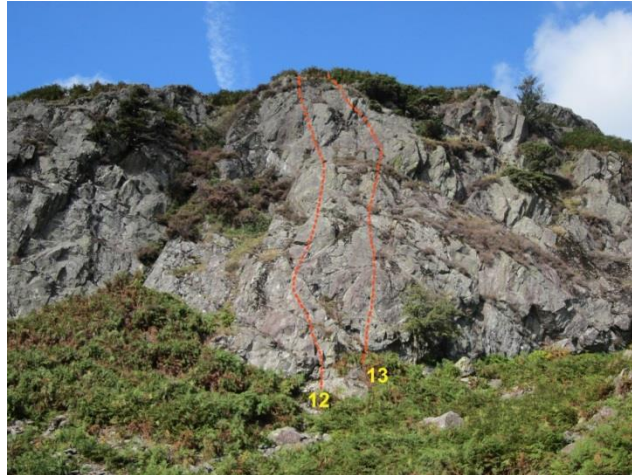
A fine exciting adventure that takes the obvious dark left slanting ramp under the large overhang. Start as for *Evolution*; follow the diagonal juggy ramp leftwards passing a small wobbly block directly below the capping roof. An exposed traverse left leads to a junction with *Not the Norm* at the left end of the overhang.

First ascent: (04/06/2015) Martin Scrowston Paul C Bennett

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Right Buttress

A scruffy rambling buttress that contains two surprisingly interesting, traditional style routes



12. Full Circle 24m S

Start at the toe of the buttress. Follow the crest of the bulging buttress, snake upwards utilising the best of the clean rock and passing some circular rock art to some large ledges. Step left onto a large flake to exit via the steep head wall.

First ascent: (12/09/2014) Martin Scrowston Carole Scrowston

14. Elemental 23m S

Start just left of a Hawthorn tree. Gain the right slanting groove and follow it steeply passing some small ledges, easier climbing above leads to a large grassy terrace, step down to a spike by a small rowan. (Possible belay) Ascend the bulging wall above the spike belay, move left over broken ledges to finish up the short wall.

First ascent: (01/10/2014) Martin Scrowston Colyn Earnshaw

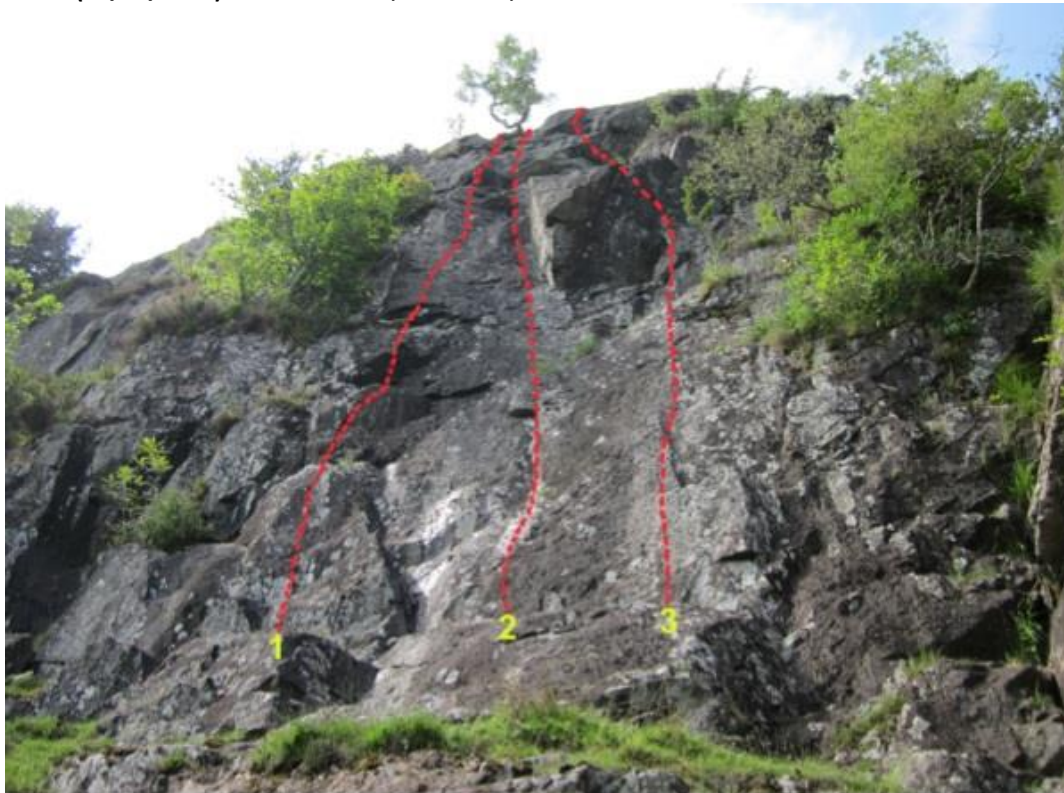
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UPPER SCOUT CRAG 38 275M NY 298 069 S

