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This compilation has been sourced from comments and route descriptions contributed by climbers to the FRCC Climbs website. We wanted to publish this information quickly as a useful single volume that climbers can refer to easily. We apologise that none of this information has been fully checked and you should be circumspect when using these descriptions. Your comments and amendments are extremely valuable to the wider climbing community and we all benefit from these; please use the FRCC website.

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New Climbs 2018 Supplement

This supplement was produced in 2018 bringing together new routes, both summer and winter, which have been climbed in the Lake District since the last definitive guide for a particular area. It does not include new routes in forthcoming guides.

It is a useful addition to the climbing guide library with an interesting collection of routes throughout the area.

The supplement has been on sale and continues to be on sale at some climbing shops in the Lake District at the price of £5.

A digital version is available [here](#) on the FRCC website.

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Introduction

This supplement updates the climbing in the following guidebook areas:

- Gable & Pillar (2007)
- Buttermere & St Bees (2008)
- Eastern Craggs (2011)
- Eden Valley & South Lakes (2012)
- Winter Climbs (2012)
- Langdale (2013)
- Scafell & Wasdale (2014)
- Borrowdale (2016)

Included are details of new routes, both summer and winter, in the District, since the production of the above guides.

As new guidebooks to Lake District Sports & Slate and Dow, Duddon & Eskdale are in advanced stages of preparation these areas are not included in this supplement.

What is surprising is just how many stunning new routes, of all grades, as well as development of new crags, has taken place throughout the District over the past few years. In Langdale and Eastern Craggs new crag development has tended to focus on small crags, inevitably the routes are comparatively short yet often offer quality climbing on good rock. Elsewhere the Ennerdale crags continue to give up some long gems to those willing to put in the effort to get to them, the other areas have seen less development. Lakeland's diamond crags, those on Scafell, have yielded a handful of routes since the publication of the CB Centenary guide in 2014 - one of which stands out; Rob and Craig Matheson's *Barad-dûr* E6 ***.

Photo diagrams have been submitted by some first ascent teams - these are available as a free download at <https://www.frcc.co.uk/rock-climbing/> and a few are included in this booklet. In the interest of economy, and to save time, the originals have been reproduced. I hope we can be forgiven for publishing lower quality topos than we normally provide.

The information contained in this supplement has been collated from the submissions made to the Climbing Section of the FRCC website <https://www.frcc.co.uk/rock-climbing/> and we encourage all climbers to record Lake District New Routes and comments on existing routes and guidebooks on this site.

NOTE - the route descriptions and comments have not been checked at all - please treat grades, rock quality and other comments with a healthy dose of scepticism. The FRCC recognises that climbing and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Participants should use their own judgment, be aware of and accept these risks and accept responsibility for their own actions.

BORROWDALE

Shepherd's Crag - p50

True Cross : It is possible to traverse below the roof to join Fishers Folly, this is less easy to protect.

Christmas Crag - p120

Crackers at Christmas 14m E1 5b
R Graham, T Rogers - 01 Jul 2017
The "steep unclimbed wall" right of *Christmas Pudding* starting just to its right. Gain the hanging flake from the left by a long reach then climb straight up. A useful pocket in the vertical feature on the right gives a skyhook placement or an old style (wider) Rock 4 and 5 sideways. High in the grade.

Steel Knotts - p159

The first ascent of **Lost Boys** was by D Messenger and J Sharpe on 21 May 1995. P Whillance and D Armstrong did the first ascent of Lost Boys, a route lost on Reecastle Crag South.

Bleak How - p193

Border Reivers 35m E2 5c **
C Downer, W Young, C Fowler - 06 June 2016
Starts 2m right of *The Reiver*. Climb the wall to an easing of the angle and a junction with *The Reiver*. Follow this for 3m then up the bulging wall on the right to reach and pass the edge of the grassy ledge. Up the short overhanging corner pulling left at the top then continue via parallel cracks to the top.

Cam Crag - Apex Buttress - p220

This is Yesterday; originally graded E1 but upgraded to E3 in the guidebook – there has been comment that it is more like hard E4 for an onsight ascent, whilst another indication it is generous at E3 – take your choice and beware!

Glaciated Slab – p229

Prodigal Sons : The description in the guide reflects the line taken when checking the guidebook – this varies, by going left, from the original description as follows –
"Reach a finger crack in the corner and climb this to gain a small ledge below an obvious groove (peg). Swing directly right from the ledge around the rib into an open scoop, then climb the wall directly above and pull onto a slab. Move into a small groove then up to a horizontal crack on the right. From this climb straight up to the top."
Addendum - The name of the route is *Prodigal Sons* not Son .

Dovenest Slabs - Concrete Slab - p251

Widdowmaker 16m HVS 5a/b *
G Widdowson - 18 Sep 2016
Start 2m left of *Yakka* and ascend the centre of the slab trending left to cross a horizontal break and finish up the short upper slab

Hind Crag - p269

Updated Approach Description:
The fences below this crag are substantial preventing easy movement between Central Slabs and Southern Buttress.
Central Slabs approach: from Hind Gill as shown on p275.
Southern Buttress approach: from the south, near Stockley Bridge.

The photo on p269 suggests that Central Slabs can also be approached by this southern route - to avoid damage to the wall or annoying the local farmer - this approach is not recommended .

Altherrenpartie : The first ascent details should be: G Widdowson, D Bodecott 9 Aug 2014

Hind Crag North Gully Wall - p272

The Botchergate Glare 45m HVS 5a *

D Ferguson, P Wilkinson - 14 May 2017

A surprisingly independent eliminate taking the slab left of *The Borrowdale Stare*. Low in its grade. Well protected, traffic will clear the small amount of moss. Start in the corner on the left hand side of the slab. Follow the line of thin cracks up the slab just left of centre over a couple of steeper sections to finish up a slim groove.

Deerest 45m HVS 5a **

M Glanvill, J Carter - 18 Jul 2017

May be low in the grade or even VS when fully clean. Start at the left edge of the toe of the slab, as for *The Botchergate Glare*. Climb this and continue directly up a thin crack heading for a V groove in the overlap. Up the V groove and continue in a straight line to the headwall. Take the steep corner crack and continue on the upper slab to the top.

EASTERN CRAGS

Bram Crag Quarry - p49

Following extensive development this is now probably the most significant bolted venue in the area; a somewhat different location to that described in the 2011 guide – what a difference 7 years can make! Development continues in this extensive quarry.

Descriptions with updates are available on the App <https://www.climbers-club.co.uk/shop/mobile-guidebook-app/> (Android version coming soon) and the forthcoming guidebook Lake District Sports and Slate due 2019.

Castle Rock North Crag - p71

A substantial shield of rock on the upper left side of the crag, between *North Crag*

Eliminate and *Overhanging Bastion*, has been moving steadily since 2011, with cracks steadily widening and loose debris accumulating. The block is about the size of a large bungalow and it is only a matter of time before there is a massive rockfall. The crack is being monitored and recent images and data relating to the movement can be seen at <https://www.frcc.co.uk/climbingarea/n-crag/>. You are advised to avoid all the routes left of *Mayday Cracks* if not the entire North Crag and note that it is unwise to walk below the North Crag, even when wearing a helmet!

Castle Rock South Crag - p94

The Obvious Craic 38m HVS 5a *

SJH Reid, J Kinnaird - 09 Aug 2012

The crack between the initial groove of *Gazebo* and the pillar of *Via Media* provides the start of this eliminate. Climb the crack and bulge above. Traverse right 1.5m and climb the left-hand side of the slab of *Gazebo*, continue directly between *Via Media* and *Gazebo* and finish direct up the upper head wall. Side runners were placed in *Gazebo*.

Lower Piketoe Knott Crag - p106

Two Step Buttress Right Hand 12m S

V McMahon, C McMahon - 26 Sep 2013

A deceptively steep route that is constantly trying to push you off it. Start as for *Two Step Buttress* and climb into the V-corner (try not to get pushed back out). Climb direct onto the ledge and then finally tackle the overhang on its right hand side with difficulty (again trying to not get pushed off).

The In betweeners 10m E1 5a

C McMahon, V McMahon - 26 Sep 2013

Start between *Morton's Boys* and *Gary's Crack*. Climb the centre of the wall using

small holds and side pulls, feeling rather off-balance. At 2/3rds height the holds improve.

Marathon Man 10m HS

C Pickin, L Pickin - 16 Apr 2014

Climb the jagged crack which forms the right-hand side of S America flake on wall 2m left of *Morton's Boys*. Scramble over blocks to finish.

Topo on FRCC website

Upper Swirl Crag - p108

Jacko's Beard 18m HS *

M Jess, B Smith - 04 Jul 2013

Start about one metre left of *Ballet Mecanique* at a slight overhang next to a holly tree. Follow the arête to a platform, step across to the wall and continue up the arête to a grassy finish.

Side Saddle 18m MVS

B Bennett, C Swales 01 Jun 2013

A bit of an eliminate. Start at the groove of *CC Rider* and pull out left to the arête. Climb the discontinuous arête to the top.

Horse and Farrier Left-Hand Finish 10m E1

B Davison, D McGimpsey - 06 Mar 2011

Follow Horse and Farrier Special to its step right into the grassy groove. From here move left onto the hanging slab and climb to the top.

Lower Swirl Crag - p112

There's the Rub 18m E5 6b *

S Crowe, K Magog - 21 Jul 1996

The true version of *Rub up, Push up*. Climb the wall between *Breakfast in America* and *Californian Weirdo* without any use of the cracks on either side.

Castle Crag - Wythburn - p117

GR: NY 306 119 Alt: 600m Aspect: S

A great little crag in a sheltered and sunny location with a fantastic panoramic view of the South Lakes and Morecambe Bay. All the routes are short but testing.

Park in Steel End car park at the south-west end of Thirlmere and follow the footpath up the valley of Wythburn. Follow this path for 2km, then strike right up the steep but short fellside.

See topo 1

King Dunmail's Last Stand 15m E4 6a **

M Norbury - 04 May 2011

From two good holds slightly left of the roof, pull out right and battle your way up the steep groove above.

Trebuchets 15m E4 6a **

M Norbury, A Hocking - 04 May 2011

Attack the crack above to take a resting position in the niche, then climb the wall to top out slightly right.

Mangonel 15m E4 6a

M Norbury, A Hocking - 04 May 2011

Strenuous climbing leads to a semi rest under the roof. Drift slightly right and reach up to find large hidden holds which lead to the top.

Onager 15m E5 6a

M Norbury, A Hocking - 04 May 2011

Battle your way up the steep bouldery start to a small rest on a good foothold. Move left to the arête and up to a small roof. Make fun moves to better holds which lead to the top.

Ballista 15m E4 6a

A Hocking, M Norbury - 04 Oct 2011

Follow the corner, making a hard move at its top.

Pendragon 15m E1 5b *
M Norbury, A Hocking - 04 May2011
Follow the corner and crack to the top.

Nab Crag Upper Buttress - p120

Red Dwarf was first climbed by J Shepherd and A Atkinson

The following routes are reached by following the terrace under the crag about 200m right of *Red Dwarf* to a conspicuous right angle corner; 50m before the steep gully which leads to the top of the crag. This feature can be seen from the road.

Descend to the right and scramble 3m down easily into the gully.

Trouble 20m E3 **
J Hughes, T Hughes - 11 Sep 2015
Climb the steep sustained finger crack in the wall to the left of the corner.

Strife 20m HVS **
J Hughes, T Hughes - 11 Sep 2015
Climb the obvious corner-crack.

Harrop Tarn Crag - p122

Where No Ron Hill's Have Gone Before
15m E5 6a *

C McMahon, V McMahon - 26 Jun 2013
A sharp, crimpy route that takes the steepest section of the crag between *Too Baldly Go* and *Sea of Knobs*. Start as for *Too Baldly Go* and climb the crack to the obvious small ledge at 3m. From the ledge, place a good nut and step left 1m into the centre of the steepest section of the wall. Climb this on sharp crimps, knobs and small pockets till the angle eases and you reach the break. At the break it may be possible to arrange some protection; however, due to the lack of footholds it is easier (but bolder) to continue

to the sloping ledge at 12m. Mantel onto the ledge and place a cam at your feet. The angle eases from here. Lay-back and climb the rightwards sloping crack that crosses the slab until the crack runs out. Hold your breath and top out with two handfuls of heather.

No Nuts (Just Balls) 15m E7 6b *
C McMahon - 15 Jul 2013

A sharp, crimpy and unprotected route that takes the steepest section of the crag. There is no need to take any nuts on the outing; balls are your only required accompaniment. Start on the blank wall between *Sea of Knobs* and *Too Baldly Go* and climb direct up the centre of the steepest section of the crag on sharp crimps, knobs and small pockets till the angle eases; breathe and top out with two handfuls of heather. Ensure that you do not stray into the crack with hands, feet or protection!

Topo on FRCC website

Ullswater and Kirkstone Pass

Kirkstone Buttress

GR: NY 400 085 Aspect: SE Approach: 20 mins

Character: The rock is generally good, especially in its upper half and houses some of the roughest and sharpest rock in the district. Although only 25m high, there is a big crag feel, coupled with excellent views and all the sunshine that's going. The buttress can be seen from the Kirkstone Inn car park and is not to be confused with Kirkstone Crag (Eastern Crag p197).
Situation: located 150m below and right of Kilnshaw Chimney on the upper right of the crag is an impressive open book corner easily seen from the car park, and to its left is

a splendid rectangular wall. At the top of the crag lies a large erratic boulder, which makes an immaculate belay, although there are adequate belays nearer the top of the climbs. Approach: Follow the Red Screes path for some 150m to where three erratic boulders are perched on a rock plinth on the right, close to the path. Turn right by the boulders and follow a small rising indeterminate sheep trod for another 150m to an undulating grass and rock terrace. From here the crag lies 100m up and right, reached by a diagonal traverse rightwards crossing a scree and boulders.

The climbs are described from left to right. See Topo 3 and on FRCC website

Wrinkle Ridge 18m S

F Scrowston, M Scrowston - 09 Oct 2016,
The short rough cracked ridge that bounds the left edge of the crag. Start from a grass ledge directly below the ridge. A short crack leads to a large ledge. Follow a right-slanting crack to finish up a short slab.

Deviant 25m VS 4c **

M Scrowston, PC Bennett - 25 Aug 2013
An excellent but deviant line, which makes sense when on the route. Start at the left end of the crag, at a vertical broken groove with a triangular overhang at 2/3 height. Climb the steep groove on good holds for 4m to a rounded flake (runner). Make a long horizontal stride left into a corner groove and flake crack. Make a few moves up these, before climbing up and left into a hidden corner. Follow the rugged slab on the right to the top.

Conformist 23m E2 5c PC Bennett, M Scrowston - 12 Jun 2014

Start as for *Deviant*. Climb the steep groove to the overhang. A committing move right gains better holds; pull up steeply left, excellent holds lead to the big ledge above

Nocturnalist 23m HVS *
M Scrowston, J Loxham - 7 Jul 2013
Some bold and energetic climbing with good protection. Start 2m right of *Deviant* at a rightwards-leaning open groove, with a holly tree near the top. Climb the groove to a steep slab; ascend this with difficulty to gain a small ledge below the holly tree and the narrow chimney above. Athletic moves up its right edge (crux) gain magnificent "thank god" finishing holds.

WWTD 25m E1
R Graham - 04 Sep 2014
A direct line starting up *Nocturnalist* and finishing up *Conformist*. A short quite pokey link pitch despite every hold being a full hand jug. Climb the left side of the *Nocturnalist* groove until a long reach left gains the right-hand variation to *Conformist*. A contrived independent finish is possible up the thin crack on the right, but this has not yet been fully cleaned.

Sky Waller 22m S *
M Scrowston, J Loxham - 07 Jul 2013
An interesting and satisfying climb with good protection. Start 6m right of *Nocturnalist* at a small bay. Climb the wall and groove above for 5m to a ledge. Step left to ascend a short corner groove, before moving right into the obvious corner above. Followed this to finish on the left of a mini dry stone wall.

Sereno 25m HVS **
M Scrowston, J Loxham - 26 Jul 2013
The superb upper wall is worth the walk alone. It is sustained but adequately

protected by small runners. Start 7m right of *Sky Waller* beside an embedded spike. Move up the wall to gain a left-slanting groove; follow this and the short corner above to gain the base of the wall. Ascend the wall by sustained climbing, first trending left, then directly up for a few moves, before trending right (crux) to reach the small V-groove at the top of the wall; all on amazing rock with some very sharp holds!

RNM 25m HVS 5a

R Graham - 04 Sep 2014

A well-protected direct line up the right side of the *Sereno* headwall. Start directly below the headwall and climb just left of a dubious flake/block over easy partly-gardened grassy ledges. A couple of thin moves start the headwall then a series of good handrails lead to the finish of *Sereno*. Possible to avoid the crux by traversing in higher and an easier finish is possible left of the last bit of *Sereno*.

Isorhythm 25m VS 4b/c *

M Scrowston, J Loxham - 26 Jul 2013

Another excellent route. Start one metre right of *Sereno*, at the right end of the crag, by a short (3m) left-facing open corner. Climb the corner for 3m, before moving up and left onto a slab and into a short corner. Ascend this to gain a grass ledge. Move left into the superb open-book corner and climb it directly on immaculately rough rock to the top. Ace.

Kirkstone Passive 25m S *

F Scrowston, M Scrowston - 03 Sep 2016

Another worthwhile route with some massive sharp holds on the upper section. Start one metre right of *Isorhythm* at an easy gangway. Ascend the gangway to reach a thin right-facing corner crack. This is climbed to a thin corner groove which is tackled directly to

gain rock ledges. Climb the headwall enjoyably to the top.

Kirkstone Upper Buttress

GR: NY 398 086 Alt: 600m Aspect: SE

The buttress is about 150m directly above Kirkstone Buttress and runs rightwards from the foot of Kilnshaw Chimney.

Approach: From Kirkstone summit car park take the main paved path to Red Screes. At about 600m altitude, where the path turns left, take a wide grass rake up right then follow a sheep-track traversing right to the base of the buttress.

The routes are described from left to right.

Left Edge 20m MVS 4b

T Walkington - 20 Jul 2017

The left end of the crag abuts against the base of Kilnshaw Chimney. Climb the left edge overlooking the chimney. Scramble up to spike belays

Central Line 22m HVS 4c

T Walkington, L Walmsley - 16 Jul 2017

The obvious weakness 6m right of *Left Edge*. Steep and well-protected climbing on jugs. Some loose rock.

Leo's Wall 22m E1 5a

T Walkington, L Walmsley - 16 Jul 2017

The wall 2m right of *Central Line* via a short corner at 6m.

Overlapping Slabs 23m HS

T Walkington - 20 Jul 2017

Start 5m right of *Leo's Wall*. Climb a short corner at 6m then trend rightwards up slabs passing a large spike near the top.

40m right of *Overlapping Slabs* is an obvious clean corner.

Left Wall 15m E3 6a
T Walkington - 07 May 2017
J Rogers - 13 Aug 2017 without pre-placed gear
Start up the central corner then move up leftwards to a short leaning corner. Climb the corner (crux) and then finish up right on jugs.

Right Wall 15m E2 5c
T Walkington, E Barnes - 07 May 2017
Reported to be "particularly good".
Start up the central corner and climb the right wall via the thin crack-line.

Round the arete to the right of *Right Wall* there is a short wall which overhangs slightly on its lower part.

Ape in the Sun 15m E2 5c
L Walmsley, T Walkington - 01 Jul 2017
Start near the centre of the wall beneath a small slot (cam 2.5) at 3m. Make a long reach to pass the slot, then continue up, passing a large rounded spike to a slappy finish.

There is a mossy corner at the right end of the wall.

Monkey in the Mist 15m HVS 5b
L Walmsley, T Walkington - 01 Jul 2017
Start just left of the mossy corner. Steep moves gain a short corner, climb up passing a small suspect flake to continue up a slab, then right on easier rocks.

Silverback 15m VS 5a
L Walmsley, T Walkington - 09 Jul 2017
The undercut groove one metre right of the mossy corner. Climb the groove with a hard start and continue up the corner above.

Primate 15m VD
T Walkington, E Barnes - 20 Jul 2017
Start 2m right of *Silverback* at a slab (usually wet). Gain the slab and then climb up leftwards to finish up the corner of *Silverback*.

The next two routes start as for *Primate*.

Simian Left Hand 15m VS 5a
L Walmsley, T Walkington - 09 July 2017
Climb up to the start of a steep crack, then leftwards up a steep wall to join the corner of *Silverback*.

Simian 14m HS 4b
T Walkington, E Barnes - 14 July 2017
Straight up the steep crack. A large and suspect block near the top can be avoided.

The next route starts 30m right of *Primate* at a slab.