Sid the Sardine 32m HVS 5a**

A good route that takes the large slab on the left side of the buttress. Start at a short groove 2 m. left of Salmon Leap.. Follow slabs and ledges to a small overhang, climb this on its right to gain the large slab. Ascend the slab to a second overhang, turn this on its left and follow a thin crack up steep rock to finish left of the tree. Grade and quality confirmed

First ascent: (01/07/2014) Paul C Bennett, Paul Kear, Martin Scrowston



1. Sid the Sardine 32m HVS
2. Salmon Leap 34m VS+
3. Thing Fish 34m HVS

Thing Fish 34m HVS 5a**

A good companion route to Salmon Leap providing interesting and exciting climbing. Start below a left slanting groove at the right hand end of the large horizontal ledge at the base of the buttress and 3 metres right of Salmon Leap. Climb the groove and slab to a diagonal ledge. Move up to gain a large perched block (big sling useful). Surmount the block; make an exposed and committing move left to gain the hanging slab above the overhang. Follow the slab to its apex, ascend the steep wall above on surprisingly good holds. Grade and quality confirmed

First ascent: (21/06/2014) Martin Scrowston Paul C Bennett

Girl Scout 20m VD

A pleasant route that provides a fine extension to the full Scout Crag experience. Adventurers can warm up on Lower Scout, progress to a route on Upper Scout then conclude by topping out on this short pinnacle with the benefit of the extended view. From the top of Scout Crag skip up and right through the brackens for 20m to the base of the obvious pinnacle. Climb the pinnacle by its left arête to a large belvedere. Follow a cracked groove up the short wall on the right to finish. There are three very good VS routes further right, best climbed during a dry period.

First ascent: (20/09/2014) Freya Scrowston. Carole Scrowston

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Salmon Leap: The guidebook states bold climbing and climb the left wall of the groove. The line in the photo diagram is well protected but harder than 4c. Climbing the back of the groove is the logical line but pushing 5b but with fortunately overhead protection. Possibly the easiest option is to use the protection in the corner crack but utilise some holds on the HVS to the left but not as good.

Lutefisk 36m VS 4c

A route for adventurers revealed during a sheep rescue. It links the best features available on this section of the crag and is a good option if its fishy neighbours are damp. Start just right of Girl Scout, climb up and right on big holds to gain a large ledge in a corner. Hand traverse right to gain another ledge below some large flakes, move up utilising the large flake to yet another ledge left of a right slanting ramp.(Possible belay) Climb the ramp (crux) and finish up the wall above.

First ascent: (10/07/2015) Martin Scrowston Colyn Earnshaw

Small Fry 16m MVS *

A good companion route to Girl Scout on steep rough rock. Start 5 meters left of Girl Scout at a short steep buttress. Climb the centre of the buttress to a break, step right to ascend the steep wall on large holds.

First ascent: (30/05/2016) Martin Scrowston, Freya Scrowston

STICKLE BARN CRAG

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Walk Out 16m MVS 4b

The Grooveline 2m. right of Right Hand Chimney. Enter the groove with difficulty, then climb up and then left to a poised block..Up on large holds and finish up slabs.

First ascent: (27/08/2014) Tom Walkington, Eric Barnes

Zero Plus Nought 16m HVS 5a

Start 3m right of 'Walk Out'. Climb the steep wall to a ledge at 6m. Traverse 2m left, and then climb the slab and short corner up to the right.

First ascent: (23/08/2014) Tom Walkington, Leo Walmsley

East Wall Route 18m HVS 4c

Start 5m right of 'Zero Plus Nought'. Climb up leftwards to a short corner at 6m. Traverse horizontally right for 3m. then up rightwards for 7m. Finish up the steep juggy wall.