Mo 27m MS 4a
T Walkington, E Barnes - 14 July 2017
Climb the slab passing a corner at half-height. Continue up a slab then a corner to exit left above a flake.

Count Arthur Strong 25m VS 4c
T Walkington, E Barnes - 14 July 2017
Start 6m right of *Mo*. Follow slabs to a wide shallow chimney at 13m. Continue up the crack to finish on a slab.

Leonard Dembo 25m S 4a
T Walkington, L Walmsley - 09 July 2017
Start 4m right of *Count Arthur Strong*. Climb the initial easy rib then up steeper rock to a grassy bay. Up the rib on the right to a rounded finish.

Pets Bridge Crag

GR: NY399 076 Alt: 370m Aspect: SW

Approach: 5 mins

A handful of fine little lines on superb rock; the sunny and idyllic situation make it well-worth a short visit before grabbing a pint at the Kirkstone Inn. The crag is situated close to the road known as "The Struggle" which links Ambleside and the summit of Kirkstone Pass. Park on the roadside at the hairpin bend at the start of the final steep pull up to the pub. The crag is visible 200m to the SE. Known for many years due to its small size routes were not recorded. PC Bennett and M Scrowston cleaned, climbed and named the routes.

The crag has been used by outdoor centres as an abseil site. Two ancient Troll belay bolts can be seen; be warned - these are at least 30 years old. The routes are described from right to left...

See Topo 2 and on FRCC website

Dry Pasty Wall	9m S 4a
Came to Pass	10m S 4a
The Struggle	10m E1 5a
One	10m S 4a
One in Three	10m VS 4c
Three	10m VS 4c
Just Right	10m HS 4a
Wall End	10m VD

Kirkstone Crag - p197

Old Magic 12m E4 6a **

N Wharton, S Wood - 27 Apr 2011

Climb the deceptively steep arête and wall right of *The Great Game*.

Sheffield Pike - p202

GR: NY 373 178 Alt: 600m Aspect S & E

This small crag is high on Sheffield Pike and directly under the summit of Heron Pike. It offers some short routes.

Tip Off Arête 20m E3 5c *

T Walkington - 14 Aug 2013

The obvious vertical arête 2m left of the crackline of *Tip Off*. A good line, suspect holds and protection in the first 10m, things then improve. From the right gain and climb the arête directly to sloping footholds on the right at 10m. A hanging groove at the left side of the arête is entered from the left. Follow large flake holds to the top.

Tip Off 20m E1 *

TW Birkett, W Peascod - 07 Mar 1982

Good rock, well protected and strenuous. The crack-line 2m right of the arête. Climb the initial steep crack to a shallow wide chimney. Attain the top of a flat topped pinnacle up to the right, and then continue straight up.

Pinnacle Flake 10m S

W Peascod, TW Birkett - 07 Mar 1982

Takes the front of the pinnacle starting 2m right of the left edge of the pinnacle. Climb up 2m, and then diagonally rightwards to the ridge which is followed to the pinnacle top.

Gowbarrow - Upper Buttress - p209

Catherine 24m E2 5b *

M March, K Roberts, P Rigby, 02 09 2017

This worthwhile climb ascends the corner and groove system on the left of the steep headwall (the centrepiece of the upper crag) between *Gowbarrow Bastion* and the second pitch of *Gowbarrow Buttress*. The groove features some technical moves on rough rock. Start from ledges below and right of the large oak tree at the right end of the grassy bay, gained by a scramble. From the right end of the block-covered ledge gain the short slab. Move left into the corner and ascend its left wall steeply until a ledge is reached on

the left. Make a rising traverse rightwards to a shallow gear slot in the groove. Make moves back up and left (crux) until easier rock leads to the top.

Parts of this route seem to coincide with *Gowbarrow Buttress Direct* (not in the guide) and *The Girdle Traverse*; full details are on the FRCC website.

Dam Crag

Alt 650m GR: NY 347 162 Aspect: N
The crag is situated just above the dam. It is the cleanest outcrop at the base of the north face of Castye Cam.

Desperate Dam 28m HVS **

T Walkington, E Barnes - 17 Jun 2014
A good line on good rock, similar to Sergeant Crag Slabs. Well protected. Takes the corner in the middle of the crag. Make a difficult pull over the overhang directly under the corner. Follow the corner to a spike at 13m. Traverse left for 2m to a crack which is climbed to a steepening. Traverse left on a flake for 1.5m to reach a crack. Climb the crack and continue up to a grass top out.

Caudale Crag

GR: NY 409 116 Alt: 500m Aspect: SW
Approach: 30 mins
A small crag on the South West slopes of Hartsop Dodd. It is a half hour walk from the road starting just south of Brothers Water Inn.

The routes are described from left to right.

Caudale Left Groove 15m E3 6a

T Walkington, L Walmsley - 25 May 2013
The left-hand overhanging groove in the headwall. Climb directly up the slab and continue up the overhanging groove

(micro wires and a micro cam required).
One wire pre-placed.

Caudale Right Groove 15m E2 5c

L Walmsley, T Walkington - 25 May 2013
The right-hand overhanging groove in the headwall. Climb straight up to beneath the overhang which is then taken directly (hidden rock 4 at the lip).

Broken Groove 15m VS 4b

L Walmsley T Walkington - 06 May 2013
Follow *Caudale Right Groove* for 4m then move up rightwards to finish up the wide broken groove.

Threshthwaite Crag

Two crags close together. From Kirkstone Pass follow the path to the summit of Stony Cove Pike and continue on the path for about 400m to the top of a wide shallow gully on the right. Walk down this gully (grass and blocky scree). Threshthwaite Gully Buttress is on the left about 100m (in height difference) down the gully, and Threshthwaite Crag is round to the left a further 50m lower.
Topos on FRCC Website

Threshthwaite Gully Buttress

Grid Ref: NY 4231 0995 Altitude: 600m
Approach: 75 mins

Flying Fox 12m S

S Lenartowicz, C Humphry - 01 Apr 2012
Climb the pleasant slab right of the arête and then steeper cracks and suspect blocks to the top.

Threshthwaite Crag - Main Crag

This crag is in a superb sunny position overlooking Troutbeck. Care should be taken with some friable rock and loose blocks in

places. Belay well back, in the wall behind the wide grassy ledge at the top of the crag. Descend to the left.

First Anniversary 25m VS

S Lenartowicz, C Humphry - 02 Jun 2012

The left end of the crag features a holly below an open corner. Climb with care up steep cracked rocks just left of the holly, to the foot of a right-trending ramp, left of the open corner. Follow this to the top.

Honeymoon 25m VS *

S Lenartowicz, C Humphry - 02 Jun 2012

To the right of the holly is a mossy gully/chimney, and to the right of this is a broken wall, gradually reducing in height. Start at the foot of a shallow corner at the left end of the broken wall, below a green area. Follow the rightward-trending groove, then the wall to the right of the groove.

April Fool 23m HS

S Lenartowicz, C Humphry - 01 Apr 2012

The broken rib to the left of a vegetated gully, 10m right of *Honeymoon*. Poorly protected.

The wall just left of *April Fool* has been top-roped.

Fall Crag

Upper Fall Crag (North) - p 224

GR: NY 411 143 Alt: 450m Aspect: W & SW Approach: 35 mins.

A small crag found high on the fellside almost directly above Fall Crag. Great for an evening climb or alternatively a full day could be had by visiting all of the Fall Crag. Approach for Fall Crag but continue steeply for a further 170m directly up the slopes. Care should be taken as the base of the crag, the approach

to the crag and the descents from the top of the crag are all very steep.

The routes are described from left to right
Topo on FRCC website

Spike Island 40m D *

V McMahon, C McMahon - 30 Sep 2013

A good and very photogenic route with excellent views across the valley.

Start at the toe of the crag and follow the ridge to the top passing the juniper bush on the right or left at the same grade. A belay could be made at the holly tree to save rope drag.

Screaming Barflies 11m S *

C McMahon - 10 Oct 2013

A pleasant route with an awkward start.

From the left end of the small roof establish yourself on the wall above. Climb the wall following the obvious path of holds.

Hot Aches 11m HS *

C McMahon - 10 Oct 2013

A good route with a steep bouldery start involving a high rock-over. Pass the right-hand side of the roof then continue up the wall. Reachy.

Upper Fall Crag (South) - p 224

GR: NY 411 142 Alt: 450m Aspect: W and S Approach: 35 mins

A small crag found high on the fellside level with and 100m South of Upper Fall Crag (North). Use the approach for Fall Crag but continue steeply 170m directly up and 100m to the right. Care should be taken as the base of the crag, the approach to the crag and the descents from the top of the crag are all very steep.

Topo on FRCC website

Split or Splat 15m E2 5b *

C McMahon, V McMahon - 30 Sep 2013

A bold and technical route on good rock. A very photogenic route with excellent views across the valley. Start up the deceptively steep wall on crimps. Beware of crux moves. The ability to do the splits is very useful on this route!

Ed. note – always be suspicious of ‘bold’ E2 5bs.

Wobble Block 15m VS *

C McMahon, V McMahon - 30 Sep 2013

An insecure route due to the two wobbly blocks that hold the only protection. Start at the right end of the buttress, left of the arête. Make your way to the first wobble block. Make awkward moves feeling off balance and head to the top passing the second wobble block en-route.

Get Your Rocks Off 9m D *

V McMahon, C McMahon - 10 Oct 2013

This route is found on the south buttress that starts in the sheltered gully. Avoid the loose blocks and suspect rock. Pleasant climbing once the footless start is passed.

Raven Crag Threshthwaite Cove - p225

Baby Driver: cleaned up in 2012; peg renewed, as the head dropped off the old one!!

Baby Driver - Direct Finish E4 6a **

K Phizacklea, I Cooksey, R Matheson - 16 Sep 2012

A fine direct line up this part of the crag and more in keeping with the other wall climbs. A good bold pitch. Take the wall just to the right of the grassy groove. Go up to a sloping ledge, then left up a break to below a block

overhang. Climb the tricky and strenuous short groove on the right side of the overhang (peg); move right across the wall and step up to a ledge (junction with *Grand Prix*). Climb the steep wall directly, on small flakes and layaways, to reach the top.

Dovedale

Hart Crag – p269

GNU

35m E1 5b

SR Scott, CAG Morton - May 2015

Start mid-way between *Slape* and *Spiral* below the slab guarded by a bulge. Climb to the bulge and pull over onto the slab. Continue to the top.

Gill Crag - p298

Good Day Sunshine 54m VD *

GL Swainbank, C Read - 26 May 2012

Start 4m right of *Main Slab Route to the Perch* at an upright boulder propped by another.

1 21m Climb the clean rib formed by the right edge of a vegetated corner and continue direct to a yew tree on Bird Cage Walk; continue up to belay at the right side at the foot of the wall/slab at a small flat embedded boulder.

2 33m Climb directly up the right side of the wall/slab on clean rock, moving slightly from side to side reveals protection!

This route or parts of it may well have been climbed before.

Heirloom Crag - p330

Like Father, Like Son: Line on diagram on page 330 is wrong. Correct line is to the left of the marked line, conveniently the proper line is drawn in black!

Swindale

Gauthier Crag – p336

Torsus 35m VS 4c

T Marr, M Took 23 May 2012

The first pitch although short, offers good climbing on clean sound rock. The second pitch is shared with existing routes.

Start 4m to the right of *One Hang Low* at a tall flake/spike.

1 12m 4c Climb the right side of the flake to its top. Step boldly left (no protection), then pull up into a groove (runners). Trend left up the slab to gain the arête (junction with *Truss Buttress*). Follow the arête for a few metres to a stance and belays.

2 23m 4b Follow the slab to finish up the obvious groove (as for *Razorback*).

Stress Test 6m E2 5c/6a **

T Marr, M Took - 23 May 2012

A variation start to *Times of Stress* following the obvious slanting cleft/groove to the right of the original start (clearly visible on the crag photo on page 344). Start 4m right of the original start, below the right end of the smooth cleft/groove. Climb up and attain a standing position in the groove with difficulty. Compose yourself, then escape into the grassy groove of the original route.

The Doghouse - Variation Start HVS 5b

T Marr, M Took - 05 Sep 2012

8m Start as for *The Fang*. Climb up to the holly and bypass it on its right side. Ascend steeply to gain the obvious diagonal fault leading rightwards. Follow the fault to the small niche on *The Doghouse*. The best finish is as for *The Doghouse/Fang Combination*.

The Doghouse/Fang Combination

40m VS 4c **

T Marr, M Took - 05 Sep 2012

A straightened-out version of *The Doghouse*. Not much new climbing, but improves on an already good route, with a slight increase in grade. Good positions. Start 2m left of the original start at the blunt arête.

1 20m 4c Climb up through a short V-crack to the left end of the grassy ledge (junction with the normal route). Follow *The Doghouse* to where it moves right to join the V-groove of *Left Edge*. Continue instead up leftwards, following a hairline crack to a good flat hold on the arête. Pull around the arête, then step down to the good ledge (junction with *The Fang*).

2 20m. Finish as for *The Fang*, up the steep crack/arête.

Kennel Wall: Clarification of the description has been suggested. The logical finish is straight up to reach and climb the fine flake-crack above, passing right of the ledge that has a ring peg on it. This crack is well used and this is the finish described in a previous guide (Buttermere and Eastern Craggs 1987). Referring to the diagram on p353 the position of the ring peg is incorrect; it is on the flat ledge approximately where the no.15 is placed on the diagram. Done as one long pitch it is worth ***.

The Keswickian 28m E8 7a ***

A Hocking, M Norbury - 15 Jun 2011

Start as for *Hindleg Crack*. Climb the short wall and crack to a ledge underneath the left-hand side of the large roof and arrange gear in the corner (making sure you extend it well). Now make wild moves through the large roof till finally the slab can be gained. Follow the wonderful wall/arête (hidden wire on the slab/arête at half height, in a pocket) to a junction with *One Step Beyond* and the top.

NB: the deviation from the diagram line at the top of *One Step Beyond* is actually the line of *One Step Beyond* - the guidebook diagram is slightly wrong.

Bilberry Mattress 20m E1 5a

N Mathews, C Dobson - 04 Aug 2011

Start at the foot of the long ridge that separates Fang Buttress from Nymph Buttress, where the ridge ends with an undercut slab. Gain the undercut slab from the right (easier for the tall) and ascend on small but positive holds to a large bilberry-covered ledge (optional belay). Ascend the crack on the left of the wall at the back of the ledge to where the angle eases into the main ridge line. The gear is a little sparse on the slab pitch.

Descent: walk off to the right to the foot of Nymph Buttress.

Topo on FRCC website.

Goucher Crag - Dog Crag

NY 511 125 Alt 330m Aspect NW

Shown as Outlaw Crag on 1:50,000 map.

A la'al bit of what ya Fancy 20m VS 5a *

C Dobson - 4 May 2017

Start at the foot of the main crag just to the right of the tree. Climb, keeping to the arête where possible, to the bilberry 'moustache'. Follow this left, around the arête, into the gully and behind the crag. Climb back out onto a large ledge with a flake and evidence of earlier ascents (old rusty peg). Climb the slab above, moving leftwards at the top.

Topo on FRCC website

A steeper bit of what ya Fancy 20m HVS 5a*

C Dobson - 7 May 2017

Starts at the bottom of the very obvious crack in the middle of the crag. Climb the corner onto the large flake to another

wedged flake. Ascend the flake then move left onto the 'shield' of rock; ascend this to the large ledge. From near the right end of the ledge climb the wall above on positive holds directly to the top. It's possible to arrange a runner a few metres left to help protect this top section; the holds are better than they look!

Old and Bold 20m HVS 4c *

N Mathews - 4 May 2017

Start at the flakes below the obvious crack. Ascend these and the slab above until the wall steepens. Follow rightwards to place high side runners before stepping up and left (**bold**) then make a rising leftwards traverse across the face. There are runners when you reach the arête but not many opportunities for protection on the rising traverse.

Older and Bolder 20m E2 5b *

N Mathews - 7 May 2017

Starts at the bottom of the very obvious crack in the middle of the crag (shares start with *A steeper bit of what ya fancy*). Climb the corner to the large flake to stand in front of another large wedged flake. From here, move to the right and ascend the flared crack to the large ledge – care here - a loose boulder sits at the right-hand edge of this ledge. **Bold** moves up and right enable you to join the traverse of *Old and Bold* and the gear at the arête. From here, further **bold** moves up and right to exit through the middle of the steep wall. Topo on FRCC Website.

Haweswater

Brant Street Crag

GR: NY 477 106 Alt: 480m Aspect: NW

There is a series of small crags on the west side of Brantree which can be seen from the car park at the head of Haweswater. The best

crag is the highest and is situated about 200m left of the stream/gully.

Approach: From the car park at the head of Haweswater, walk back along the road for about 400m to a gate. Hike up the very steep fellside to the crag which is level with Blea Water and has a fabulous view over Haweswater.

Twisted Baggett 20m E1 5b
R Kenyon, M Kenyon, C Kenyon 31 May 2007
Takes the pillar on the left. Climb to the roof and move rightwards to gain a crack-line. Using holds to the side of the crack, climb to the top in a fine situation.

Gay Brant 18m E4 6a
J Kirkbride, R Kenyon 16 Jun 2007
On the right of the front face is a wide roof split by a crack. Climb to the roof with difficulty and pass it with continued interest to follow the crack and groove above.

Pie in the Sky 18m E1 5b
J Kirkbride, R Kenyon 16 Jun 2007
Climb the fine groove on the right of the crag.

Piot Crag

GR: NY 452 103 Aspect: ESE
Approach: 50 mins
There are three or four separate buttresses - the routes are on the right-hand buttress.
Approach: from Haweswater car park.

Gully Arête 30m D
G Uney - 17 Jun 2017
The arête to the right of the obvious gully in the centre of the crag. Some loose rock in places.

Square Dance 18m HS 4b

E Barnes, T Walkington - 26 Aug 2016
The corner-crack 10m right of the left end of the buttress.

Sundance 18m HS 4a
E Barnes, T Walkington - 24 Aug 2016
Start 2m left of *Windy Corner*. Straight up to finish via blocks (care needed on top blocks)

Windy Corner 18m HS 4a
E Barnes, T Walkington - 26 Aug 2016
At right side of slab is a grassy corner. Climb the corner finishing up the left exit.

Windy Crack 10m HVS 4c/5a
T Walkington 26 Aug 2016
Low in the grade. Start as for Windy Corner. Climb the steep crack to the right. Cams size 2 to 3 will be useful

Raindance 18m HS 4b
T Walkington, E Barnes - 09 Aug 2016
Up centre of slabs initially via the crack. Care needed on top blocks.

Square Dance 18m HS 4b
E Barnes, T Walkington - 26 Aug 2016
The corner-crack 10m right of the left end of the buttress.

Ballet Dancer 18m E2 5c
T Walkington - 24 Aug 2016
The rib 6m right of *Square Dance*
A pre-placed micro at 7m; E3/4 without as it would be difficult to place on lead and a potential ground fall.

Merry Dance 18m E1 5b
T Walkington, L Walmsley - 27 Aug 2016
Climb the steep slab 2m right of *Ballet Dancer*. Very well protected with small wires.

Whelter Crags – p335

GR: NY: 462 137 Alt: 550m Aspect: ENE

Following the demise of Eddie (the Eagle) the access restriction on this crag has been lifted.

SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS -

· **NO GARDENING**

· **NO NEW ROUTES OUTSIDE THE AREA**

COVERED BY THE CURRENT ROUTES

The current routes may be re-cleaned and new routes between them may be cleaned. The routes on this crag have been dedicated to the memory of Jim Fotheringham's son Joe who drowned crossing the River Myzrma in the Western Caucasus in May 2002.

ACCESS AND LOCATION

The crag is situated on the East facing hillside overlooking Whelter Bottom on the west side of Haweswater. It is a slabby buttress in the centre of a craggy hillside known as Whelter Crags.

Approach: from Mardale Head car park on the West shore of Haweswater strike up the (true) left bank of Whelter Beck. Follow the stream until under the crag. There is a left to right traversing line across the hillside to the crag (difficult to find on first visit). Alternatively make straight up the steep hillside directly to the crag.

Windchild 45m VS 4c

J Fotheringham, D Hayward, - Nov 2002

At the left end of the crag is a right slanting slabby corner leading to a heather ledge at 20m.

1 20m 4c Steep corner/flake and crack leads to the slabby ramp.

2 25m 4c A steep wall leads to a corner/crack, jam up this.

Gladiator 45m E2 5c

J Fotheringham, S Reid - May 2003

1 20m 4c First pitch of *Windchild*

2 25m 5c Move up to the steep wall and with difficulty right across this to a steep crack - up and rightwards into a hanging corner, up this (runners) then up and rightwards up the steep slab (steep, thin and poorly protected).

The Warrior 45m E1 5b

J Fotheringham, D Hayward - Mar 2003

This superb route starts from the lowest point of the crag; a slabby buttress leading to a large heathery break that runs across the lower section of the crag. Climb directly up the lower buttress to the cleaned ledge and gain the second buttress by a steep move (just left of *The Sword*) and traverse left for 4m to below a crack in the steep slab. Climb directly up this (thin) and up to a giant pointed block on a heather ledge. From the top of the block climb the groove and steep corner to gain an obvious deep crack (excellent protection!); steeply up the wall right of this to the top (fixed belay and abseil point).

The Sword 5m HVS 5a

J Fotheringham, D Hayward - Nov 2002

The obvious central crack up the shield of rock. Climb the lower buttress to the ledge – up a short steep corner and follow the crack-line to a cleaned ramp; finish up this to a fixed belay and abseil point.

The Extremist 45m HVS 5a

J Fotheringham, D Hayward, T Mills - Mar 2003

The right edge of the shield. Excellent slabby climbing on pocketed rock with adequate protection. As for *The Sword* to the corner above the ledge. Follow a traverse to the right then up the slab. Finish as for *The Sword*.

The Hermit

45m E1 5b

J Fotheringham, D Hayward - Apr 2003

The route follows the cleaned crack and corner line to the right of the shield of rock. Climb the initial buttress to the heathery ledges as for *The Extremist*. Traverse right along the heather ledge for 3m to a steep crack leading to a cleaned corner. Up this (hard) and the following corner to a hard move at 35m. which gains the steep crack. Avoiding the crack by moving left to the finish of *The Sword* reduces the overall grade to VS 4c.

Nightrider

40m HS 4b

Leeds University CC - Sep 2003

1 20m First pitch of *The Spartan*.

2 20m 4b From the stance follow the crack to the top.

The Spartan

40m E2 5c

J Fotheringham, D Hayward T Mills - Apr 2003
Beautiful climbing up the obvious whitish slab in the centre of the crag; the slab is to the left of a prominent black mossy streak.

1 20m 4c Start at the base of a small corner below the line of a slab follow the cleaned crack and slab to the belay below a right trending corner-line (peg).

2 20m 5c Climb the slab right of the corner, continue up the thin pocketed slab (peg at 12m) with increasing difficulty to a crux at the top. When very dry, a move right across the (usually) wet and mossy wall allows an escape.

The Russian

45m E2 5c

J Fotheringham, D Hayward - Apr 2003

Takes the very obvious right-angled steep corner right of *The Spartan*.

1 15m 4c Up very heathery walls to belay below the corner (peg)

2 25m 5c Climb the corner (hard!) to its top and follow the easier continuation groove and grassy ramp to a hidden thread belay well back.

Knights Move

45m E2 5c

J Fotheringham, D Hayward - Apr 2003

This hard route takes the arête right of *The Russian*. Bold and unprotected for the first 5m.

1 20m Approach up the heathery rock and belay below the arête (peg).

2 25m 5c Make very difficult move up the arête to a good hold and easier ground - move slightly right and follow the cleaned slab and corner to the top.

The Spy

60m HVS 5a

J Fotheringham, D Hayward - Mar 2002

This superb route lies hidden on the far right of the crag and takes a clean rib of superb pocketed in its upper half. Start low down on the right of the crag by a small spring and a wet blank wall.

1 30m 4c Move up rightwards on slabby rock (poor protection) heading for and eventually gaining the left end of a prominent large heather-covered ledge (peg belay).

2 30m 5a From the right end of the ledge follow the rib and a difficult move left which gains a steep corner. Climb this and follow the slabs and finishing wall on superb rock.

The pitch is poorly protected.

Blackadder

80m VS 4c

J Fotheringham, E Fotheringham, D Hayward, May 2003

A rambling route climbed in a thunderstorm and exceptionally heavy hail shower - go forth with best fighting trousers!

1 40m Follow the heathery ledges to the hermitage - a group of saplings underneath

the crack of *The Hermit* - pull up grass and steep heather to the belay of *The Spartan*.
2) Traverse left, first on heather - then on rock to gain the corner above the first crux of *The Hermit* up this and move left to gain the ramp of *The Extremist*.

Longsleddale

Buckbarrow Crag - p365

Still At It 22m HS
D Berry, M Bebbington, I Knight - 28 Sep 2011

Start as for *The Crystal Maze* but after a few metres move left onto a good ledge below the overhang. Climb the short hanging groove at the left-hand end of the ledge and continue up the arete to the belay at the top of *The Crystal Maze*.

Angry Birds 16m HVS 5c
W Smith, D Berry - 01 Jun 2016
Start as *The Crystal Maze*. Avoiding the detour left, mantle the quartz crack. A small cam can be placed at the apex of the slab (long reach). Climb the left edge of the clean slab (crux) and move slightly right to an undercut hold to move up and finish on the cracked headwall of *The Crystal Maze*.

London's Burning 18m VS 4b
I Lawton, L Lawton - 09 Aug 2011
A few metres left of *Linjeston's Climb* is a tall narrow slab bounded on the left by the slope of the descent gully. Start below a prominent spike. Climb the arête to gain the slab on the left. Easy climbing leads to a good foothold on the left edge then delicate moves right and up to the top. Not well protected on the crux. Proximity of the slope does not spoil the climbing too much.

201 Not Out 18m VS 4c *
D Berry, I Knight, M Bebbington - 28 Sep 2011

Takes a line to the right of *London's Burning*. Start as for *London's Burning*, 6m left of *Linjeston's Climb*. Climb the stepped arête direct to a sloping ledge a few metres below the top. Move left and climb the steep wall on small holds.

Slab and Rib: The introductory comments should reflect that this climb moves across left only at the very top of the crag to join *The Hog's Back* at the broken easy rock at its top. The description should read: Climb the slab for 2m, then work left to the rib. Follow the rib up and rightwards to reach broken ground and a ledge. A belay can be made with care in a jumble of blocks (shared with *The Hog's Back*), some are loose.

It seems that people have been moving across to *The Hog's Back* at a lower level to join the final arête before reaching the final broken rocks - this is much harder and the cam protection before the steep moves into the final groove is strenuous to place - VS 4c. The line on the photodiagram suggests a traverse horizontally left for 3m to join *The Hog's Back* where it arrives on easy broken ground - this is unlikely and is not mentioned in the 1969 guide. Continuing up to the belay ledge has been described as a very good variation. Given the shortage of VS climbs on this crag it should be written up in the next guide, as a direct or something and given **.

Dandle Buttress: Rockfall has removed part of pitch 1. What remains is dangerously loose Sadgill Wall: The current guide sums this route up as follows. 'A very good climb which unfortunately deteriorates for the final pitch'. The alternative finish is very good and maintains both the quality and difficulty of

the climbing until the end. Grade is possibly HS.

The Dandle - Descent: To clarify the way - From the top of The Dandle continue across to the right, descend a 6m pitch (one move of Difficult, awkward if wet) into the grass funnel above a gully and climb the short grass slope opposite and go down the scree and grass beyond.

Church Door Buttress

The small church door-shaped buttress 200m right of the Dandle – contains the following three routes.

Topo 4 and on FRCC Website

Nicole 11m E1 5b **

G North, I Lawton, L. Lawton - 20 Aug 2011
The left arête of the buttress. Technical moves and minimal protection make this an exciting little lead. Fortunately the landing is good.

Carry on Clío 11m HVS 5b **

G North, I Lawton, L. Lawton - 20 Aug 2011
Climb the obvious central groove to exit direct onto the slab above. Perfect rock, interesting moves and good gear - superb!

Papa 11m VS 4b *

G North, I Lawton, L. Lawton - 20 Aug 2011
Start 2m right of the central groove and gain the right arête on the right by steep moves.

EDEN VALLEY & SOUTH LAKES LIMESTONE

Eden Valley

Armathwaite - p79

Over time trees have grown along the base of the crag often making it dank and slow drying, especially during the summer months.

In 2017 and early 2018 a large number of trees were cleared opening the crag, making it cleaner with routes drying quickly. it's now a suitable venue throughout the year. A big thankyou to The Forestry Commission, BMC Access Officer, Ron Kenyon, Pete Gunn and gang. The BMC also gave a grant of £2,000 towards the tree clearance. The crag is a useful wet weather alternative to the Lakes, easily accessible from the M6 when passing.

Cook's Tour HVS 5b Now led
P Gunn – 21 May 2015.

A good route up the centre of the impressive wall. Quite well protected by Armathwaite standards, gear in the breaks and the obvious crack. Top out directly above the ledge using a useful nubble. There is a large detached block on the ledge by the dead tree!!

Tree Antics 12m MVS 4b
R Kenyon, E Parker - 2 May 2015

Start at the second tree right of *Blockbuster* and bridge up between the tree and the crag to reach excellent flakes. Traverse right to a ledge and corner then continue up leftwards.

Stinkhorn Arête E2 5b
P Gunn - 30 Apr 2015

Climbs the direct finish up the arête of *Meat is Murder*. Low gear next to the sharp flake (sling on flake; cam on left).

Astral Wall E3 6a Now led
P Gunn 1 May 2015.

Use the gear on *Stinkhorn Arête/Meat is Murder* then climb the wall using a small pocket and crimps before moving rightwards at the top, topping out next to the block on the ledge above. No holds on the arête are used.

Indian's Revenge E5 6a Now led

P Gunn 1 May 2015.

There is good low gear in the break (cams) but you would hit the ledge if you fell from the crux. Better, but tricky, to fiddle in nuts above before topping out at the sprawling oak tree.

Back from Bezingi 30m E1 5b/c

R Kenyon, M Westerman - 23 Aug 2013

A one move wonder - but what a move! Start as for *Ituna* climbing up to the ledge (direct or by corner). Move up and gain a ledge, up to the left, with an overhung base. Place protection in the cracks above. Move to the arête on the left and make a desperate move across the slab, to gain a ledge, on the left. Climb up the slab above, keeping right of an overhang, and up a short buttress to finish.

Erection Arête E4 5c Now led

P Gunn 06 Dec 2013

A Bit on the Side 22m E4 5c **

P Gunn, D Mouat - 20 Sep 2015

Climbs the impressive headwall, directly up from the undercling flake on *Erection Arête*. Protection is available low down but a little run out on the crux before protection and holds are reached just before the top.

Full Frontal E5 6a ** Now led

P Gunn - 6 Dec 2013

The direct start to *Soft Touch*, which takes the three stepped roofs below the arête. Superb airy climbing but please be cautious of the fragile flakes and dubious gear. Care should be taken with the hollow flake above the crux. Climb the sandy slab rightwards. Pull left below the first roof and climb directly through the overhangs on snappy holds to gain and finish up the airy arête. Poor small wires protect the crux, strenuous to place or

easier if placed from *Soft Touch* and reversing, reducing the grade to E4.

Lunar Sea 12m E7 6c **

Dan Varian 2012

A direct line from *New Moon* into the finish of *Devil Moon*. From *New Moon* across two poor slopers, press into the small flake then up to the hanging crack. A three move 7b boulder problem 4m off the deck, with no gear, then a few tricky moves to the first gear at 9m, (wire). Then the crack is easier but still awkward.

Sailing Shoes E7 6b ** Now led

D Birkett

Limpet Lil E2 5c* Now led,

P Gunn - 2 May 2014 (if not done before).

A little height dependent, easier if over 6 foot.

Lenny Limpet 13m E7 6a ***

P Gunn - 13 Mar 2014

This route now supersedes *Smear or Die*. Start as for *Andy's Slab* but trend leftwards up to a good hold in the centre of the slab and a small flake. Step left and up to another small flake, once stood up finish diagonally rightwards via the two shallow pockets and finishing rail, avoiding the crack of *Barnacle Bill*. (Placing side runners in *BB* reduces the grade: E5?)

Scallop 13m E7 6b ***

P Gunn - 07 Sep 2014

Slabtastic. "The best slab in Cumbria!"

A direct line up the slab passing the obvious scallop feature, finishing direct as for *Lenny Limpet*. Start just right of *Barnacle Bill* where an excellent mantel gains access to the scallop feature, a very tenuous move at the top of it, may see you gain the large sloper

and small flake above, before finishing via the two shallow pockets.

Ed. Note – two unprotected highball problems, a font or V grade would be more appropriate.

Black Russian E4 6b Now led
Pete Gunn 20 June 2017

Two threads were pre-placed but the rest of the gear was placed on lead. A selection of small tricams fit in the pockets as well as the dubious threads! Belayed by two, as they didn't have a belay device between them! 'Old school' style, a sling was used for a harness.

Bubbles 10m E3 6a
Davina Mouat 25 Jun 2017

2m right of *Pickpocket Direct*, climb the line of bubbles (pockets) up the wall to gain a ledge below the overhang. Finish over this slightly leftwards.

Field of Dreams HVS 5c Now led
Pete Gunn 18 Oct 2017

A long reach helps to gain the first ledge and gear, before further ledges gain the leftward slanting gangway and the top.

Scratchmere Scar - p 142

There have been some access problems here; please check the BMC RAD for the most up to date situation.

Nemexin 7m V6 (6b/c) - Not led
T Carruthers - 5 Apr 2009

The "last problem" left arête of The Block from a sitting start. A highball boulder problem (take plenty of mats and big spotters) or, in the finest traditions of the sandstone art.

Scratch Arête 7m V4 *

P Gunn - 8 Jun 2012

Excellent. Right-hand arête of the left face of The Block containing *Spiral Stairs* and *Nemexin* (V6). Climb the right hand arête using a good hold half way up on the left arête, before committing to a final slap to the top. Top roped then solo above two pads. As a route it probably deserves E3 6a as the landing is not ideal. Now done sticking to the arête all the way at a harder 6c.

Windmore End - p216

On The Carpet 7m VD

B Gilroy, S Thompson - 7 Jul 2010

The 'scruffy' little corner mentioned in the description of *Rain Stopped Play* has probably been climbed before (p224). Climb the corner to the right of *Andy's Arête* direct.

Twin Cracks seems to be marked in the wrong place on the photo diagram. Twin Cracks are just left of *The Mantleshelf*.

Morewind End 5m D

S Thompson, B Gilroy - 09 Apr 2015

The small corner left of *Twin Cracks*.

Windy Pops 7m E3 6a *

P Gunn - 24 Jul 2010

Right of *La'al Wall* (p233) which is to the right of *Fern Crack* there is a thin hairline crack. Climb this using holds protect. Soloed after climbing ground up (two falls) then one ascent on top rope.

Jetstream 8m E3 5c **

S Wooley - 4 Oct 2012

Start one metre to the right of *Speeding Like a Jet*. Follow the blank wall between *Speeding Like a Jet* and *April Fool*. Very Bold.

Anticlimbax VS: Now HVS 5a/5b. There has been a small rockfall on this route. A block has fallen from the lower part of the slightly overhanging groove.

SOUTH LAKES (TRAD)

Hebblethwaite Hall Gill - p260

Petite L'Arsony 9m E1 5b *

S Leahy - 23 Sep 2012

Strenuous. Take the rightward slanting crack 2m right of *The Mighty Micro* to its top (well protected; crux). Continue straight up to the right-hand side of the top section. Better protected than on the other routes; the top is a little loose.

White Stone - p351

D 23m E1 5c

D Cronshaw, L Ainsworth - 16 Mar 2003

1 12m 5a Climb the left side of the arête on the left of *Stag* to the tree; move right on grassy ledges above to the tree of *Stag*.

2 11m 5c From the blocks at the belay, reach a small high handhold and use this to make a difficult step onto the blunt arête on the right. Continue straight up to an easier-angled finish.

Damon 30m S

N Gough, G Highmoor - 16 Aug 1963

Very little new climbing. Follow *Direct Route* to the long overhang; continue leftwards under the overhang (*Jess*) to join *Missing Words* at the left end of the overhang. Cross leftwards onto *Stag* which is followed to the top.

Sky Wall 20m E1 **

J Dickinson - 21 July 2016

Climb the buttress between *Missing Words* and *The V*. Take the blank looking slab

(thread) and continue direct over the two overhangs.

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Raven Crag, Walthwaite - p4

Chance 20m E4 6a

J McHaffie, H Harper, A Jackson, N Stirrup, E Cox - 04 Jul 2015

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.

True Socialist 20m HVS 5a *

M Scrowston, PC Bennett - 30 Sep 2015

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.

Thrang Crag Crag Buttress – p18

Beatnik E6 6b *

P Holder, C Naylor - 11 Apr 2014

Start to the left of *Pollster*. Go straight up the wall to the overlap, and join *Pollster* middle

section for gear. Place a sling over a spike just below the chimney and step back down. Cross the slab to a good hold below the headwall, take this heading rightwards on small holds and side pulls to an obvious undercut; a hard move gains the right arête and the top

Thrang Crag West

NY: 318 058 Alt: 210m Aspect: S
Topos 5, 6 & 7 and on FRCC website
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 Crag, 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.
Descent: 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* (D).

Left Buttress

Dust Bunny 15m D
C Scrowston, M Scrowston - 12 Sep 2014
Climb the obvious short rough pillar 3m left of the left edge of the buttress.

Clone 16m S
M Scrowston - 24 Aug 2014
Climb the right slanting groove at the left end of the buttress to a small bulge, step up and left to follow the rough slab above.

Mitosis 17m VS 4b
M Scrowston, PC Bennett - 09 Aug 2014
A good route with a choice of exits. Start 2m 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.

Random Drift 22m HVS 5a **
M Scrowston, PC Bennett - 09 Sep 2014
Excellent climbing with sustained interest. Start at the third groove in the centre of the buttress. Ascend the groove for 5m to a steepening. Make a committing rising traverse right and follow the fine rough slabs above.

Fandango 20m VS 4b
R Crabtree, A Crabtree - 31 Sep 2016
Start 9m right of *Random Drift* in the obvious cave. Climb up to the cave roof and make a strenuous move onto the smooth right wall to gain a ledge. Continue direct trending to the right of a clump of heather up a v-groove on good holds. Continue up the rib above to the top

Fang 21m VD
J Weeks, J Weeks - 31 Dec 2016
Start one metre right of *Fandango* on the large triangular fang shaped block that is separated from the crag. Climb the 'fang' and continue up the separated blocks to gain a ledge. Continue direct up a v-groove on good holds then the rib above to the top.

Cocaine Kaite 21m HVS 5a
PC Bennett, M Scrowston - 18 Jun 2015
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.

Gene Genie 18m MVS 4b
M Scrowston, H Scrowston - 27 Sep 2014
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.

Nurture 22m HS
F Scrowston, M Scrowston - 15 Apr 2015
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 3m right of *Gene Genie*. Climb the broken rib for 6m, 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.

End Game 11m S
M Scrowston - 17 Mar 2016
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

Central Buttress
A steep one-time quarried crag topped by a conspicuous overhang

Old Genes 14m S
M Scrowston, C Earnshaw - 6 Oct 2014
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.

Norman's Route 17m S
M Scrowston - 05 Sep 2009

An exciting trip with wild exposure. Climbed on a wet day in Walsh shoes; the reason it took so long to return for further adventures. Start at the centre of the overhung buttress at a left slanting ramp. Follow the ramp on large holds to gain the left arête, pull up to access a slab and follow its right edge.

Not the Norm 18m VS 4c
M Scrowston, D Till - 16 Mar 2015
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 3m. 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.

Selfish Gene 17m E1 5b
PC Bennett, M Scrowston - 25 Sep 2014
Climb a short rightwards slanting ramp in the centre of the buttress. 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.

Natural Selection 23m HVS 5a
M Scrowston, PC Bennett - 02 Oct 2014
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.

Evolution 16m HVS 4c
M Scrowston, P Kear - 16 Sep 2014
Start 3m 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.

Mutation 15m VS 4c
M Scrowston, PC Bennett - 25 Sep 2014
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.

A Dream of White Houses 25m HVS
M Scrowston, PC Bennett - 04 Jun 2015
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.

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

Full Circle 24m S
M Scrowston, C Scrowston - 12 Sep 2014
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.

Elemental 23m S
M Scrowston, C Earnshaw - 6 Oct 2014
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, move left over broken ledges to finish up the short wall.

Echo 23m HS
M Scrowston, P Kear - 11 Apr 2017
An alternative and exciting start to *Elemental*. Start 6m right of *Elemental* and 2m right of the hawthorn tree, below an overhanging wall just left of a broken groove. Steep climbing passing a mini-hawthorn; swing left on big holds to gain a good ledge. Follow the rough wall and slabs above to a junction with *Elemental* at the flake belay.

Scorchio 18m S
F Scrowston, M Scrowston - 29 May 2016
A pleasant route up the gentle slab with a steep finish. Start by a hawthorn tree 15 m right of *Elemental* at the extreme right end of the buttress. Climb up leftwards behind the hawthorn to gain the slab. Follow the slab to a steepening, step left and ascend the steep wall on large holds.