First ascent: (20/08/2014) Tom Walkington, Eric Barnes

HARRISON STICKLE

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Double Eye 40m E2 5b **

The logical extension to Super Eye starting as for Dry Rain. Follow Dry Rain to the ledge then take a sweeping line up and leftwards on the upper edge of the overhanging wall. The block at 6m is for stepping on only and not a runner. It has withstood the passage of 12 feet so far and is probably far more stable than it looks. Stand on the spike in the last groove then traverse the wild ledge to join Wallers Crack just below the top.

First ascent: (13/06/2013) Rick Graham Ted Rodgers

Wage Slaves 42m VS 5a

10mtrs. right of the start of 'Credit Crunch' is a wall with a left slanting crack up its centre.

- 1) 12m 5a Climb the slanting crack in its entirety, or after 2mtrs. continue straight up. Belay at the ledge.
- 2) 30m 4c Climb the steep crack 1.5mtrs. right of the blocky crack of 'Credit Crunch'. Continue easily to join 'Credit Crunch'.

The base of the crag can be reached by a 25m abseil from a convenient spike to the left of a ledge halfway up the second pitch.

First ascent: (05/07/2014) Tom Walkington, Leo Walmsley

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PIKE HOWE

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GR: NY 289 069 30 min SW & SE

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 (un-cannily 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. The newer routes are steep and generally well sheltered from wind and rain. The first four routes are to the left of the pale overhanging wall and are described working leftwards (i.e. r to l). The remaining routes are described from left to right. Most of the routes have belays well back, so fix one first or use double 50m ropes. The newer routes are steep and generally well sheltered from wind and rain. We have climbed there on some pretty poor days.

These four routes are described right to left

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)

The remaining routes are described from left to right

Short Shift 20m E3

The Shifter lookalike is just as troublesome as its big brother. Well protected especially if you take extra 3, 4 and 5 rocks.

First ascent: (01/06/2013) Rick Graham Ted Rogers

Kiln Corner 20m E3

The steep corner to the right of *Short Shift*. Well protected by skilled use of super rocks, wallnuts and superlight rocks. Technical bridging with a sense of urgency.

First Ascent: (01/09/13) Ted Rogers Rick Graham

Sixes and Sevens 20m E2

The steep broad arête right of *Kiln Corner* is gained from the right. Follow the rake for 4m then hand traverse a sloping ledge to gain a shallow groove just right of the arête. Steeply up the groove past an obvious hex slot to gain a ledge. Launch left across the wall to a jug on the very tip of the arête. Best belays well back.

First ascent: (01/09/2013) Rick Graham Ted Rogers

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100 metres to the right of Short Shift etc is a steep wall split by an impressive central crack line, No Country for Old Men. Scramble up and left to gain the ledge below it. A short buttress 20 m left of this crack contains two routes,

Left Cheek 15m E1

Left Cheek is the thin crack up the left wall.

First ascent: (01/08/2013) Rick Graham Ted Rogers

Groove and Rib 15m HVS

Just right of Left Cheek climb the central groove and right rib.

First ascent: (01/08/2013) Ted Rogers Rick Graham

Exit Stage Right 30m HVS

Start about ten metres left of the central crack (NCFOM) and climbs the right trending ramps on the left edge of the main wall. Gain a higher ledge at 3 metres. A well protected move rightwards across the lower half of the diamond shaped wall gains the ramps.

First ascent: (01/06/2013) Ted Rogers Rick Graham

Lunching Stone 30m E2

Step off the lunching stone to climb the crack and left wall to a ledge. Trend right to join the top of *No Country for Old Men* and finish direct.

First ascent: (01/06/2013) Ted Rogers Rick Graham

No Country for Old Men 25m E4 6a/5.11c

The central crack line. Think you can climb cracks? Try this one for size! Good locks and jams from tips to fist with gear on demand. *How hard can it be? In the words of the first ascensionist" I don't know, the grade is a guess."* Expect to suffer.

Originally climbed with gear in place, (apparently this is called green-pointing). There has been a ground up ascent (no beta). One fall, ropes pulled, climbed clean second go.

First ascent: (01/06/2013) Rick Graham Ted Rogers

Rib on Right 30m HVS

Start 7m right of No Country for Old Men. Climb rib direct, wall above traverse left across slab and up steep wall on left to finish. Belays well back.

First ascent: (01/06/2013) Ted Rogers Rick Graham

Slab and Wall 30m VS

Start on a higher ledge right of Rib on Right by a big spike. Climb slab to a steepening, traverse left 3m and climb steep headwall just right of Rib on Right.