Thrang Crag East
Thrang Crag East is a small semi-quarried buttress 20 m up and right of Thrang Crag. It offers short but sustained pitches on good south facing rock and only five minutes from the Pub! Some of the routes were climbed on a damp day after only one cup of coffee; they may feel a little easier when the sun returns.

Frantic 12m E1 5b **
M Scrowston, PC Bennett - 13 Nov 2016
Start one metre left of the v-groove in the centre of the crag. A steep wall leads to a small ledge in an overhung niche. Move boldly up and left to big exposure and thankgod holds. Finish up the cracked wall.

Sandbag Groove 12m E2 5b *
R Graham, T Rogers - 26 Aug 2017
The V groove between *Frantic* and *Frunobulax*. This central groove line, avoided

by both routes, has more helpful holds than appearances suggest.

Frunobulax 11m E1 5b
PC Bennett, M Scrowston - 24 Nov 2016
Climb the large open groove and short rightwards slanting slab to access a steep overhung V-groove. A committing move up and right leads to good finishing holds.

Frenzy 12m HVS 5a
PC Bennett, M Scrowston - 13 Nov 2016
The conspicuous hanging slab on the right side of the buttress. Start at a short slab 3m right of *Frantic*. Climb the slab, traverse diagonally right to an awkward move onto a good ledge in the corner. Enjoy the fine hanging slab above.

Triple Whammy 12m E2 5b/c
R Graham, T Rogers - 06 Oct 2017
The left slanting direct line crossing *Frenzy* and *Frunobulax*. Start just left of *Friction* and finish just right of *Sandbag Groove*. Take doubles in Friend 1.5 and 1.75/green Dragons.

Friction 11m VS 4c
M Scrowston - 13 Aug 2017
Start 2m left of *Global Warming* below a thin V-groove. Climb the short, steep crack on good holds to emerge at a junction with *Frenzy*. Move right up a gentle slab to finish up a groove in the steep wall.

Global Warming 10m S 4c
M Scrowston - 04 Jan 2017
A short sharp route up the right hand flying rib. Start at a small recess below a thin right slanting crack. Steep climbing passing a good spike leads to excellent holds in a left slanting crack, swing right and follow the steep wall

and leftwards trending ramp to gain the crest of the rib.

Upper Scout Crag - p38
Topo 8 and on FRCC website

Sid the Sardine 32m HVS 5a **
PC Bennett, P Kear, M Scrowston - 01 Jul 2014

A good route that takes the large slab on the left side of the buttress. Start at a short groove 2m 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

Thing Fish 34m HVS 5a**
M Scrowston, PC Bennett 21 Jun 2014

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 3m 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 then ascend the steep wall above on surprisingly good holds. Grade and quality confirmed

Essential Vagrancy 34m HVS 5a
M Scrowston, D Till - 18 Sep 2016
An interesting journey with some fine open climbing in its upper section. Start just left of an ash tree in the centre of the crag. Follow ledges and a shattered groove to a large bivi ledge. Settle down for the night or move to the left edge of the ledge to a small pedestal below a short V groove. Commit to the

groove, step up rightwards to gain the steep wall above to finish left of the hawthorn at the top of the crag. A direct line from the right edge of the ledge has also been climbed at the same grade but can be slow to dry.

Girl Scout 20m VD
F Scrowston, C Scrowston - 20 Sep 2014
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 bracken 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.

Salmon Leap: The guidebook states bold climbing and to 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 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.
Salmon Leap: Very good climbing, top end VS 5a and ** seems about right.

Salmon Leap Variations: This may not be a new route and thinks its description may already have been published. It pulls through an overlap about 5m left of the foot of the *Salmon Leap* corner, then up the scooped wall just R of the blunt arête (bold) and through the final bulge via a crack 3m L of

Salmon Leap. Best combined with a start up the smooth slab right of *Salmon Leap*, traversing across below its corner. The whole pitch is excellent due to the remarkably pocketed rock – bolder than *Salmon Leap* – about E1 5a? Certainly deserving of a couple of stars and inclusion in the guide (although it does take a while to dry out!).

Lutefisk 36m VS 4c
M Scrowston, C Earnshaw -10 Jul 2015
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.

Small Fry 16m MVS *
M Scrowston, F Scrowston - 30 May 2016
A good companion route to *Girl Scout* on steep rough rock. Start 5m 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.

Stickle Barn Crag - p78
Walk Out 16m VS 4b
T Walkington, E Barnes - 27 Aug 2014
The groove-line 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.

Zero Plus Nought 16m HVS 5a
T Walkington, L Walmsley - 23 Aug 2014

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.

East Wall Route 18m VS 4c
T Walkington, E Barnes - 20 Aug 2014
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.

Stile Crag
NY: 291 066 Alt: 200m Aspect: S
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.
Approach: 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
T Walkington, L Walmsley - 28 Sep 2013
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.

Stylish 12m HS 4b *
L Walmsley, T Walkington - 28 Sep 2013
Start as for *Good Style*. Follow the crackline directly.

Fine Style 12m E1 5b *
L Walmsley, T Walkington - 28 Sep 2013
Start 2m right of *Stylish*. Take the short left facing corner at half height mostly by its left wall.

In Style 12m VS 4c *

T Walkington, L Walmsley - 28 Sep 2013
Start 2m right of *Fine Style*. The shallow square cut groove just right of the obvious overhang.

Poor Style 12m VS 4b
L Walmsley, T Walkington - 28 Sep 2013
Start 2m right of *In Style*. Climb the right facing corner, followed by the mossy 'v' groove.

Harrison Stickle - p128
Double Eye 40m E2 5b **
R Graham, T Rogers - 13 Jun 2013
The logical extension to Super Eye. Follow *Dry Rain* to the ledge then take a sweeping line up and leftwards on the upper edge of the overhanging wall. Stand on the spike in the last groove then traverse the wild ledge to join *Waller's Crack* just below the top.

The block at 6m is highly suspect; for stepping on only, not a runner! It has withstood a severe bashing and the passage of 12 feet (so far) and is probably far more stable than it looks.

Wage Slaves 42m VS 5a
T Walkington, L Walmsley - 05 Jul 2014
10m 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 2m continue straight up. Belay at the ledge.
2 30m 4c Climb the steep crack 1.5m 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.

Pike How - p129

GR: NY 289 069 Aspect: SW & SE

Approach: 30 mins

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, in the past, which may be worth the walk. The first four routes are to the left of the pale overhanging wall and are described from right to left. The remaining routes are described from left to right. Most of the routes have belays well back, so fix one rope 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.

Sixes and Sevens 20m E2

R Graham T Rogers - 01 Sep 2013

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.

Short Shift 20m E3

R Graham, T Rogers

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

100 m to the right of *Short Shift* etc is a steep wall split by the impressive central crack line of *No Country for Old Men*. Scramble up and left to gain the ledge below it. A short

buttress 20m left of this crack contains two routes:

Left Cheek 15m E1

R Graham, T Rogers - 01 Aug 2013

Left Cheek is the thin crack up the left wall.

Groove and Rib 15m HVS

T Rogers, R Graham - 01 Aug 2013

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

Exit Stage Right 30m HVS

T Rogers, R Graham - 01 Jun 2013

Start about 10m left of the central crack (NCFOM) and climb the right trending ramps on the left edge of the main wall. Gain a higher ledge at 3m. A well protected move rightwards across the lower half of the diamond shaped wall gains the ramps.

Lunching Stone 30m E2

T Rogers, R Graham - 01 Jun 2013

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.

No Country for Old Men 25m E4

R Graham, T Rogers - 01 Jun 2013

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? Probably un-gradable, 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.

Rib on Right 30m HVS

T Rogers, R Graham - 01 Jun 2013

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.

Slab and Wall 30m VS
T Rogers, R Graham - 01 Jun 2013

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.

Middlefell Buttress - p135

Bitter End 22m VS 4c *
M Scrowston, M Withers, A Cooper - 19 Sep 2017

The fine central slab left of *Trambiolina* has a big feel. Start at the extreme right hand side of the buttress 5m right of *Trambiolina*. Steep climbing for 3m and a move left leads to a junction with *Trambiolina*. Traverse horizontally left to gain good holds and follow the slab above. Make a committing step right and up to gain access to a small heather ledge. Finish up the wall above. The route was named to commemorate the last few pints of Yates beer served in the ODG that evening as the curtain came down on the brewery.

Trambiolina: This has had a brush off and is also deserving of a star. These routes can be easily accessed via the in situ rap point on Middlefell Buttress. There is a good abseil belay which may be in place, on the huge

block-flake, above the routes to enable an easy descent. The slings should be visible from below if in-situ.

Fear and Loafing 36m HVS 5a ***
M Scrowston, PC Bennett - 02 Nov 2017
The walls and groove at the right hand side of Armalite Wall give a very fine climb. Start from a pedestal ledge 4m right and lower than *Armalite*. Climb the steep wall above the ledge pulling through the overlap. A step right gives access to a shallow groove, follow this to a small overhang, move left to ascend the impending wall via excellent hand holds. Finish up thin cracks on the left side of the arête. Topo on FRCC website.

Mendes Wall - p143

An Alternative Truth 40m VS 4c
M Scrowston, M Withers - 23 May 2017
An interesting line that utilises the obvious crack system below a small dark overhang left of *Carrion Climbing*. Well protected and with some steep climbing in the middle section. Start below an inverted V crack 3m left of *Carrion Climbing*. Climb the cracks to a large grassy ledge. From the back of the ledge a rough wall leads to the steep crack, up this and pull up left to gain some small ledges. Follow the fine rib above passing the left edge of the small dark overhang, a swing right leads to a heather ledge (possible belay). The broken wall above leads pleasantly to the top.

Raven Crag Buttress - p148

Exoplanet 65m E2 5b
P Graham, R Graham - 05 Jun 2014
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 6m 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.

Confidence Trick 40m HVS 5a *

T Walkington, L Walmsley - 04 May 2013
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. 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.

No Confidence 40m E1

T Walkington, L Walmsley - 02 May 2013
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.

End Elevation 43m VS

M Scrowston, J Edwards-Lihocka - 25 Jul 2015
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 for belaying.

East Raven Crag - p177

White Streak 22m E3 5c *

L Walmsley, T Walkington - 29 May 2016
Takes a line at the right end of the Mamba wall. Start one metre 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.

White Crag - p190

Flying Ferrets 20m HS *

M Scrowston, C Earnshaw - 24 Jul 2014
Follow *Langdale Ferrets* for 5m 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 to gain the ledge (5b/c) is less entertaining and gives an unbalanced route.

Feeding the Ferret 23m VS 4b *

PC Bennett, M Scrowston - 03 Jun 2016
A direct variation tracing a line right of the dusty corner. Start as for *Langdale Ferrets* after 5m 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*.

Trouser Snake 27m HVS 4c **

R Crabtree, A Crabtree - 12 Aug 2017
Start at the foot of the buttress between the two trouser leg people routes. Climb directly up the blank wall (bold) which eases; gear at

the foot of the middle arête. Climb the arête to the top. An excellent option when both trouser leg routes are dripping wet.

Grave Gill Crag - p198

Central Crack 10m E4 6a **

M Bagness, J Kelly - 08 Aug 2014

The thin central crack described as 'unled' in the 2013 guide.

May not have been led on sight.

Gimmer Crag - p199

Tieraway 100m E1 5b *

J Hughes, SJH Reid - 09 Jun 2016

Pleasant climbing up the very right-hand side of the Tiers area. Start under the huge roof in between the starts of *Availed 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; follow the crack to a terrace. Belay in the corner at the back (as for *Three Tiers Climb*).

2 35m 4c Start up the rib of rock above the belay (as for *Availed 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 *Availed 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.

Topo on FRCC website.

2013 Guidebook correction -

p232 Intern: The photo diagram 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.

Hanging Knotts

Alt, 700m NY 245 073 Aspect 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

BJ Clarke - 20 May 2009

Start 8m 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.

Left Corner 72m HVS 5a

T Walkington, J Neath - 23 May 2010

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.

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.

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

4 17m Directly up the pleasant slab.

Right Corner 74m HVS 5a

T Walkington, L Walmsley - 05 Sep 2010

1 10m As for *Left Corner*.

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.

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

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 P 3 at the block/thread belay.

5. 17m Directly up the pleasant slab.

Stool End Crag

NY: 268 055 Alt: 250m Aspect: S

Approach: 30 mins

The Crag is situated on the southern slopes of The Band about 800m west of Stool End Farm.

Approach: From the farm follow The Band path to the kissing gate at 300m. Then follow a wall which contours South West for 400m to a wall junction; the crag lies directly above the junction.

The routes are described from right to left

Autumn Watch 25m VD

L Walmsley, T Walkington - 13 Oct 2013

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

Autumn Fest 22m D

L Walmsley, T Walkington - 13 Oct 2013

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

Autumn Breeze 21m D

L Walmsley, T Walkington - 13 Oct 2013

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

Autumn Rib 9m D

T Walkington - 13 Oct 2013

This climb follows the left rib of the crag.

Great Knott NE Crag - p 330

NY: 261 043

The crag is briefly described in the Langdale guide.

Another Mystery 47m S *

T Walkington, L Walmsley - 14 Sep 2014

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.

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.

Long Scar - p346

Dark Matter 22m VS

PC Bennett, M Scrowston - 20 Sep 2015
 Good well protected climbing up the dark slabs and cracks between *Great White* and *Long Scar Groove*. Start 2m 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.

Lightning Crag - p 359

Mahatma's Wall 10m E2 5c *
 D Musgrove, D Platt, B Larkin - 17 Jun 2014
 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.

Kettle Crag - p366

Crowd Control 20m S *
 R Wilkinson, M Elliott - 28 Jul 2014
 Pleasant climbing on good rock. Start as for *Red Slab*. The first couple of moves 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.
 Climbed previously.

Other routes have been claimed on this crag, due to its "climb anywhere" nature the descriptions are not reproduced.

Birk Knott Crag

NY: 298 042 Alt: 900m Aspect: SW
 Approach time: 5 mins
 A small crag situated close to the Blea Tarn car park..
 Topos 9 & 10 and on FRCC website

This mini crag has been used for many years as a lunch time bouldering venue. Recently revisited and dusted off 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. Most routes graded around severe with the odd 4c move if you try hard enough. Routes are described from left to right.

Ewe'nique 13m S
 F Scrowston, M Scrowston - 09 Oct 2016
 Start at a clean streak 3m left of *Ewe*. A vague broken grove leads to a small dark overlap. Climb through the overlap step left to a good ledge to finish up a short wall.

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.

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.

Ewelogy 12m D **
 Start up *Me* and finish up *Ewe*

Sheepish 12m S **

Start one metre right of the central recess. Ascend the wall on good holds to reach and climb the vertical crack.

Shaun 12m VD **
Start to the left of a recent rock scar. Ascend the wall on positive holds passing two small overhangs.

Yan 8m S
Climbs the left arête of the right hand buttress. Short and steep but the holds just keep coming.

Black Sheep 8m S 4c
PC Bennett – May 2014
Climb directly up to the roof, and then make an awkward move right to access the dark groove.

Good Shepherd HVS 5a
M Scrowston - 16 Jun 2014
A direct finish to *Black Sheep*. Climb directly to the roof, pull up and left to gain good holds in the bottomless groove.

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?

Ramsbottom 8m S
F Scrowston, M Scrowston - 09 Oct 2016
Start right of *Tethera* by a recess. Ascend the left side of the recess moving right to gain and follow a short groove.

Information provided by PC Bennett. First ascents details of most routes are unknown; the routes were dusted off and re-climbed in March 2014 by M Scrowston. Three of the

right hand routes were added in April 2014 by F and M Scrowston.

Side Pike - Lower Crag p 378

NY 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
T Walkington, L Walmsley - 28 Sep 2014
This climb takes the thin crack in the blank looking wall up left of the overhanging wall. 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 to a tree belay.

Last Waltz 20m E3/4
T Rogers - 5 Jun 2016
Start 10m right of *Musical Crack*. Climb the wall from bottom right to top left. Lower offs in place on the trees. Intricate holds and runners, honest. Treat circumspectly unless you have at least fifty years of climbing experience.

Minstrel Crack 12m E2 5c
T Walkington, L Walmsley - 24 Aug 2014
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-place a belay rope).

Valley Of Songs 12m E1 5c
L Walmsley, T Walkington - 24 Aug 2014
Takes the chimney line 4m right of *Minstrel Crack*. Belay at the tree.

The Fiddler 20m HVS 4c
The toe of the escarpment is 100m right of *Valley Of Songs*. 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.

Pocket Symphony 25m E1 5b
T Rogers - 4 Jul 2016
Start 5m left of the toe. Gain the left hand end of the lower ramp by a stiff pull. Pull right and back left to climb the arête between *Fiddler* and *Toe Climb*. Good hidden pockets. Upper end of the grade.

Toe Climb 25m HVS 5a
L Walmsley T Walkington - 26 Jul 2014
Start one metre 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.

Toe Climb Upper Ramp Start 25m HVS 5a
T Rogers - 04 Jun 2016
There are two ramps running left from the toe of the buttress. *Toe Climb* takes the lower one. Start just right of the toe of the upper ramp, gain and climb the upper ramp to join *Toe Climb*. Top end of the grade.

American Pie 25m VS 5a
R Graham - 4 Jun 2016
Start right of *Toe Climb*. Climb the lower wall for 10m then traverse left below vegetation to an in-situ thread. Climb up and right to gain the upper walls.

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! Descent: 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 VS *
T Walkington - 02 Oct 2014
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 a slab to a heathery exit.
Repeated; may be S. Worth *

Ale Trail 25m S 4a *
T Walkington, Walmsley - 12 Oct 2014
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.

Mudweiser 25m VS 4b *
L Walmsley, T Walkington - 12 Oct 2014

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.

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

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Helm Crag - p390

Photon 35m VS 4c *

M Scrowston, P C Bennett - 17 Jun 2017

An interesting line seeking out the pyramid shaped block at the top of the crag. Start just left of *Bentley's Smarter Brother* at an obvious thin vertical crack. Climb the crack to a ledge on the right sporting a large triangular block. From the top of the block move up and swing left to gain a series of slabs leading to the pyramid headwall. Sprint up its right hand edge.

Refraction VS 4c

M Scrowston, PC Bennett - 23 Jun 2016

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 knobby slab.

Pile Of Stones

NY: 293 084 - Approach can be made from either Grasmere or Langdale. The 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 *

C Matheson - 15 May 2016

Gymnastic climbing leads up the centre of the overhanging wall.

SCAFELL AND WASDALE

SCAFELL

2014 Guidebook corrections

Page 44 **The Bayonet Shaped Crack** is graded both 4b and 5b - the latter is the correct grade, hence the comment about it being an astounding first solo ascent by Maurice Linnell in 1932.

Page 69 **Right-Hand Edge and Pinnacle Face Direct** is 5b (not 5a).

Page 106 and photo-diagram on p108. Route 21 is **Rise of Angmar** (not Rise of Agmar).

First ascent of **Parson's Gully (Scafell)** May 1894 by Rev.TCV Barstow (not Abraham & Blake 1898).

Jones and Collier's Climb - first ascent solo by OG Jones on 22 April 1898. Dr J Collier suggested the line to Jones, but was not involved in the first ascent.

Botterill's Slab first ascent was 3 June 1903 (not 2 June).

Gibson's Chimney, Scafell Pinnacle, first ascent H.O.S. Gibson June 1907 (not AH Binns 1904).

Barton Exit from Moss Ghyll - 5th September 1898 (not 1897).

Date of first ascent of **Crowley's Direct (Mickledore Ridge)** was 9 May 1894

An ascent of **Deep Ghyll Buttress** was made in 1893 by Norman Collie, Geoffrey Hastings and John Robinson.

Pikes Crag, Pulpit Rock Arête climbed by HS Liesching and WB Frankland on 28 June 1900 may follow a line similar to Wall and Crack Climb.

Scafell Crag - p28

Collier's Climb Left Hand - superior finish

A Phizacklea, K Phizacklea - 10 Sep 2015
Start up the top pitch of CCLH to a horizontal break at 4m, then step right onto the slab and climb a flake to where the slab becomes less steep - moss above - avoid this by a traverse right to a runner and easier ground above.

Hanging Chimney: Appears undergraded at HVS. This is a full blown E2 5c with poor protection and a few dubious holds. Probably not been climbed for decades

Pisgah - p53

Hilarity HVS *: A HVS with 2 pitches of 5b seems an unusual grade. The first pitch has proved to be elusive, unprotected and therefore very bold if the line on the photo-diagram is followed, although the final part of the pitch joins *Pisgah Buttress Direct*. A very disappointing pitch. The second pitch is

excellent climbing and probably 5a. This pitch merits a star.