An easier (and inferior) way to climb this area of rock is to climb a shallow groove to the right of the standard route, do the traverse and finish up easier ground to the left. Definitely not as good as the original but useful for regaining the top of the crag. About Severe but the large dirty holds seem particularly suited to approach shoes.

First ascent: (01/06/2013) Ted Rogers Rick Graham

RAVEN CRAG BUTTRESS

Exoplanet 65m E2 5b

Takes a line left of Bilberry Buttress.

1 20m 5b Pitch one of Bilberry Buttress Eliminate.

2 20m 5b The arête between Savernake and Bilberry Buttress. Climb 6 metres up the corner of Savernake to a good nut. Step down slightly and use a neat sequence of small fingerholds to reach the arête and useful wires in a horizontal flake crack at waist height on the front face. Up the arête to the thread belay of Bilberry Buttress.

3 25m 5a/5b Climb the wall right of Pluto P3 starting up a short wide crack. Nicely spaced positive holds.

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Peter led the second pitch a few weeks ago (on sight) but we subsequently removed a large flake/plaque of rock which on closer inspection was too dangerous to leave. The pitch was re-climbed after a trundle and clean.

First ascent: (05/06/2014) Peter Graham (P2) Rick Graham (P3)

Confidence Trick 40m HVS 5a *

Starts from a grass ledge 12m to the right of the top of the first pitch of 'Centipede' beneath an obvious right facing corner crack at 14m. The ledge is accessed from the right.

5a . Gain a large spike at 8m then continue up the bulging wall to gain the corner crack up to the left. Climb the corner crack and then continue directly up easier ground.

First ascent: (04/05/2013) Tom Walkington, Leo Walmsley

No Confidence 40m E1

Starts from a grass ledge 15m to the right of the top of the first pitch of 'Centipede' and 3m right of the obvious right facing corner of 'Confidence Trick'. The ledge is gained from the right. Gain a short arête at 5m from the left (poorly protected and problematic). Climb the arête and continue directly up less steep ground to the top.

First ascent: (02/05/2013) Tom Walkington Leo Walmsley

End Elevation 43m VS

Good climbing that follows the pleasantly exposed arête on the left edge of the buttress. Start as for Elevation and after 5m, move left to the edge of the buttress and follow it to a broken ledge. Move up to gain a short hand traverse leading left once again to access the extreme edge of the buttress, follow the arête to finish by an oak tree with a perfectly positioned rock seat to belay from.

First ascent: (25/07/2015) Martin Scrowston, Jana Edwards - Lihocka.

EAST RAVEN CRAG

White Streak 22m E3 5c*

Takes a line at the right end of the Mamba wall. Start 1m left of the fence. Climb strenuously up the white streak (micro at 5m) to the bulge at 8m. Turn the bulge on its left then continue straight up on less steep rock to an awkward finish over a bulge. Belay at a block up to the right or continue up steep grass to belays.

First ascent: (29/05/2016) Leo Walmsley Tom Walkington

WHITE CRAG

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Raven Crag West

This is the band of crags above Angkor, and forms the skyline as you look up the hillside from the valley path. Right of centre, at the highest part of the crag is an attractive silvery tower.

Flying Ferrets 20m HS*

Start as for *Langdale Ferrets*. Follow *Langdale Ferrets* for 5 meters until level with a large ledge on the opposite buttress. Bridge across the gully and commit to gain the ledge. Step up into a fine corner and follow this and slabs above to a cracked ridge. Exit via a vertical crack through perched blocks. A direct and poorly protected start can be made to gain the ledge (5b/c) but is less entertaining and gives an unbalanced route.

First ascent: (24/07/2014) Martin Scrowston Colyn Earnshaw

Feeding the Ferret 23m VS 4b *

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A direct variation tracing a line right of the dusty corner. Start as for Langdale Ferrets after 5 meters trend left to gain a thin crack system. Follow the crack and flakes to a bulge, step right and move up to finish up the fine crack of Weaselling. Worth a star for it's novelty value.

First ascent: (03/06/2016) Paul C Bennett, Martin Scrowston

Langdale Ferrets Direct finish E1 (Comment): "This is given E1 (5b) in current guide but no move is more than 5a. The gear is also actually extremely good below the hard moves above the flake crack. Very good, worth a star or even two. Suggest E1- or HVS+ (5a)"

GRAVE GILL CRAG

NY 278 065

Central Crack 10m E4 6a **?

The thin central crack described as unled in the new guide. May not have been led on sight.