Scafell Pinnacle - p59

Lower Man by Jubilee Line: This is probably E1 rather than HVS. Clean, rough rock and some great climbing, but bold in places. A really good route !

Bold Eagle: The line on the photo-diagram shows the route starting in the wrong place. It should be about 8mm (on the photo not the ground!) to the right and go almost straight up, not going to the left of the overhang shadow as shown. The route has a bold start with a couple of damp footholds, but then good climbing at the grade.

Deep Gill Upper Buttress - p76

The Unforgettable Fire: The first pitch gives excellent climbing and is definitely worth 2 stars. The remainder of the route is scrappy and/or mossy. Better as a single pitch climb with either an abseil descent or an easy finish via *Upper West Wall Climb*.

Red Gill Rib 47m HVS 4c

A Phizacklea, K Phizacklea - 10 Sep 2015
Sparsely protected and a bit intimidating.
Start as for *Red Gill Wall*

1 11m Climb the wide crack

2 10m Climb the broken crack in the left of the wall and the wider crack above to a big grassy ledge

3 26m 4c Step left onto a rib and move left again to the main arête. Climb this to a ledge and continue directly over the bulge to the top.

Scafell Shamrock - p86

Barrow Brothers Climb 31m VS 4c ***
A Phizacklea, K Phizacklea - 10 Sep 2015

A 3 star adventure route, excellent climbing in a remote and unknown part of the crag - the overhanging buttress to the right of the Main Buttress. The top of the crack is visible on p87 of the guide, below the grades in the route index on the right side of the page.

Access - Follow Lords Rake past the 2 cols. until at the lowest point just below Red Gill Buttress. Traverse the hillside right (looking out) level with the lowest point of Lords Rake to a cairn on the edge of the buttress - abseil down just left of the cairn to a grassy ledge. Once here you are committed to the route! This route has more buzz than any of its grade in the Lakes.

Start at the right end of the grass ledge. Pull up a short rib to enter a recess below a big overhanging corner. Move out left to a good friend 3 slot, then step down and left across a wall (single RP 4 or 5 runner) to reach the base of the main crack. Climb this, (excellent jams and runners) to the top.

The East Buttress - p93

Barad-dûr 55m E6 ***

R Matheson, C Matheson - 30 May 2014

A superb climb which weaves an eye-catching line up the impressive overhanging pillar between *Ichabod* and *Phoenix*. Best to belay on the ground for a full view of the action. Climb directly to the niche stance on *Ichabod*, utilising a series of steep cracks. Follow the *Phoenix* crack to the resting ledge. The line up and rightwards to the fin and hanging groove, is obvious enough, but the method of achieving this is not; bold, strenuous and potentially perplexing. The reward of success is a rest, further up on the right edge. Move directly to the roof and traverse leftwards with interest, to a thin crack which splits the headwall above the left hand end of the roof. Layback spectacularly over the bulge and climb directly on some good holds to a small

jammed block. Stretch right from here to a good jug and pull across rightwards to sloping ledges on the front of the pillar. Follow the scoop and easier angled wall to the top.

Topo on FRCC website.

Far Far Eastern 13m VS

A Phizacklea, J Buck, J Holden- 11 Sep 2016

At the furthest left you can go on the East Buttress, beyond *Smeghaigh*, the crag turns through 90° and forms a steep clean wall (a new unclimbed wall on Scafell!). This route climbs the short arête on the left side of this wall. Climb up to a diagonal crack and follow the left side of the rib to the top.

Mickledore Buttress - p151

CB Centenary 30m S *

R Kenyon, M Cocker - 18 Apr 2014

Climbed on the weekend of the centenary of the first ascent of CB. Start to the left of *Western Corner* at the blunt arête and follow this to gain a ledge then finish up the protruding nose of *Western Corner*.

Pikes Crag - p155

Wriggling Route / The Chancel: There has been discussion of the relationship between these two routes. In the 1974 guide p1 of *The Nave* used the first pitch of *Wriggling Route*, which was subsequently described as starting up *Grooved Arête*. *Wriggling Route* then takes virtually the same line as that described as being *The Chancel*, which it would appear to be simply a variation on the theme of its parent route! A number of people have repeated *Wriggling Route* and confirmed this. The original description for *Wriggling Route* is in the 1944 FRCC Journal.

The complex situation is described by current guidebook author Al Phizacklea. The

confusion comes from Peascod's original description which states 'climb the arête right of *Grooved Arête*'. When the route was checked on behalf of Graham Willison by Dave Hinton (I think that is correct) he soloed a line immediately right of the second pitch of *Grooved Arête*, taking in the slender groove with 3 overlaps- a significant feature. I believe that Peascod climbed his route centered around the large arête well right of *Grooved Arête*, which is now taken by *Megalith*. Peascod's original description wanders from one side to the other, taking in features not there on the route now described as *The Chancel*, certainly the slim groove with the 3 overlaps is completely absent from his description. So Hinton soloed a route he thought was an old route, not realising he was 10m away from the line he thought he was checking, re-wrote the description to suit his line and submitted it to Willison as a checked description for *Wriggling Route*, which appeared in the 1984 guide. So Hinton is now credited with the FA of *The Chancel* (a name given by the Guidebook Editor for the 2014 guide) - it has nothing to do with Peascod's original *Wriggling Route*. I haven't visited the crag with Peascod's original description and followed the original line - perhaps someone could!

The Steeple: The first ascent details should be reversed i.e. C Read, G L Swainbank (Alt) - 9 Aug 2003. Also the line on the diagram is not correct -the start and finish are in the wrong place and the route has 4 belay locations not 3 as shown

The Pulpit: The line on the diagram is not correct - it starts roughly level with *The Steeple* (the start of which is also not marked correctly - it is further right than shown).

The Sentinel: The final pitch is not shown in the right location on the photo-diagram (p 164). The route follows the obvious curving crack line to the right of the line marked as *The Sentinel* and to the left of the final pitch of *The Citadel* (line 15).

Piers Gill Crag - p174

Rock and Rolling: This climb is more logically started to the right of the large block. This gives more continuous climbing, the route is sparsely protected and probably harder than VS.

Sweat Tea: The start of this route is reported as being harder than S and more like a 4c/5a boulder problem leading to S climbing above. There are also some suspect blocks at the top of the groove on the move left.

Watchtower: Suggested revised wording has been suggested –
Climb the crack and then the slab on the right

New Half Girdle 45m E2 5b
A Phizacklea, J Holden - 01 Aug 2016
1 5a Start up *Marzuka* and traverse across to belay on *Merchant of Death*
2 5b Slide down the ramp to *Rock & Rolling*, go up to near the top of the crag and cross right to *Shaun & Haley*.
Note: This misses the crossing of the main wall – which would be superb. Get on to it!

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Buckbarrow - Witch Butress - p271
Queen Vic 38m E6 6b (F7b) **
C Fisher, K Ode - 29 Sep 2013

A good pitch taking the slim groove and crackline on the steep right hand side of the pinnacle. Small wires protect. Top roped prior to leading.

1 25m 6b Follow *East Enders* until it traverses leftwards under the overlaps at 6m. Arrange protection and commit to the shallow groove above, reaching a hollow undercut towards its top. Use this to make a long reach to a hidden hold on the lip (wire) and a difficult rock-over onto the slab above. Easier ground leads to the top of the pinnacle.
2 13m 4c As pitch 2 of *Witch*.

East Enders: The description at the crux is inaccurate which has caused problems over the years. From the undercut on the traverse reach left over bulge to small sloper. Then step up and left again to easier ground. To go direct for large sloping ledge is a herculean move not at this grade!

Dryline 23m HVS 5a *
D Rogers, P Farish - 16 Aug 2013
Start at same point as *Rob's Corner*. Climb up rightwards, pull up into small triangular niche then follow the thin crackline which goes from the top of the niche to the top of the crag.

GABLE & PILLAR

Kern Knotts - p49
Leap Year: reported to be a sandbag at MVS; p1 has a serious section mid-way with poor gear, and a very strenuous upper section with some suspect rock.

Central Climb South Face: suggestion that this is also under-graded at MVS 4b and is closer to VS 4c.

Upper Kern Knotts (Raven Crag)
NY: 215 097 Alt: 595m Aspect: SW
Topos 11 & 12 and on FRCC website

Situated directly above Kern Knotts, this micro crag has good rock and a lovely outlook above a pleasant flat grassy gearing up/picnic area. It is easily reached by following the main Gable path from Styhead until the first small rocky knoll on the left is passed whereupon a vague rising diagonal path on large scree, marked with occasional cairns, leads across the hillside, up a short grassy gully, and round a rocky rib to the right end of the crag. The crag was used by the Victorian pioneers but little has been recorded until now.

Far Far Left-Hand Buttress

A long way to the left of the Main Area!
Many other short possibilities exist hereabouts

If Mod was Diff 20m VD
I Grimshaw, SJH Reid - 19 Oct 2007
Lovely rock and steep in parts. Easy slabs lead to an upright flake just right of a prow. Stand on the flake to gain a platform and go up the thin crack in the wall to a hand-traverse right under a shield. Finish up the rib above.

Main Area

This buttress lies directly above Kern Knotts.

Left Hand Section

The left-hand side of the Left-Hand Buttress is marked by a chimney with an off-width chimney/crack to its right. In the centre of the buttress is a deeply set back chimney/gully.
Descent is to the right.

Giant's Steps 10m M *
SJH Reid - 11 May 2008
Steep juggy climbing on superb rock, up the wall just left of the left-most chimney.

Gaspard's Chimney 10m D
G Sansom, AR Thomson, A Gaspard - 30 Dec 1910
The left-most chimney.

Pillarette 10m VS 4b
SJH Reid, SA Baxendale - 22 Aug 2007
Start up the off-width crack of *Samson's Squeeze* but soon swing left and climb the pillar between *Gaspard's Chimney* and the crack.

Sansom's Squeeze 10m VD
G Sansom, AR Thomson, A Gaspard - 30 Dec 1910
The second chimney from the left is more of an off-width crack than a chimney.

Blue Sky Thinking 10m HVS 5b *
SJH Reid, S Bailey, C King - 23 Aug 2007
To the right of the off-width crack of *Samson's Squeeze* and just left of the arête is a thin crack. Make hard moves up the wall to gain a slim stepped groove and follow this more easily to the top.

Stephally 10m MVS 4b
SJH Reid, SA Baxendale - 08 Aug 2007
Just right of the arête to the left of the chimney/gully of *Central Chimney* is a flake-crack/groove line. Climb the shallow groove until it ends just before the top when a pull left is made to a ledge on the arête. The crack on the left leads to the top.

The Direct Finish VS 4c
Continue straight up the wall.
SJH Reid 11 May 2008

Central Chimney VD *
OG Jones, JW Robinson, WH Fowler - 26 Dec 1893

The tunnel-like chimney/gully in the centre of the buttress.

Thompson's Groove 10m D
G Sansom, AR Thomson, A Gaspard - 30 Dec 1910
To the left of the *Central Chimney* is a V-groove and then an open groove. The deep V-groove.

Secret Seven 10m S *
SA Baxendale, SJH Reid - 23 Aug 2007
Climb the open groove starting on the right and exiting rightwards.
Left-Hand Way MS. It has also been climbed starting on the left and finishing leftwards.
Same team, same date.

Barn Conversion 10m E1 5b **
C King, SJH Reid, S Bailey - 23 Aug 2007
Just right again an impending crack splits the face. Climb the sustained crack - a wonderful combination of jugs, jams and layback compressed into such a short distance.

May the Moss be with You 10m S
SJH Reid - 11 May 2008
To the right again is a steep mossy wall broken on its left side by three shallow grooves. The left-hand groove, finishing leftwards up cleaner rock on the arête.

Moss Bros 10m HS
SJH Reid - 11 May 2008
The central groove proves both a struggle for independence and a struggle.

Another Fine Moss VS 5a
SJH Reid - 11 May 2008
The right-hand groove involves a technical start laybacking up moss before yarding up mossy jugs to the top.

Right Hand Section

This buttress lies to the right of the mossy central section and is split by a grassy gully. The slab on the left of this gully provides the longest climbs.

Tom Blue Wall 20m HVS 5a

27 Aug 2008

Follow the thin crack/groove up the slab to an easing and climb more or less directly to the top.

Tom Blue Cracks 20m S

SA Baxendale, SJH Reid - 22 Aug 2007

The groove/cracks up the right side of the wall just left of the grassy gully. Step up leftwards, then straight up the buttress. Several variations have been done.

Peasy 20m M

SJH Reid - 22 Aug 2007

The rib bounding the grassy gully on its right and starting at a large block spike.

Green Friend 20m VD

SA Baxendale, SJH Reid - 22 Aug 2007

The groove just right of the grassy gully. When it eases move up a few metres then step across the gully and climb a rounded rib on the left. It can be started direct at Severe.

To the right is a smooth wall.

Gordon Bennett 10m VD

SA Baxendale, SJH Reid - 22 Aug 2007

The obvious juggy groove just right of the smooth wall has a definite crux at mid-height.

Famous Five 10m VS 4b

SJH Reid, SA Baxendale - 22 Aug 2007

The slim mossy groove just right is better than it looks. Gain the groove via a crack just

left of a pinnacle and climb it, first on the left, then on the right.

The Climby Climb 10m VD

SA Baxendale, SJH Reid - 22 Aug 2007

Gain the top of a pinnacle via a short chimney/crack to its right. Make an awkward pull up from this to a ledge above and zig right, then left, to finish via a short corner.

The Napes Central Area - p92

Longbow 40m E1 5b **

D Rogers, A Leece - 16 Jun 2014

The bow shaped wall between *Ling Chimney* and *Eagle's Nest Ridge Direct* gives some sustained climbing on clean, solid, rough rock. Start from a belay by the large pillar block at the bottom of *Ling Chimney*. Step right and follow the rib up rightwards to a triangular overhang. Cross this and continue to a good foot ledge (runners on the right arête). Step left and climb the wall to join a right slanting crack which leads to the Eagle's Nest. From the top of this crack move left again to reach thin blind cracks and climb straight up the wall to where the angle eases and leads to the belay in the corner at the top of *Eagle's Nest Ridge Direct*.

Napes Needle - p103

Sick'ard Shiver 21m E6 6a **

A Hocking, M Norbury - 28 Apr 2011

Climb the wall right of *Thirty Nine Steps* (small wires and a cam can be arranged in a flake on the right). Thin moves lead to better holds and the shoulder. Serious!

Tophet Wall - p113

Xander 20m E7 6b

D Booth, M Norbury - 11 May 2008

An excellent, steep, bold pitch in an 'out there' position. Takes the steep groove directly above *Tophet Wall* last belay. (2

pegs: poor). Climb the overhanging groove directly some 6m until a good hold and flake is reached (gear) make moves up and left, in an increasingly serious but fabulous position, until a hard move left allows entry to a continuation groove which is followed to the top.

Gable Crag - p142

Jabberwock: may deserve E1 as the crack is sustained and has a hard crux.

Ed. Note - Grade creep ! it has always been thus.

Green Gable Crag - p170

Theta: deserves VD and its top pitch is more like 40m

Our Father 58m VD *

SA Baxendale, SJH Reid - 22 Aug 2008

A thoroughly enjoyable and very obvious line up the left arête of the slab of *Theta*. Start just left of *Theta* at a thin rib at the left edge of the crag, where it meets the scree and just before it turns steeply uphill.

1 18m Climb the rib to grass and trend up leftwards to a belay level with the base of the arête.

2 40m Step right to the arête and follow it on superb holds to definite crux near the top.

Exit up to a ledge and climb the short upper wall on its left-hand side.

Topo on FRCC website.

Boat How Crag - p178

Approach: The walk in from Honister is closer to 1h 40 (especially if a short cut is taken so as not to gain height after Great Gable stream).

Crag Comment: The quality of the rock and routes at Boat How cannot be recommended highly enough.

Breakwater Slabs – p181

Thar She Blows 10m VS 4b

SJH Reid C Jones 26 May 2008

Start one metre right of *Sea Shanty* and climb the slab, finishing up the right-hand side of the headwall (this is the line of the abseil shown in the guide).

Voyager Direct Start 50m E6 6a ***

S Litchfield, G Read - 05 Jul 2013

Cast off and gain the obvious ledge by a thin seam in the centre of the face. Step to starboard (right) and climb direct to reach an obvious undercling. Reaching a good foothold above and left brings calm and small gear. Layback the square flake to reach a high sidepull to the left. Further sidepulls and crimps gain the slab above and the sanctuary of the end of the *Voyager* traverse. Low in the grade but a memorable journey, confirmed by repeats. Much coveted. Topo on FRCC website.

Numenor with Direct Finish Comment: Has received extensive cleaning over a couple of visits. In its current clean state it is one of the greatest E3 pitches in the Lakes. More traffic will greatly help to further improve the route.

Fanghorn and Flagship : Cleaned on abseil.

Flagship : Comment: Also cleaned

ENNERDALE

Raven Crag - Ennerdale - p203

GR: NY 178 124 Alt: 400m Faces: N

Raven Crag lies east of the Memorial Footbridge and almost directly above a huge bolder by the forest track. It is the lowest crag above the forestry fence on the south side of the River Liza.

Approach: Although the crag is a long way

from anywhere with vehicle access, it is easily approached from Blacksail Youth Hostel or by bicycle from Bowness Knott. From a layby (NY 182 126) at a high point east of the large boulder on the forestry track, avoid the obvious break in the trees dead ahead as it leads to an unpleasant heap of brash, instead trend leftwards to gain a break through the trees on the left. Ascend the hillside, cross a fence and turn right above woods to arrive at the East Face (30mins from the track. 1hr 30mins from Bowness Knott).

The East Face is short but fairly clean and very steep. Its main features are a very steep and smooth wall with a white streak down its centre and, left of this, twin right-slanting grooves. The North Face is slabby but rather vegetated and only two routes have been recorded, one of which could not be located. Topo 13 and on FRCC website

North-Westward Ho! 55m HVS 5a *

CJ King, SJH Reid - 08 May 2017
An intimidating but well protected and juggy lower section soon gives way to easier pleasant slabs.

1 35m 5a Follow *Roadworks* up its easy initial left-slanting ramp to under the right-slanting groove. Sidle round the arête to the left and follow a crack up the wall to exit into a niche on the left. Continue up the crack in the slab until big jugs lead leftwards to a belay under a vast poised boulder.

2 20m Traverse right, crossing a grass patch, then up and right to the belay.

Road Works 35m E2 5c *

JF Hughes, R Jervis - 03 Jul 2015
Takes the left-hand of the twin grooves. Start down and slightly right of the groove. Climb the leftward-slanting groove/ramp to gain the main groove. Sustained difficult moves

up this (micro-cams) gain easier ground. Follow the crack above to the top

Summer Breeze 40m E1 5b *

R Jervis, SJH Reid JF Hughes - 03 Jul 2015
Takes the right-hand of the two grooves and is low in the grade. Start under the white streak in the centre of the wall. Step off an embedded flake at foot level and climb up a huge flake on the wall moving left to a slim corner. Climb the corner (large cams) to a ledge. Traverse left and make thin moves up the right-slanting ramp/groove above until it eases. Continue round to the right in the line of the groove until moves up left lead to a belay.

Once Upon a Time in the North-West

24m E7 6b/c ***

G Read, S Litchfield - 24 Jul 2011
A superb, fingery and sustained route on excellent rock. It takes the line of the crag direct up the centre of the vertical wall following the obvious white streak. Although the route is low in the grade, the numerous RP placements take considerable effort to place. On the first ascent a DMM Walnut O was pre-placed at the crux. Start directly beneath the white streak and below a large flake against the wall. Climb easily up to the top of the flake then make a hard move to become established on the wall. This is followed by strenuous fingery climbing up a thin crackline to reach a tiny break. A further series of difficult moves lead to a good hold in a small break up and left. Pull back rightwards to reach a good flake, then finish direct.

The Searchers 26m E5 6b ***

S Litchfield, G Read - 31 Jul 2011
A fantastic route that tackles the corner and groove system to the right of the main

face. Start on a platform beneath an innocuous looking corner/crack. Brutal moves ease when the sanctuary of a left-trending glaci is reached - gear can be arranged at the top. A hard and insecure move up a thin crack in the bulging wall to the left of a blank groove gains a fabulously precarious position with your hands on a sloping shelf (crux). Move back right to the base of a crack (gear). Climb the crack steeply in a brilliant position.

The John Wayne Variation 26m E4 6a **
S Litchfield, G Read - 24 Jul 2011

An alternative finish to *The Searchers* that provides good, well positioned independent climbing but avoids the shoot-out with the upper groove. Start as for *The Searchers*. From the top of the half-way ramp a tough move out leftwards gains a rising crack-line. Follow this steeply, initially towards *Once upon a Time in the North West* and then back right to the top.

Great North-Western 50m HVS 5a **
JF Hughes SJH Reid - 30 Sep 2015

An interesting climb on excellent rock. Start just right of the lowest point of the wall.

1 20m 5a Scramble up grass and climb a steep open groove to gain a large ledge on the left. Traverse left, overcome a short corner and sidle leftwards again to a wide slanting crack which is followed to a huge ledge.

2 30m 4c Just right of a large boulder is an undercut V-groove splitting the short overhanging wall. Climb this and directly up slabs to an overlap. Go straight over this and finish up a right trending groove/scoop in the steep wall (belay in a recessed groove to the right).

PILLAR ROCK

S and E Faces of High Man – p209

Upper Shamrock; a series of short walls and pinnacles lying above the Shamrock Traverse.

The Raiders 45m E4 6a **

High in the grade and sustained - small gear essential. The left side of the strikingly obvious arête soaring above the point where the Shamrock Traverse meets the High Level Route. A great line neglected for many years, possibly owing to its serious and exposed start. Follow the scrappy groove for 20m to gain the base of the arête (possible belay). From the left, gain the arête semi-dynamically. Climb up with a worrying lack of gear until naturally forced left to the centre of the face. Arrange protection and traverse back to the arête which is followed directly to the top.

NE Face of High Man - p216

North-East Wall 44m HVS 5a

CJ King, SJH Reid (alt), - 18 Jun 2017

Start 5m round and left of *North-East*

Chimney at an overhanging groove with a crack on its right.

1 16m 5a Climb the groove – tricky but well protected. Easy slabs lead to a belay under a shallow chimney with a chockstone.

2 28m 4b Traverse left under the headwall and round the arête to a mossy groove.

Starting from the groove climb the wall, just to its left, moving back right across the groove at its top (taking care with poised chockstones). Avoid the repulsive continuation groove by the rib on its right.

Note - Climbed on sight. The first pitch is clean. The second pitch felt harder than 4b to lead but this is because the gear placements and some holds were full of turf and moss – should be easier now.

Shamrock - p 217

Shamrock Tower: probably worth VS rather than MVS. Pitch 4 should read: Move up right onto the block, step right and climb a cracked slab to a grass terrace. Climb a rock barrier diagonally right and up to reach The Great Heather Shelf. Cross this diagonally up and rightwards. The belay at the top of pitch 5 is the smallest on the climb, barely big enough for two climbers. Not a large ledge as described. Worth **

Walker's Gully 162m VS ***

Upgraded to VS, improved description. One of the few good gully climbs of the district and a very imposing and atmospheric route; it follows the deep cleft separating The Shamrock from the North Face of Low Man. High risk of rockfall, as there is much loose scree above the gully; helmet advised.

1 32m 4a Climb an easy chimney, followed by scrambling, to the foot of a high green chimney. Climb the right wall of the chimney and step out right onto a sloping grass terrace. Descend slightly and belay from a crack in the smooth right wall.

2 45m 4a Return to the edge of the chimney and climb an exposed groove with poor holds until it is possible to step round left on to the first chockstone in the chimney. Chimney up to another chockstone and surmount this with difficulty. Scramble up the bed of the gully, overcoming a large chockstone en route, and belay at the foot of a steep chimney. *Necromancer* and the *Right Wall of Walker's Gully* routes start here.

3 30m 4b Climb rocks on the left of the chimney to a cave in the gully which is usually wet. Climb up behind, then over, a chockstone; then bridge the gully until a sloping chockstone is reached. Another chockstone just above gives access to a short easy scree section.

4 25m Above, a cave in the gully is formed by a large chockstone. The through route is strenuous but short. It can be avoided by climbing the left wall outside the cave but that would miss out the fun.

5 15m 4a A further through route followed by an awkward chockstone.

6 15m 4c Overcome another chockstone to gain the final cave. Climb up the right wall until forced out right to avoid the final capstone. Strenuous moves gain the top, though it is rumoured that the tall can back and foot this last bit. Scramble up scree a further 20m or so to find a belay

North East Face of Low Man - p235

Touching Cloth 70m E6 6b ***

S Litchfield, G Read - 26 May 2012

A fine piece of modern art offering a phenomenal middle pitch on solid rock with fabulous moves, worthy of its position hanging next to *Tapestry*

1 25m 5b As for *Tapestry*.

2 22m 6b Follow *Grooved Wall* for 3m to a grassy ledge. Step right and gain a left-trending groove system which is followed on good holds. At the final jug arrange gear then traverse right on underclings to gain a crimp. Head straight up (gear) and commit to the long crux (useful pocket on right) passing a good slot/undercling to a jug. Step up to a couple of slots and either finish direct or traverse right to avoid the grass cornice.

3 23m 6a The Bayeux Tapestry Pitch: from above the in-situ belay at the foot of the blank wall left of the final pitch of *Tapestry*, a rising line of good holds lead up the left-hand side of a black streak to a tough crux move off a poor crimp. Re-joining at the finishing crack of the original route brings relief and gear. A single very poor RP can be placed before the crux, but it is unlikely to prevent a failed ascensionist from crashing to a defeat

similar to the one that befell King Harold at Hastings.

Pitch 3 had been climbed previously by the same pair (30/07/2011).

The final pitch can be used as an alternative finish to *Tapestry*. Topo on FRCC website.

North Face of Low Man - p242

North-East Climb

(p 242, FRCC Gable & Pillar, 2007)

The current description is hard to follow and leads to rope drag. Here is a better one.

1 10m An easy mantel and short slab lead to a ledge.

2 26m Climb the gully/groove for 10m to the second ledge and stand on a big block on the left. Step left round a rib into a groove and climb this to another groove and thence a slab which is exited to grass on the left.

Alternatively, start from the third ledge on p2 of *North Climb* (at about 18m), step up and move round the rib on the left on to a slab and traverse this to an awkward step onto grass. In either case, belay on a blunt pinnacle and chockstone on the left.

3 23m Move right and climb up onto the slab where it is cleanest. Traverse left to more grass and climb a short chimney and then a short chimney/groove to an awkward exit. Scramble up left to belay under a fine arête.

4 24m Walk left to a long V-groove and climb it to a flat stance.

5 & 6 As currently described.

Alternative p5: Rather than traversing the mossy wall to the right, it is possible to climb straight up the groove and join the chimney after 5m.

NB The line on the photo-diagram where the route leaves North Climb should be slightly higher.

Savage Grooves 75m HVS 5a

C Dale, SJH Reid - 21 May 2008

The obvious line of grooves and chimneys on the wall between the upper pitches of *Sheol* and *Savage Gully* and well seen on the photo diagram of North Face of Low Man on p244 of the guide. The climb is rather mossy and even grassy in places but surprisingly enjoyable in a drought. Start half way up p2 of North Climb.

1 15m 4b Move left up broken slabs and follow an awkward V-groove/chimney to a stance.

2 15m 4c Climb a short crack on the left to a bulge then make a teetery traverse right to the base of a slim V-groove which is followed more easily to a large grassy ledge.

3 25m 5a The imposing V-corner above is climbed directly with interest to the slabby amphitheatre on *Savage Gully*. Move up water worn slabs to belay below a pinnacle.

4 20m 5a Above is a wide square-cut shallow bottomless chimney - this is the top pitch of *Savage Gully*. To its left is a slim chimney with a bulge at its top. Gain and climb the slim chimney to an awkward exit.

(led on sight without any pre-cleaning)

Topo on FRCC website.

Savage Gully: The Alternative Start to Savage Gully is wrongly described in the guide. It should say: Start almost at the top of p2 of *North Climb*. It takes the crack up the pillar to the right of *Savage Grooves*. Please note that the belay at the top of the first pitch proper of *Savage Gully* is not shown on the diagram.

North-West Climb - Variation Finish (p5)

This is from an account by Willie Ling of an ascent of North-West Climb (in the wet) with Harold Raeburn on 11th July 1908 "The final overhanging chimney was now above us, but we preferred to traverse round the corner, a

very delicate piece of balancing, and then up a narrow crack, an ingenious variation." Ling's Diary, Book 7, pp. 37-39, Alpine Club Library. From the rest of the account, it seems likely that Raeburn was in the lead. This predates the recorded first ascent by five years. Incidentally this pitch is also the top pitch of Goth.

West Face of Low Man - p262

Mirror Mirror: Following a repeat ascent Stephen Reid suggests this updated description of p2 -

Climb boldly straight up the wall above aiming for a tiny overlap (micro cam just above and left of this). Surmount the overlap and climb past a small spike to a steeper headwall which is overcome directly to gain a crevasse stance.

Climbed this way the fear factor is considerably reduced and the rock is cleaner. This reduces the grade of the climb to E1 and it is felt it deserves three stars.

West Face of High Man - p277

Sou' Sou' West Climb 77m HVS/E1 5b *
LEM Jones, SJH Reid, CJ Reid - 10 Aug 2017

A rather unbalanced route on good rock up grooves in the left wall of *West Jordan Gully*. The hard final pitch can be omitted by finishing at the Jordan Gap, reducing the standard to HVS 4c.

1 35m 4c Rather artificial to start, then quite bold. Follow the short groove as for *South-West Climb* but move out right onto the arête and climb this to the bulge at the top of the slab and a junction with *South-West Climb* (place some runners!). Grasp the jug over the bulge, hand traverse right into a slim groove, and climb it (tricky at first). Keep moving up and rightwards following the broken groove system until a blocky groove leads up leftwards to the belay on *South-West Climb*.

2 20m 4a Climb onto a higher ledge and follow the delightful corner crack, finishing on the left via a short chimney and capstone. Belay in the Jordan Gap.

3 22m 5b Step off the chimney capstone and climb directly up into a large scoop. Follow the cracked wall in between *Far West Jordan Climb* and *West Jordan Crack* to a hard finish. Topo on FRCC Website.

West Jordan Gully - p293

Gully Wall 25m VS
L Jones, SJH Reid - 18 Aug 2016

If, as is probably generally the case, the gully by any of the ancient routes proves too greasy for modern climbing footwear, this variation on mainly sound clean rock gives good views of this remarkable cleft. There is loose rock on the ledges! Scramble up scree to the foot of the climbing where there are two chockstones on the right and a wide crack on the left. Make one move up the crack to a good jug on its left wall and traverse left into a clean groove. Climb this on good holds to finish up a wide square chimney. Topo on FRCC website.

Black Crag - p296

Tower Buttress - Direct Start 45m VS 4b **
T Daley, R Jervis - 03 Sep 2014

1 18m The pleasant slab to a large grass terrace but belay up on the left.

2 27m 4b Climb directly up to the right arête of the corner under the huge roof and follow it to join the wide crack and small overlap on *Tower Buttress*.

Cove Crag - p313

No September Blewes 40m E1 5b **
R Jervis, SJH Reid, T Daley - 03 Sep 2014

Just left of the main part of the crag are two sharply defined ribs: this route climbs the right-hand one. A good pitch. Climb the rib

with interest to a brief interlude below the final crack which requires a determined approach.

Pushmepullewe 40m HVS 5a **

SJH Reid, T Daley, R Jervis - 03 Sep 2014

An excellent and quick drying eliminate up the centre of the left side of the buttress. Start at a block just left of the left-hand left-leaning ramp.

1 25m 5a Step off the block and pull rightwards to the top of the ramp. Move back left and climb a short corner with difficulty (as for *Deja Ewe*) then traverse the rising line leftwards to its high point. Go straight up the short wall (as for *Ewes Ahead*) to a large ledge (good cam in top left corner). From the very right edge of the ledge, climb straight up a short wall to an even bigger ledge.

2 15m 5a Climb diagonally up leftwards to a rib on the left and move up until just under a horizontal crack. Step right onto a small foothold on a rib on the right and climb straight up the right side of a large flake to belay a little higher. Scramble off left or climb p3 of *Prophylactics*.

Ewes Ahead 40m HVS 4c **

N Kekus - 5 Jun 2010

A direct line up the left hand side of the buttress. Start 8m left of *Prophylactics* at a clean rib/slab

1. 15m 4c Climb the rib to a ledge and belay on a slightly higher ledge at a short wall under an open slabby corner.

2. 25m 4c Either step right and climb the bulge, moving back left on an easy slab to gain the top of the open corner Or mantelshelf into the corner above the belay and climb it to the same point. Step left onto the rib containing twin grooves and climb it to easier slabs. Then climb directly up the rib

above (just right of a large mossy groove) to a brilliant finish (top section of *Prophylactics*)

Bitter Pill 60m E2 **

N Kekus - 05 Jun 2010

Excellent face climbing with poor protection, taking a direct line up the centre of the crag. Very bold. Start as for *Prophylactics*.

1 20m 5a Follow the short ramp to the impending crack. Move 2m right and climb the wall on small holds. Climb directly up the scoop and steep wall above, pulling over a bulge to belay as for *Prophylactics* and *Deja Ewe*.

2 20m 4b Traverse right as for *Deja Ewe* and after 2m move up to the right of the right-hand of two moss streaks. Climb the scoop and arête on the left to a ledge and belay.

3 20m Follow p3 of *Prophylactics*.

Climbed p2 with top rope and back rope.

Baxi's Bomber Beetles Var. Start E2 5b

N Kekus - 05 Jun 2010

A variation on p1 to avoid the moss crack at 5m. Climb the wall left of the moss crack on excellent small holds to gain the hand-traverse.

Steeple - East Face - p322

The Belfry 180m HVS 5a *

SJH Reid, T Daley - 12 Aug 2015

A good long climb, broken at first, but boasting a tremendous main pitch. Start under the centre of the crag at the right side of the lowest buttress above the scree fan.

1 30m 4a Climb jagged rock until it eases and continue to a terrace. A short groove on the left leads to another terrace. Climb a slab round on the right and then a short groove on the right to belay by a huge detached flake.

2 30m 4b Gain the rib behind the flake and follow it to a wall which is ascended to easier

ground. Belay at a chimney formed by a semi-detached pinnacle.

3 35m 5a Climb the short clean rib on the left and scramble up onto a large flat block. Step off this onto a short wall and move up to a small ledge. Follow the slanting flake line leftwards under the steeper wall until almost at its far left-hand side. Hard moves gain a shallow scoop in the wall above and a position under a huge slanting roof (cam 3 or 3.5). Traverse delicately horizontally rightwards to the arête and finish up the cracked groove. A fine pitch.

4 30m 4c Climb the buttress on the left via its left side to start. At the grassy break above, start up a short chimney but after a couple of moves step right onto a fine rib (just left of a curving groove) and follow this to its top.

5 25m Traverse leftwards on grass and then scramble leftwards to a rib (junction with *Steeple Buttress*). Follow the rib to a belay ledge under a huge V shape groove/depression.

6 30m 4b. Climb the right hand rib (mossy but better than it looks) and scramble to the summit.

BUTTERMERE & ST BEES

BUTTERMERE

Goat Gills Crag - p49

Capricorn E1 5b *

K Telfer, G Telfer - 16 Apr 2010

A direct start to *Billy the Kid*. Climb the centre of the large overhang to join the original route.

Sign of the Goat VS 4c

K Telfer, G Telfer - 16 Apr 2010

Start as for *Billy the Kid* and climb the obvious corner to a tree on the left. Climb the short

buttress above to exit via a sapling and heather.

The Ram 25m HVS 5a *

K Telfer, G Telfer - 16 Apr 2010

Start right of the variation start to *Gillwilly*. Climb a short buttress to a grassy ledge. Move into, then directly out of, the obvious square cut notch. Take the prow direct. Belay as for *Gillwilly*.

Yew Crag - p54

Yew Crag Gully:

In the current Buttermere guide there is a comment 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.

... and Dance 35m E2 5c *

S Litchfield, K Telfer - 07 Jun 2008

A good route climbing the twin groove right of *Face the Music*. Follow *Face the Music* to the overhang. Make difficult moves up the right hand groove. Climb the short arete to the top.

Comment: Climbed in 2010 by P Donnithorne who reported that it felt hard E3/4 6a and suggested it is worth **.

Substitute Direct 35m E2 5c

S Litchfield, M Dowson, K Wood -12 Jun 2008
Good climbing tackling the overhung wall above *Substitute*. Follow *Substitute* and where the original route steps right onto the glaciis and continue directly over the overhang above in spectacular position.

First Reserve 40m E3 5c *

K Telfer, S Litchfield 7 Jun 2008

More good climbing taking the wall and arête right of *Substitute*. Follow *Substitute* to the base of the corner. Climb the crack on the right for a couple of moves to the dubious block. Climb the wall diagonally rightwards to the top right edge. Move onto the glacia. Step right and climb the flying arête direct.

Compost 35m VS 4c

S Litchfield - 07 Jun 2008

Climb the arête right of *Garden Wall*. Follow a direct line to the top.

Zorro Buttress - p65

Alejandro's Arête 25m E3 5c

S Litchfield, M Dowson - 12 Jun 2008

Exposed climbing up the left arête of Zorro Buttress. From the lowest part of the arête climb to a large (detached) spike. Make bold moves up the right hand side of the arête to a ledge and junction with *The Mark of Zorro*. Step right and surmount the overhang before continuing up the arête / groove. Continue up heather for 15m to an embedded block belay.

Maidenstone Buttress - p68

Maiden Britain 15m E2 5b **

N Smith, A Cannon - 21 Jul 2012

The wall left of *Maiden's Chimney* is taken direct. A friendly climb, one bit of gear in the undercut (first piece at almost half height), two in the higher flake. Good fun.

Buckstone How - p72

The Way of Skallagrim 45m E1 5c

R Kenyon, M Kenyon - 07 Jun 2008

This starts up the short wall just left of *Groove 1*.

1 20m 5c Starting at the V-groove, near the centre of the wall, move up and right to gain and use the crack on the right to attain a small ledge. Continue using the crack on the

right then the crack-line on the left to gain the ledge above. Continue up leftwards to belay on *Groove 1*.

2 25m 4c Continue up to gain a slanting corner to the left of the groove of *Groove 1*. Climb this with interest to join and finish up *Cleft Rib*.

Silent Skies 55m E5 6a **

M Przygodzki, C Swanepoel - 27 Mar 2012
Start just right of *The Asp*. Climb a fin of rock to reach a steep pillar, climb this direct to a grassy stance. Climb the blunt arête of the large slab right of *Cleopatra* and follow the left edge of this steep slab via a hard step left at mid-height to a small stance. Traverse left and then climb a flaky arête to the top. Two sky hooks and small RPs protect the crux. Top on FRCC website.

OO Crag

A small and compact buttress a short distance below the Honister Pass via Ferrata on the side of Fleetwith Pike. Excellent rock and varied climbs. Top on FRCC website.

Peppermint Butler S 4a

M Dunne, A Desmond - 15 Sep 2012

A short and relaxed route following the nice crack line to the left of the crag.

Lemongrab HS 4b

M Dunne, A Desmond - 15 Sep 2012

To the right of *Peppermint Butler*, climb the face starting beneath a small overhang on good holds degrading to slopers and sparse protection near the top.

The Lich HS 5a

M Dunne, A Desmond - 15 Sep 2012

An interesting line following a diagonal weakness across the main face. Start just right of *Lemongrab*, move right up the thin

diagonal crack line; nice moves across to a sidepull lead on to the top.

The Lich - Direct Finish HVS 5a

M Dunne, A Desmond, J Timney - 15 Sep 2012
Peels off up the steeper wall. Nice moves and high in the grade.

The Ice King S 4b

M Dunne, A Desmond - 15 Sep 2012
The steep blocky wall to the right. Short but excellent, followed by steep scrambling.

High Crag Main Buttress - p118

The Girdle Traverse: An excellent route, deserves two and a half stars (only the vegetation on the last 5m robs it of 3). The two main pitches are full of variety and interesting positions, very pokey for HVS leaders and seconds and suggest E1. The photo diagram on p120 has the start of The Girdle marked as Route 21; it should be marked as Route 22. The route starts as for *Artefact* - Route 5.

The Lost Aegean E2 5c/6a **

J Rushton, M Dunne - 01 Mar 2009
Links the lower section of *Psycho* with *The Philistine*; at the upper end of the grade. Follow *Psycho*. After exiting the left-hand cave continue traversing left onto the arête of *The Philistine* which is followed to the top. Very little new climbing.
Topo on FRCC website.

Eagle Crag - Birkness Combe - p147

Birkness Grooves: New description suggested High in the grade, possibly HVS 4c/5a. P2 is one of the best pitches in Buttermere. P1 dries out satisfactorily in current conditions like any other damp start in the area, although vegetation has encroached since

the FA in 1992 when P1 was a clean water-washed groove. Now more vegetated.

Clown: Looks at least E1 and the main groove is presently too dirty to climb.

Eagle Front: pitch 3 5a for a couple of moves? Ed Note – grade creep again; wear socks over your rock shoes.