First ascent: (08/08/2014) M Bagness / J Kelly

GIMMER CRAG

Tieraway 100m E1 5b *

Pleasant climbing up the very right-hand side of the Tiers area. Start under the huge roof in between the starts of Aailed of Tiers and Three Tiers Climb.

1 20m (5b). Well protected. Climb into a grassy groove on the left side of the roof and go up it to a huge detached block. Step right and make a strenuous pull over the second roof via an excellent jagged crack which is followed to a terrace. Belay in the corner at the back of this (as for Three Tiers Climb).

2 35m (4c). Start up the rib of rock above the belay (as for Aailed of Tiers) but take a diagonal line easily up rightwards to a bulge. Move up right and back left to overcome this and finish just right of a mossy crack. Scramble up to belay near the foot of the right-facing corner of Aailed of Tiers in the wall above.

3 25m (4c). Climb a wide crack in the right side of the wall right of the corner until a rising traverse can be made up a scoop on the left. Go straight up a short corner and grassy cracks on the right of the wall above.

4 20m. Easy climbing up the broken rib on the right.

First ascent: (09/06/2016) J Hughes, SJH Reid (alt)

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HANGING KNOTTS 258 700M NY 245 073 NW

On the left-hand section of Hanging Knotts overlooking the left (E) end of Angle Tarn is a more worthwhile area of rock! Its lower section comprises a steep, impressive compact wall (still unclimbed).

To its immediate left, a sheet-like pillar of rock is taken by Grin Ding Groove.

A further two routes are situated on the rightmost large buttress beneath the large grassy sloping section which separates the upper and lower crags. The buttress is about 150m right of the main easy gully (Angle Tarn Gully). The rock is rough and sound, but the corners are slow to dry

Grin Ding Groove 22m VS 4b

Start 8 metres up and left of the steep, compact wall at a left-curving groove above a small gully; cairn. Interesting climbing following a good line. Climb a rib, then the left-curving groove to a ledge on the left. Continue up the groove to a step right at its top; from where awkward scrambling gains the top.

First ascent: (30/05/2009) BJ Clarke (solo)

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Left Corner 72m HVS 5a

Situated on the rightmost large buttress beneath the large grassy sloping section which separates the upper and lower crags. The buttress is about 150m right of the main easy long gully (Angle Tarn Gully). The rock is rough and sound, but the corners are slow to dry.

Pitch 1 - 10m. Start at lowest point of the crag beneath a broken rib. Climb the rib to a grass terrace beneath a well-defined rib.

Pitch 2 - 25m. 5a Climb a thin crack 3m right of the rib up the steep initial wall. Gain the corner up to the left and follow this to an alcove beneath a steep blank corner. Up a short wall, then use a good hold out to the left to swing round the rib to gain a sloping ledge. Continue up leftwards to a ledge and a flake belay.

Pitch 3 - 20m. Up rock and grass to a block/thread belay.

Pitch 4 - 17m. Directly up the pleasant slab.

First ascent: (23/05/2010) Tom Walkington Judith Neath

Right Corner 74m HVS 5a

Pitch 1 - 10m. As for 'Left Corner'.

Pitch 2 - 12m. 5a. To the right is a gully with a chockstone low down. Start 2m. left of the gully beneath an incipient crack. Climb up 2m. then move right to the gully. Make a move up then reach left blindly to the incipient crack. Climb the crack, then continue up to belay beneath the obvious corner.

Pitch 3 - 10m. 4a Climb the corner to belay up to the left.

Pitch 4 - 25m. 4b Climb up rightwards on rock and grass to another obvious corner. Climb the corner and continue up rock and grass to join 'Left Corner' at the top of Pitch 3 at the block/thread belay.

Pitch 5 - 17m. Same as top pitch of 'Left Corner'.

First ascent: (05/09/2010) Tom Walkington Leo F Walmsley.

LONG SCAR

Dark Matter 22m MVS

Good well protected climbing up the dark slabs and cracks between Great White and Long Scar Groove. Start two meters right of Great White at a blunt rib. Climb the rib moving right to gain a dark left slanting crack follow this and the cracked slab above to the base of a dark mossy groove. Step right to finish up the steep clean wall.

First ascent: (20/09/2015) Paul C Bennett, Martin Scrowston

LIGHTNING CRAG

Mahatma's Wall 10m E2 5c *

The steep slabby wall between Ghandi and Gotmar. Step right from a steep start below the crack of Ghandi and climb straight up without recourse to the cracks on either side. Small cams protect a delicate and technical sequence.