Grey Crag - p165

Mitre Buttress Ordinary: Harder than M for its traverse on p2.

The following routes have not been included in any guidebooks.

Grey Crag Eliminate 120 feet VS

R McHaffie, J Currie - 4 Jun 1964

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 16m 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 23m From the ledge make an awkward step right. Climb the wall and easier rock above to block belays.

King John's Chimney 20m D

AC Pigou & party Jul 1915

Start as for *Coterie Crack* to reach the right end of the long ledge, then climb the corner of *Wayward* (which could be misconstrued as a chimney/corner).

Raven Crag, High Stile - p194

Alpine Ringlet Comment: The peg in the first part of this route no longer exists, there is no worthwhile gear for the first 20m or so - still E4, though just a little bolder!

NEWLANDS

Miners' Crag - Upper Crag - p241

Descent: Walk round the crag top and down the first grassy gully. The Quartz Rake (see guidebook) is a potential death-trap, a couple of awkward moves in descent, usually wet and poised above a huge drop.

Medea 55m S 4b **

G Widdowson, D Bodecott - 29 Apr 2017
Climbs the huge corner between the top pitches of *Corkscrew* and *Double Slab*. A minor classic. Well protected and sunny (In Greek Mythology Medea was the grand-daughter of Helios, the Sun God). Will stay clean with use !

Start 10m above the starts of *Corkscrew* and *Double Slab* at a grey corner (X marked on the rock). Ed Note – wot, graffiti?!!

1 25m 4a Climb the grey corner by its left wall. Follow the slab above and the second pitch of *Double Slab* up the left-hand grey-streaked groove and step left to a superb balcony with three good flake belays.

2 30m 4b Move right into the large corner and climb direct, the best rock is on the right wall. The overhangs at the top are wet, loose and dirty, so finish to the right or left (harder and not as clean), both alternatives have been climbed.

Belay at the back of the terrace, large bollards up left and spikes lower down just left of the start of *Talulah*. Spare rope useful.

Messalina 70m VS 4c *

D Bodecott, G Widdowson - 22 Apr 2017
A real trumpet of a route. Climbs the large leaning corner between the upper pitches of *Counterbalance* and *Corkscrew*. Sunny and well protected. Will stay clean with traffic !

1 35m 4b Follow first pitches of *Corkscrew* or *Counterbalance* to their common spike belay left of the slab.

2 35m 4c Bridge delicately then strenuously up the slab and leaning corner. Continue up the clean rib to the terrace. Belay at the back of the terrace, large bollards up left and spikes lower down. Spare rope useful.

Counterbalance: worth at least * and probably **

ST BEES

St Bees - North Head - p282

Way Out West 70m E5 6a *

W Sim, C Fisher - 11 May 2013 (Climbed on sight).

The central line of the buttress to the left (looking up) of the Fishermans' Steps descent. The route is most suited to those looking for adventure and is not for the faint of heart. Begin at the toe of the buttress, just right of a large leaning block.

1 20m 4b Climb the obvious corner and the crack in the wall above to reach a band of poor rock, traverse the band leftwards until its end and gain the ledge above (ancient bolt belay). Loose.

2 20m 6a Climb the steep cracks to the left of the belay to reach a large jammed block, negotiate past this with care and follow the groove-line up and right to exit onto the grass ledge above.

3 30m 6a Ascend the slanting crack directly above the belay until it steepens and peters out. Make committing and difficult moves rightwards on crumbling holds to reach the huge detached flake, climb onto this and move up and rightwards, eventually reaching sanctuary in a crevasse between the flake and the mainland.

Easy scrambling leads to the top.

WINTER CLIMBS

Conditions during the 2017/18 winter season have been the best for many years, although surprisingly only one new climb has been reported. It is worth reminding climbers that to avoid damage to rare and sensitive flora vegetation should be frozen hard, not always the case after heavy snow cover. Some areas are particularly sensitive to damage, the most vulnerable being highlighted in the BMC White Guide and Lake District Winter Climbs (2012). Rock is also vulnerable; ice should be present with hooks in rimed cracks, frozen turf and vegetation all available to facilitate your ascent – if it's not in condition, then look elsewhere.

Traverse Crag - p52

Band on the Run Direct Finish 70m V (5) *

M Thomas, K O'Donoghue - 14 Dec 2016

From the top of the steep chimney, climb the short wall above to arrive on the snowy ramp, belay at its top. Climb the obvious steep, open corner in the wall on the left on amazing torques and hooks to the top of the crag. The whole route was climbed in 3 pitches – the initial corner pitch, the Steep chimney pitch and the final open groove pitch.

Flat Crag - p61

1984 X (9) ***

P Cave, B Davison - 16 Dec 2016

A brilliant technical and strenuous pitch with generally good hooks needing an inventive approach.

1 26m (9) Climb the overhanging crack through the footless bulge (crux) to below a capping roof. Move right with some awkward moves to gain the groove. Great climbing leads to the belay at some stacked blocks.

2 20m (4) Climb the groove behind the blocks - CARE (!) Finish up snowy ramps to

the top. If you don't like the look of the blocks there would be some other Pitch 2 options left and right of the belay...

Bowfell - North Buttress - p62

Into The Groove (Riboletto Groove Direct)

100m V (6) *

M Thomas, R Mockler - 01 Feb 2015

1 III Start at the bottom of *Cambridge Crag Climb* and climb it for a few metres before climbing diagonally right and up to the base of an obvious corner with a double corner crack at its top. Belay on the left.

2 IV (5) Climb the corner, stepping right at its top and up the snowy bay behind. Belay on the right.

3 V (6) *Riboletto Groove*, to the top of the crag.

The Matrix 100m VI, 6 **

M Thomas, K O'Donoghue - 02 Feb 2015

1 IV (4) Start 4m right of *Cambridge Crag Climb*, at the base of an obvious tongue of white turf coming down from a groove higher up, to the left of the upper 'Gendarme'. Climb the turf to belay on the left at the base of the groove.

2 30m VI (6) Step right and up into the hanging groove above, with a white wall on its left flank. A steep pull out of a niche and up the narrow groove above, gear is very difficult to find and place. Climb up to blocks above on the left of the gendarme.

3 IV (5) Climb the continuation turfy corner above and finish up the final moves of *No Way Out*.

Super Storm 50m IV

M Thomas, K O'Donoghue - 04 Feb 2014

Climb The turfy corner on the left of the buttress that lies to the right of *The Flying Gimp Trick*. Start 10m right of this route in a corner below a steep headwall above. Climb

the corner to a good snowy ledge below the top headwall (possible belay). Climb the crack above.

Variation finish – It is possible to step left here around the corner and finish steeply to the top, same grade.

Bowfell Buttress - p67

Ultraviolet Junglist 110m VII (8) ***

P Graham, B Silverstre - 17 Jan 2015

A good natural winter line, which roughly follows the line of the summer HVS *Silent Witness*, for its first two pitches, then climbs an independent groove above. Start about 5m left of *Bowfell Buttress* below and left of the obvious chimney fault line about 10m up the crag.

1 20m (5) Climb up and slightly right to the base of the chimney which leads to a block belay at it's top.

2 25m (8) Move left from the belay and then up and left up a turfey groove to some in-situ tat. Move up and step left into a left facing corner below a small roof. Move right around the arête and out of the corner and pull through the roof with difficulty. Belay below the obvious groove above.

3 20m (7) Enter the groove above with difficulty and climb it to its top.

4 45m A turfey romp remains.

Wetherlam - Steel Edge - p101

Grid Ref: NY 294 005 Alt: 550m

Easy Gullies 50m II

B Davison - 28 Dec 2009

The east facing broken summit crag immediately south of Steel Edge contains three easy gully lines (50-60m). The left end of the crag is bounded by a straightforward snow gully (I) with a small cornice, the central gully (II) requires some more tricky moves up rock walls for the first 30m to enter the

slanting gully while the right-hand gully has a slight chockstone at one-third height (I).

Dropping Crag, White Maiden

Grid Ref: SD 258 955 Alt: 480m Aspect: E

The easiest approach is to park in the car park beyond the fell gate on the Walna Scar Road above Coniston. Follow the Walna Scar Road westwards; 300m beyond the bridge leave the track by a large boulder and contour the fellside south westerly to the crag (50 mins).

There are two icefalls on the right side of the crag. Route conditions can be viewed from a layby on the A5084 half a kilometre south east of Torver.

Ice Maiden 25m IV/V (5)

J Daly, R Purdy, K Bruce - 13 Mar 2013

Climb the right hand of two short steep adjacent ice pillars then an easy slope to block belays.

Maid of Honour 25m V

J Daly, N Harvey, R Purdy - 29 Mar 2013

Climb the left hand of the two steep ice pillars found on the right side of the crag. An easy slope leads to block belays.

Scaffell Crag

Scaffell Shamrock

Lost in Time Like Smoke on the Wind

160m III *

D Willey, D Willey - 26 Jan 2013

The route starts to the left of *Shamrock Icefall*.

1 40m Take a rightwards rising traverse across turf ledges onto the ice formations. Follow these to a snow field and a belay.

2 30m Head up the snowfield to an open icy groove follow this to a belay at the base of a

steep buttress.

3 30m Turn the buttress on the right and pull up onto an easy angled ramp.

4 60m Finish up the easy ramp to a small col just above the bottom of Lords Rake.

Topo on FRCC Website. Almost certainly been climbed before.

Pikes Crag - p150

Mare's Nest Ridge 180m III/IV *

A Dye, M Griffin - 31 Jan 2015

Climbed before but previously unrecorded.

Some difficulties are avoidable. Start at the foot of *Mare's Nest Gully*.

1 60m Up *Mare's Nest Gully* to an easing on the left with a good spike belay

2. 30m Climb the cracked corner right of the summer line, taking care with loose blocks at the top, to gain the ridge on the left.

3 60m. Follow the ridge over or around a number of gendarmes. From the final gap climb up and right for 5m to a ledge below a left slanting groove.

4&5 60m. Follow the groove to the top of Pulpit Rock over several steep steps.

Scoat Fell Crag - p169

The Faux Pas 60m V (7) *

S Litchfield, A Suttie, K Wood - 08 Dec 2012.

Winter conditions transform this character building summer VS into an excellent outing.

1 30m (6/7) Climb the turf filled chimney to join *Easy Gully* and follow this for 10m until an obvious large diagonal crack in the left sidewall is reached (belay possible). Open your can of tricks and traverse boldly left along wide crux crack until sanctuary is reached under an obvious corner.

Chockstone belay.

2 30m (4/5) Climb the fine corner / chimney to a ledge, before tackling the short groove / slab on the left to the arête. Continue easily to the top.

Topo on FRCC website

Gable Crag - p188

Timnian 70m V (4)

T Millen, I Armstrong - 16 Feb 2014

Climbs the thinly iced slabs to the left of *Summertime Blues*.

1 20m (3) Start left of *Summertime Blues* and follow snow and ice to belay on the ledge

2 50m (4) Climb the thinly iced slab, poorly protected

Green Gable Crag - p199

Fallen Comrades 35m V *

A Dye, M Griffin - 17 Jan 2015

Excellent mixed climbing with reasonable protection taking the turfy crack to the left of the summer route *Timshell*. Start 3 m right of *Epsilon Chimney* at a right facing corner.

Climb the corner on good hooks to a grass ledge, gain the prominent rightward slanting turfy crack/groove and follow it to a niche.

Step right onto the crux slab and delicately mantelshelf onto a flat hold before using turf blobs to rejoin the crack/groove which leads past a small pinnacle to a turf belay ledge above.

Genesis 80m VI (7) **

P Cave, T Hodgkin - 12 Feb 2013

On the left crag, start as for Garden of Eden.

1 50m Easy Climbing leads to the snow bay and a belay at the base of the main chimney pitch of *Garden of Eden*.

2 30m (7) Start up *Garden of Eden* for a few metres until it is possible to traverse out left on bosses of turf under the overlap that runs across the slab to the left. Traverse leftwards under the overlap and gain an obvious thin crack running through the centre of the overlap - climb this and get established on the slab and follow cracks directly up the slab

towards the hanging corner at the top of the slab. Climb the corner to a ledge and belay. A brilliant pitch of delicate climbing in a great position.

Great End - p254

Ultraviolet Exorcist 110m VI (7) **

B Silvestre, P Graham - 18 Jan 2015

A line of grooves, just right of *Left Hand Groove*, finishing up a steep thin ice smear. Start a few metres to the right of *Left Hand Groove* below an off-width crack.

1 30m (7) Climb the off-width crack, which is steep to start and continue more easily up and left to belay as for *Left Hand Groove*.

2 30m (6) Climb the groove just to the right of *Left Hand Groove* and continue up the thin ice smear above.

3 70m A turfy romp to the top.

Note: Rick Graham climbed the first pitch direct in 1995 via the hanging chandelier, which was well formed at the time.

Topo on FRCC website.

Altim Groove 50m IV

No other details – whoever it was, it has probably been climbed before.

About 70m from the top of *Central Gully-Right Hand* on its left (true right) wall there is a right facing open corner groove running steeply up to the right. Climb this and its right wall, steep at first, on ice and mixed ground to a superb belay.

Thirlmere - p275

Launchy Gill: Access :The gill is an SSSI and there may be restrictions. It can be climbed when it is well frozen. If conditions are not good enough the landowner (United Utilities) may post a No Climbing Notice. The general position is that scrambling, climbing, gill scrambling is not permitted in Launchy Gill. This is long standing arrangement to protect

the SSSI. If it is totally frozen (and or banked out with deep snow) then UU are happy to accept winter climbing as the damage to the SSSI at these times is minimal. The route needs to be complete as if just one part is in, then climbers will scramble out of the gill when the ice stops and damage the SSSI interest. Getting out at the very top is therefore an essential part of route condition.

Brown Cove Crags - p283

Central Gully - Left Branch: This is proving difficult to locate as there doesn't seem to be a well formed left branch and escape left from the main gully to *Stepped Ridge* is easy.

Jet Stream 80m VI (6) **

M Thomas, K Donoghue - 11 Feb 2014

1 40m (3) Climb the 1st pitch of *Two Grooves*. Belay on the right, below a square-cut, short groove.

2 40m V1 (6) Climb the groove to a snowy ledge, then the thin steep wall/crack above to a sloping turfy ledge (bold). Now attack the crack in the wall above on amazing hooks and torques to the top.

Paparazzi 100m VI

M Thomas, K Donoghue - 10 Feb 2015

Start on the right of the shield of slab to the right of *Summer Step*.

1 IV (4) Climb the ice corner hidden on the right of the shield and cuts back left, then up and over a dagger of rock to the ledge. Follow the groove above on the right with a steep pull out right at its top.

2 III A long pitch - climbing diagonally right to the obvious short step of ice. Climb this, below and left of the last pitch of *Two Grooves*, to arrive at a block belay and comfortable stance to the left of *Two Grooves*.

3 VI (7) 'Short, Sharp, Shock!' - step down and right, and then climb back up the turfey crack to arrive at the arête on the left of the upper crag. Step left and climb the steep, overhanging crack, using the lower chockstone, then difficult, 'pumpy' hooks to the top of the crag.

It is possible the lower pitches may have been climbed before, but no record has been made. Combining all three pitches makes an interesting way up the buttress.

The In - Between 120m III *

M Thomas, K Donoghue - 13 Feb 2014

Start at the bottom of *Central Gully* on the left side, at a sloping left facing open groove/ramp, about 15m up from the start of *Left Branch*. Thread belay at the start.

1 30m Climb the ramp, then up the snow crest above, towards an obvious iced up corner and belay at the left of this.

2 30m Climb the corner on awesome ice, and the snow above and into the next corner, mixed and tricky, with a hard move left over the jammed block. Follow the snow ramp to a headwall with a flake spike protruding out of it - belay in the crack beneath it.

3 60m Climb over the headwall, left of the spike, using a crack, then up and to the right of the obvious pillar above. Follow the right side of the ridge, overlooking *Central Gully*.

4 Follow the ridge to the top of the buttress. The route was climbed under amazing icy conditions and if it was climbed in anything less, the grade would possibly be harder.

Little Mix

No length grade or climber details submitted. Follow *Paparazzi* up to the base of *Two Grooves*. Start 15m to the right of *Two Grooves* and 5m to the right of *Jet Stream*, at a snowy ledge, below a cracked, steep slab of rock. Climb the centre of the wall using both

cracks and finishing up the right crack on fantastic hooks to the detached flake at the top (un-seen from below). Continue up easy angled turf to the top of the crag and the same belay as for *Two Grooves*.

Red Tarn Cove – p287

Red Tarn Beck 300m II

G Uney - 27 Feb 2018

Climbs the beck that drains Red Tarn. From just above the footbridge at the base of the beck, climbing a number of short, easy icefalls interspersed with walking. Fun. Almost certainly climbed before.

High Crag — p299

Gully B - Upper Left-hand Finish 100m II

C Wells - 7 Mar 2016

Follow *Gully B Right Fork* until it is possible to traverse back left up an exposed turfey ramp which leads onto the upper part of *AB Buttress* and thence the top.

Gully A - Groove Finish 110m III

C Wells - 28 Feb 2016

It is likely this line has almost certainly been climbed before but not recorded.

Follow *Gully A* to a steepening where it is blocked ahead by steep rock. To the right is a steep turfey corner which is climbed to reach the upper part of *AB Buttress* and thence the top.

St Sunday Crag - p324

Return of the Frosted Beard 150m IV (5)

A Dye, H Davies, K McLean - 17 Jan 2016

A good winter line following a series of vegetated grooves up the buttress left of *East Chockstone Gully*. Starts at a vegetated shallow gully about 17m left of *East Chockstone Gully* and 3m right of *Slab Route Buttress*.

1 50m (5) Climb easily up the grassy gully to a steep cracked corner on the left side of the slabs. Make difficult thin moves up the corner (well protected) to gain the hanging turfy groove above.

2 40m (3) Make tricky moves above to a short corner - climb this and then easy ground to a block belay at the bottom of a V-shaped gully.

3 30m (3) Climb the V-shaped gully to a block belay up and left, just below a prominent corner.

4 30m (5) Make difficult thin moves up the corner and continue up the groove.

Easy ground to the top.

The Snow Badger Strikes Back 170m IV (6) *
A Dye, M Griffin - 14 Feb 2016

The route takes the prominent turfy groove system on the left hand side of *Slab Route Buttress*.

1 50m (6) Climb the left hand groove over a couple of bulges to a ledge and then climb slightly rightwards up to a prominent spike.

2 60m Climb leftwards over turfy ledges to below the left hand groove in the tier above.

3 30m (5) Climb the turfy groove, exiting steeply right at the very top to an excellent belay on a block (common belay with *Slab Route and Continuation*).

4 30m (5) Climb the groove directly behind the block to easier ground.

Heirloom Crag - p349

The Will 50m VI (6) **

J Cox, A Brown (alt) - 17 Jan 2015

Really good climbing up a fine direct line.

1 20m (2) Follow *Heirloom/Heiress*.

2 30m (6) The main pitch starts directly below the large overhang to the left of *Heirloom*. Climb directly to this and step right into cracks in the left wall of the main corner (joining the summer line of *Relative*

Ease). Follow the crack to a ledge on the left, then up the off-width, in the corner on the left, to a crevasse. Finish up the left-facing corner of *Heiress*. It looked quite possible to continue up cracks from the ledge rather than the off-width. This would join *Heiress* slightly sooner, but the off-width was more appealing!

Step Gill

Grid Ref: NY 219170 Alt: 465m Aspect: NW
Several short icefalls form at the top of Step Gill which cuts into the Northern slopes of Hindscarth.

Ben and Gemmies 30m III

B Anderson, G Ford - 06 Mar 2013

This is the first icefall encountered in the left branch of the gill. Easy Grade II ice and turf lead to a short vertical section, which is easily avoided.