First ascent: (17/06/2014) Dave Musgrove, Dave Platt, Bob Larkin

KETTLE CRAG

Crowd Control 20m MS*

Pleasant climbing on good rock. Start as for Red Slab. The first couple of moves (as for Red Slab) constitute the crux. After 2m step right on good holds across the dirty gully to stand on the block forming the overhang.

Climb the initially narrow but widening cracked slab to finish on the terrace.

First ascent: (28/07/2014) Roger Wilkinson, Mark Elliott

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HELM CRAG

Refraction 26m VS 4c

A good companion route to Illuminati that takes a direct line below the jutting overhang on the left end of the buttress. Start as for Illuminati. An awkward move gains access to the recess, step immediately left utilising large handholds. Follow the steep wall above to a small ledge, broken ledges lead to a position directly below the overhang, turn this on the right side to finish up the final short groove. Purists can extend the route by stepping left to finish up a short knobbly slab.

First ascent: (23/06/2016) Martin Scrowston Paul C Bennett

GREAT KNOTT NORTH EAST CRAG 261 043

The crag briefly described in the F.R.C.C. Langdale Guide on page 330.

Another Mystery 47m MS *

Near the right end of the crag is a north facing deep cut gully. The route takes a direct line up the north facing slabby wall left of the gully. A pleasant climb on clean rock. This may be 'The Great Knott Mystery' climbed in 2011. There is no description in the Langdale Guide.

1) 32m. Start 4m left of the gully. Follow the corner to a grass ledge, then up the wall just left of centre. Continue up to belay at pinnacles.

2) 15m. Pass a small pinnacle at the neck, then scramble up to belays.

First ascent: (14/09/2014) Tom Walkington Leo Walmsley

PILE OF STONES 293 084

Approach can be made from either Grasmere or Langdale. Crag lies on the shoulder between Stickle Tarn and Codale Tarn and is directly above the main Langdale/Easedale path when descending towards Easedale.

Atlas 15m E7 6c *

Gymnastic climbing leads up the centre of the overhanging wall.

First ascent: (14/05/2016) Craig Matheson

SIDE PIKE LOWER CRAG 294 054

The crag forms an east facing escarpment running down the hillside towards Langdale from beneath the col east of Side Pike.

100m. below the dry stone wall at the low point of the col east of Side Pike the crag has an obvious overhanging wall.

Musical Crack 23m VS 5a

This climb takes the thin crack in the blank looking wall up left of the overhanging wall.

5a. Start 4m right of a short corner. Climb the initial steep wall on ledges. Climb up leftwards to gain the thin crack (awkward entry). Continue up to tree belay.

First ascent: (28/09/2014) Tom Walkington Leo Walmsley

Minstrel Crack 12m E2 5c

40m. right of 'Musical Crack' is a short steep wall above a grass ledge with obvious vertical crack/chimney lines. The central crack/chimney line. A good route but an unpleasant exit (pre-placed belay rope is best option).

First ascent: (24/08/2014) Tom Walkington Leo Walmsley

Valley Of Songs 12m E1 5c

Takes the chimney line 4m right of 'Minstrel Crack'. Belay at the tree.

First ascent: (24/08/2014) Leo Walmsley, Tom Walkington

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The Fiddler 20m HVS 4c

The toe of the escarpment is 100m right of 'Valley Of Songs'.

4c. Start 10m left of the toe of the escarpment, beneath a slabby wall. Enter a niche at 2m. Climb up a few metres to under a bulge. Step right, and then climb the slabby wall directly.

First ascent: (28/09/2014) Leo Walmsley, Tom Walkington

Toe Climb 25m HVS 5a

Start 1m left of the toe of the escarpment. Follow a gangway up leftwards for 4m. Step right, then climb steep slab. Gain a corner to the left and so to the top.

First ascent: (26/07/2014) Leo Walmsley, Tom Walkington

SIDE PIKE RIGHT HAND CRAG

The Crag is about 60m. Right of Spider Crack at about the same level. It is a steep slab and faces in the same direction as the main Crag. This is an excellent find with fantastic rock and good protection, they are a welcome addition to those of a similar grade on the main crag, and generally cleaner.

To approach, cross the wall where it meets the crag at its highest point and traverse horizontally right for 35m to the foot of the steep cleaned slab. All the routes are worth a star for the quality of the rock and climbing; and you get used to the heathery exits! The easiest descent is round to the right and up over the summit, then down the south side as for the main crag (5 mins). It is possible to descend either side of the slab but this involves precarious heathery down climbing/scrambling and takes much longer than walking round.

Alternatively, there are some good nut placements above the right-hand side of the slab to arrange an abseil.

High Tea 25m MVS*

Start 5m left of 'Ale Trail'. Climb up diagonally right for 4m. Make a difficult move up left onto a ledge in a recess. Continue up the broken crack line. Step left beneath where the crack becomes vegetated and follow slab to a heathery exit.

First ascent: (02/10/2014) Tom Walkington solo

Repeated; may be S. Worth *

Ale Trail 25m HS 4a*

Takes the line up the centre of the crag. Climb up to a grass ledge at 4m. Climb the short steep corner then continue directly up a vague crackline step left to finish.

First ascent: (12/10/2014) Tom Walkington, Leo Walmsley

Repeated: very pleasant climbing and worth doing but only thought to be VD, maybe S." Worth *

Mudweiser 25m VS 4b*

Start 3m right of Ale Trail. Gain grass ledge at 4m. Follow crack up rightwards. From the top of the crack continue up rightwards for 2m then step left onto the slab. Climb the short groove to a spike the follow broken slab to the top.

First ascent: (12/10/2014) Leo Walmsley, Tom Walkington

Repeated: very pleasant climbing and worth doing but only thought to be VD, maybe S. Worth *

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BIRK KNOTT CRAG 900M NY 298 042 SOUTH WEST

A small crag situated close to the Blea Tarn car park. Approach time: 5 minutes.

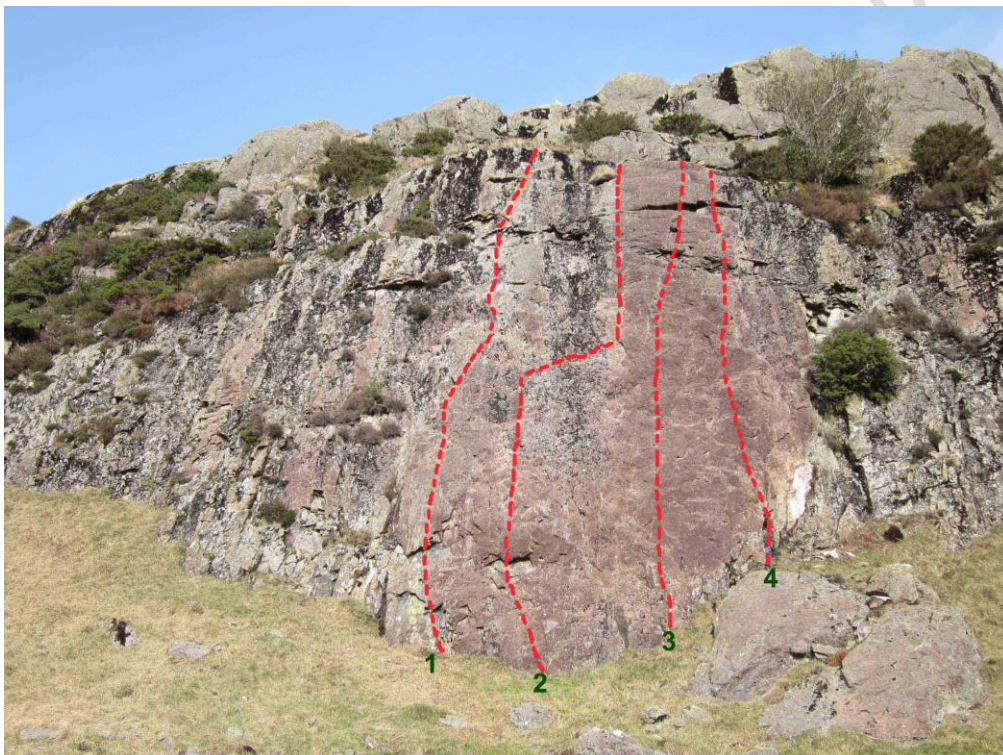
This mini crag has been used for many years as a lunch time bouldering venue. Recently revisited and dusted off the lines it deserves greater recognition as it can be a magical place on a sunny day and does meet all the mini crag criteria; immaculate rock, sunny aspect, easy access and not far from fine beer at the O.D.G. to end the day. The crag provides a handful of short easy routes set in an idyllic situation and is well worth a visit for the views alone.