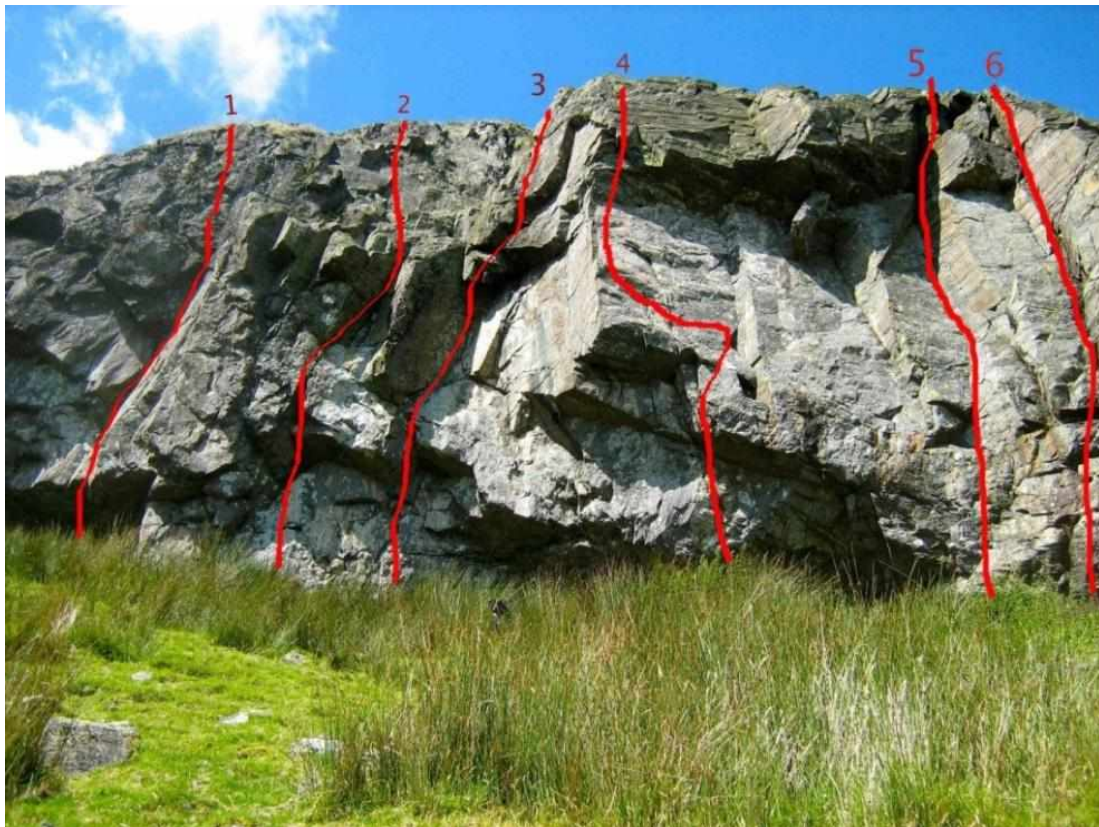
Third and Thirty 20m III *

B Anderson, G Ford - 06 Mar 2013

The second icefall encountered in the left branch of the gill. Continuous and good Grade II/III ice with a nice narrow section.

TOPO 1 - CASTLE CRAG, WYTHBURN (EASTERN CRAGS)

1 King Dunmail's Last Stand ; 2 Trebuchets ; 3 Mangonel ; 4 Onager ; 5 Ballista ; 6 Pendragon :

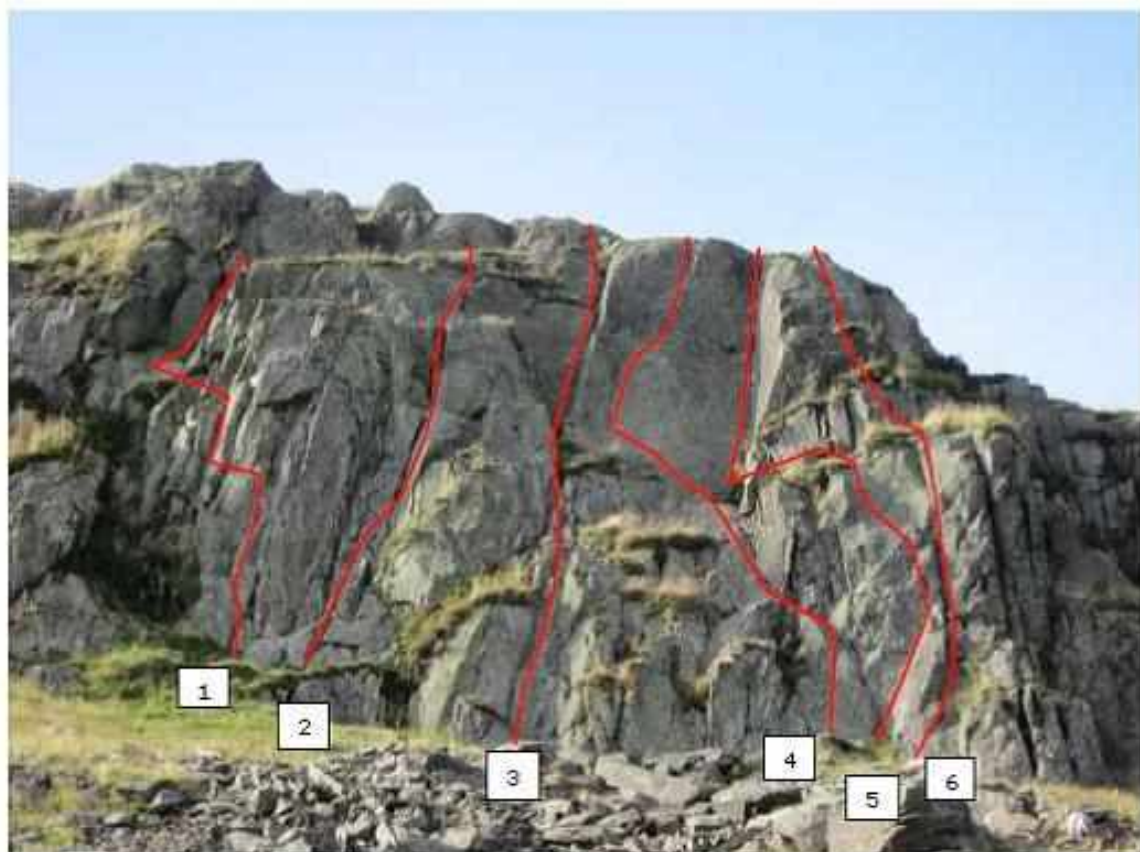


TOPO 2 - PETS BRIDGE CRAG (EASTERN CRAGS)

1 Dry Pasty Wall ; 2 Came to Pass ; 3 The Struggle ; 4 One ; 5 One in Three ; 6 Three ; 7 Just Right ; 8 Wall End :



TOPO 3 - KIRKSTONE BUTTRESS (EASTERN CRAGS)



1. Deviant**	25m	VS 4c	FA: M Scrowston & P C Bennett 25/08/2013
2. Nocturnalist	23m	HVS 5a	FA: M Scrowston & J Loxham 07/07/2013
3. Sky Waller*	22m	S	FA: M Scrowston & J Loxham 07/07/2013
4. Sereno **	22m	HVS 5a	FA: M Scrowston & J Loxham 26/07/2013
5. Isorhythm *	25m	VS 4b	FA:M Scrowston & J Loxham 26/07/2013
6. Kirkstone Passive*	25m	S	F Scrowston & M Scrowston 03/09/2013

TOPO 4 - CHURCH DOOR BUTTRESS, BUCKBARROW, LONGSLEDDALE (EASTERN CRAGS)

1 Nicole ; 2 Carry on Clio ; 3 Papa :



TOPO 5 - THRANG CRAG WEST (LANGDALE) – LEFT BUTTRESS

1 Dust Bunny ; 2 Clone ; 3 Mitosis ; 4 Randon Drift ; 5 Gene Genie



TOPO 6 - THRANG CRAG WEST (LANGDALE) – CENTRAL BUTTRESS

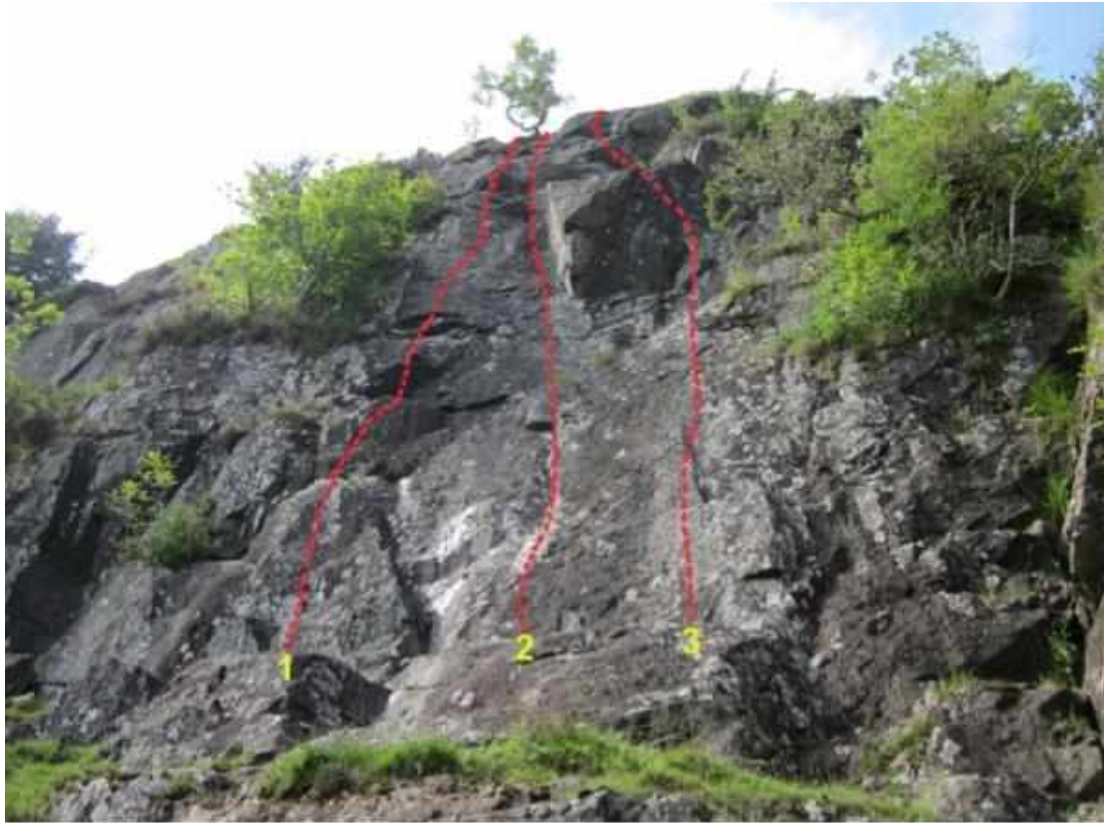
6 Old Genes ; 7 Norman's Route ; 8 Selfish Gene ; 9 Natural Selection ; 10 Evolution ; 11 Mutation



TOPO 7 - THRANG CRAG WEST – RIGHT BUTTRESS - 12 Full Circle ; 13 Elemental

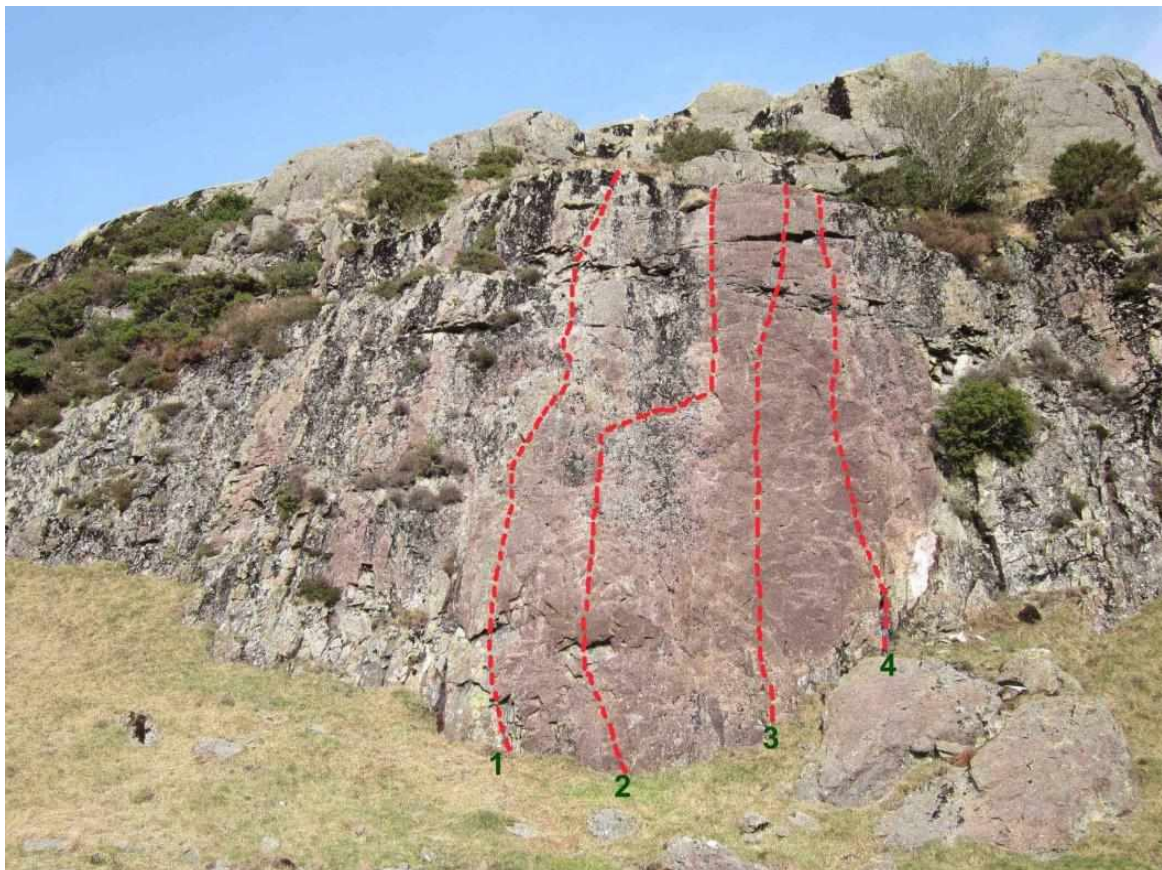


TOPO 8 - UPPER SCOUT CRAG (LANGDALE)



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

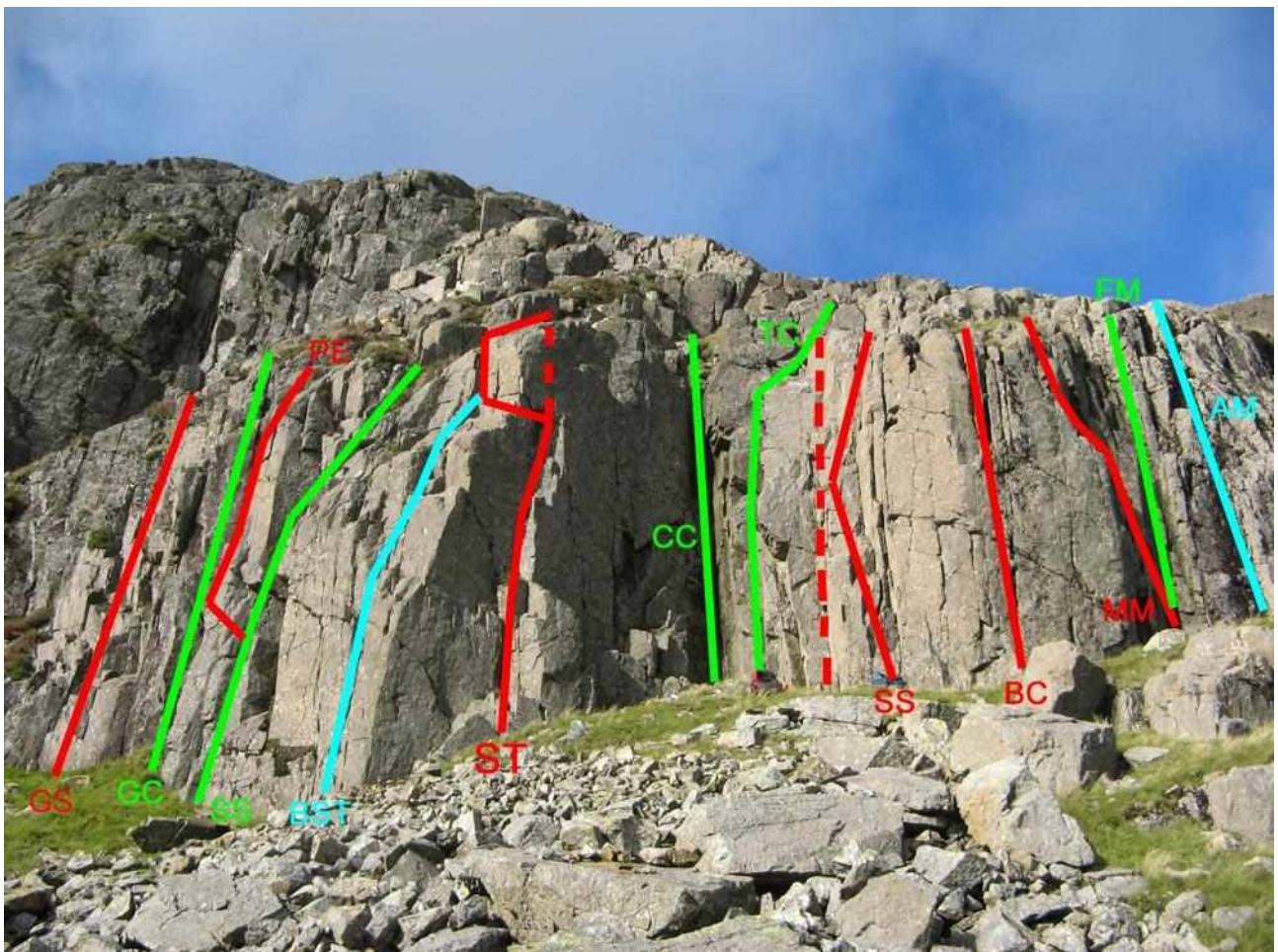
TOPOS 9 - BIRK KNOTT CRAG (LANGDALE) - 1 Ewe ; 2 Me ; 3 Sheepish ; 4 Shaun :



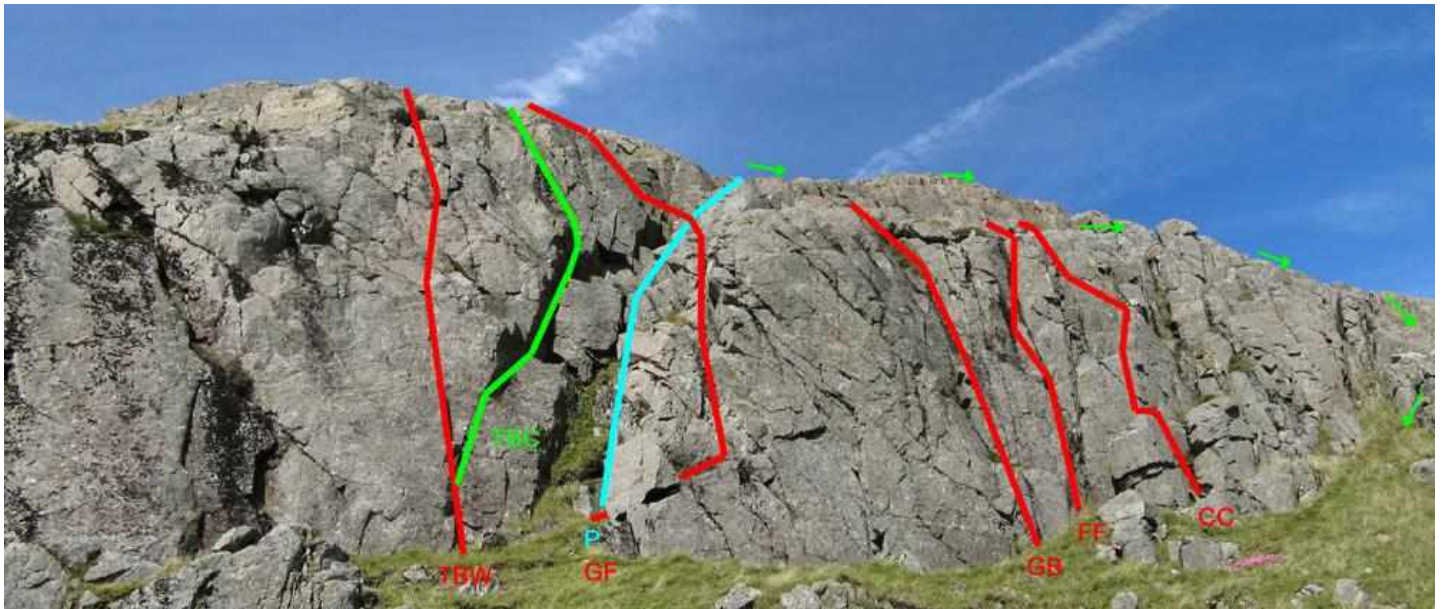
TOPOS 10 - BIRK KNOTT CRAG (LANGDALE) - 5 Yan ; 6 Black Sheep ; 7 Taen ; 8 Tethera



TOPO 11 - UPPER KERN KNOTTS (GABLE) - MAIN SECTION



TOPO12 – UPPER KERN KNOTTS (GABLE) - RIGHT HAND SECTION



TOPO 13 – RAVEN CRAG, ENNERDALE (PILLAR)