Approach: Park at the Blea Tarn N.T. car park. Cross the cattle grid and small beck then strike uphill on a steep path, after 200 m. a sheep trod is followed rightwards to arrive at the hidden crag 5 min from the road. Routes are described from left to right. Most routes graded around severe with the odd 4c move if you try hard enough.

This information provided by Paul C Bennett. Details of the first ascents of most routes are unknown; the routes were dusted off and re-climbed in March 2014 by Martin Scrowston.

Three of the right hand routes were added in April 2014 by Freya and Martin Scrowston, the fourth (Black Sheep) being added in May 2014 by Paul C Bennett.

Left hand Buttress



1 Ewe 12m VD*

Start at the left end of crag below a small overhang. Climb the bulging wall to large ledges, follow these and the groove above.

2 Me 12m S *

Start left of the central recess. Climb wall to large ledge, step right across a mossy streak, and follow the pleasant juggy wall above.

Ewology 12m D **

Start up Me and finish up Ewe

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3 Sheepish 12m S **

Start 1 metre right of the central recess. Ascend the wall on good holds to reach the vertical crack, climb it.

4 Shaun 12m VD**

Start to the left of a recent rock scar. Ascend the wall on positive holds passing two small overhangs.

Right Hand Buttress



5 Yan 8m S

Climbs the left arête of the right hand buttress. Short and steep but the holds just keep coming

6 Black Sheep 8m S 4c

Climb directly up to the roof, and then make an awkward move right to access the dark groove.

Good Shepherd HVS 5a

A direct finish to Black Sheep. Climb directly to the roof, pull up and left to gain good holds in the bottomless groove.

First ascent: (16/06/2014) Martin Scrowston

7 Taen 8m S

The left hand of two obvious ribs is gained by a short layback.

Tethera 8m S

Climb the right hand rib, or is it a slab?

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STILE CRAG	200M	NY 291 066	S
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This crag is situated about 400m north of the Stickle Ghyll N.T car park and is mentioned in the Scrambles in the Lakes Guide as having scrambles of 50m length

Follow the Dungeon Ghyll path from the car park for 300m to the stile. The crag is 150m beyond the stile. Routes have been climbed on the clean steep buttress on the left side of the crag and are described from left to right.

Good Style 12m S 4a

Start 2m right of the left rib. Follow the weakness up leftwards to gain the rib at 6m. Climb the rib direct or on its right.

First ascent: (28/09/2013) Tom Walkington, Leo Walmsley

Stylish 12m HS4b *

Start as for 'Good Style'. Follow the crackline directly.

First ascent: (28/09/2013) Leo Walmsley, Tom Walkington

Fine Style 12m E1 5b *

Start 2m right of 'Stylish'. Take the short left facing corner at half height mostly by its left wall.

First ascent: (28/09/2013) Leo Walmsley, Tom Walkington

In Style 12m VS 4c *

Start 2m right of 'Fine Style'. The shallow square cut groove just right of the obvious overhang.

First ascent: (28/09/2013) Tom Walkington, Leo Walmsley

Poor Style 12m VS 4b

Start 2m right of 'In Style'. Climb the right facing corner, followed by the mossy 'v' groove.

First ascent: (28/09/2013) Leo Walmsley, Tom Walkington

STOOL END CRAG	250M	NY 268 055	S	30 min
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The Crag is situated on the southern slopes of The Band about 800m west of Stool End Farm. From the farm follow The Band path to the kissing gate at 300m. Then follow wall which contours South West for 400m to a wall junction; the crag lies directly above the junction. The approach takes about 30 mins from The O.D.G. The routes are described from **right to left**

Autumn Watch 25m VD

Near the right end of the crag, low down are some overhangs. Start 5m left of the overhangs. Climb directly up centre of the clean flat pillar.

First ascent: (13/10/2013) Tom Walkington, Leo Walmsley

Autumn Fest 22m D

Start 15m up and left of 'Autumn Watch' from a higher grass ledge. Climb steep juggy wall just right of the heather filled gully line, and then continue directly to the top.

First ascent: (13/10/2013) Leo Walmsley, Tom Walkington

Autumn Breeze 21m D

Start 5m left of 'Autumn Fest'. After awkward start climb directly to top.

First ascent: (13/10/2013) Leo Walmsley, Tom Walkington

Autumn Rib 9m D

This climb follows the left rib of the crag.

First ascent: (13/10/2013) Tom Walkington