

NEW CLIMBS

GRIBIN FACET.

PINNACLE CRACK. 125 feet. Severe.

Start. 12 feet left of Angular Chimney.

1. 30 feet. Ascend the crack in the centre of the wall to a spike and then make an ascending traverse left towards an ash tree, which proves useful.
2. 20 feet. Traverse left along a grass ledge and descend to a second grass ledge at the foot of a short chimney, which is climbed.
3. 20 feet. Climb the crack which rises in the corner on the right. A chockstone at 15 feet provides the key. Large stance, etc.
4. 55 feet. Ascend the crack, now wider, to the top of the pinnacle and step across on to the wall above. Continue directly up until easier ground is reached.

Combined tactics were used on Pitch 3.

First Ascent: A. L. Sparshott, P. Russell, G. A. Jeffrey, 10/4/48.

TRYFAN, FAR SOUTH BUTTRESS.

NORTH RIB. 245 feet. Difficult, final move Severe.

Start. At the same level as the Index rock, 60 feet to the right (North) of it. There is a conspicuous deep cave-pitch gully on the left of the Rib.

1. 45 feet. A subsidiary slab leads to a large heather platform, then the Rib proper starts with broken slabby rock leading to a prominent bulge, broken by a thin crack. Stance and belay on right corner of Rib.
3. 75 feet. The bulge can be climbed direct by the crack, but the original and more interesting way is to traverse left to a flake pinnacle and crack on the left corner. Ascend the crack and step over from top of pinnacle on to the main face, and so up to stance.
3. 70 feet. A steep rib directly ahead is climbed on good holds to a very large ledge.
4. 25 feet. Broken rock lies ahead. Three ways. (a) There is a cave and overhang round the right corner. One can climb out of the cave by the right wall and round the overhang. (b) An easy gully on the left of the wall. (c) Across heather there is smooth overhanging wall which might go with the aid of a thin crack up its face.
5. 30 feet. Straight ahead now is another steep rib cleft by a crack. The crack can be climbed, but a better route is to stride across the crack low down and on to the corner. To attain the small square mantelshelf on the corner is a good problem in balance.

First Ascent: Eric Byne, Colin Bates, leading alternately, 20/9/47.

TRYFAN, NORTH WALL.

ANNIVERSARY ROUTE. 400 feet. Hard Difficult.

The North Wall of Tryfan is the apparently broken mass of rock halfway between the top of the Far Eastern wing of Milestone Buttress and the actual North Ridge. The highest of the paths from the top of Milestone Buttress to the Heather Terrace passes below these rocks, and there is a small island-like crag below, under which the other paths pass. The climb is located about 200 yards from the Milestone Far Eastern wing, and about 40 feet above the highest path. It begins with a quartz-sprinkled slab, facing north-west. Cairn.

Start. At a little gully with a narrow slabby rib on its left, the base of which is well sprinkled with quartz.

1. 45 feet. From the bed of the gully step left on to the slab and up the centre to a good ledge at the top. A delightful pitch.
2. 80 feet. Easy ground for 10 feet to slabby steps with a crack in corner on right. Climb the crack for 70 feet to a large heather ledge near the prominent flake pinnacle. There is a big slab, quartz-mottled, inclined at a nice angle.
3. 60 feet. Up the slab by small but obvious holds to a cairn at top.
4. 60 feet of miscellaneous amusements. Walk 30 feet across an open gully to a short crack. It leads to a cave under a huge boulder. A crawl through the cave leads to another big boulder and a cairn at the base of a rock wall.
5. 40 feet. The wall provides a shallow open groove. Start this on the left and traverse right, using a flake crack for the hands. The groove leads to a small recess at the base of another flake crack.
6. 40 feet. Up the crack to a heather ledge with a quartz slab on the left. Cairn.
7. 30 feet. Avoid the slab and ascend directly up steep broken rock.
8. 25 feet. A steep wall immediately ahead is split by a severe crack. Climb the wall 4 feet left of the crack to a grass ledge.
9. 35 feet. A delicate wall straight ahead is climbed up its steepest portion, giving a fine airy finish.

First complete ascent: Eric Byne, Paul Russell, Colin Bates, leading in turn, 26/9/48.

TRYFAN, CENTRAL BUTTRESS.

NORTHERN RIB. 500 feet. Very Difficult.

Start. On Heather Terrace between North Gully and Little Gully is a large flat-topped boulder. The climb starts opposite the boulder, using a crack by a small detached flake.

1. 45 feet. Ascend the crack. Step left into a groove at 35 feet and climb to a large grass terrace. Walk 30 feet to a prominent chimney in the buttress above.
2. 50 feet. Ascend the chimney and continue to a small grass ledge below a slab. Small spike belay high on left.
3. 25 feet. Climb the slab past the belay to thread belay at the foot of the wall above (left centre).
4. 60 feet. Climb the wall above the belay and continue easily up the rib on the left which overlooks Little Gully.
5. 95 feet. Descend to the small col and then easily up the rib straight ahead. Belays, etc., en route. Easy ground is reached above and on the right; but on left, across the top of Little Gully, there is a mossy wall. Cairn.
6. 20 feet. Ascend the steep wall (12 feet) to a grassy rake leading to the right. At 8 feet there is a spike belay in a corner on left. Walk up the rake to the foot of a rib on the right which is split by a prominent chimney. Thread belay at foot.
7. 50 feet. Climb the chimney to good stance and belay at top.
8. 25 feet. Continue directly up the nose to a large ledge. (The start of the North side route can be seen round to the right 20 feet away.)
9. 60 feet. Up the rib ahead. This is hard if taken direct. Belay round a rather insecure block on the left.
10. 25 feet. Continue in the same line up a steep wall and move left at the top. Flake belay below corner.

11. 45 feet. Up the corner, awkward at 15 feet, to the foot of a wall which constitutes the third pitch of the North Side route.

At this point there are three alternatives:

(a) Continue up North Side route.

(b) Make a slightly descending traverse left to join Crevassed Rib.

(c) Traverse right on to easy ground.

First Ascent: P. Russell, G. A. Jeffrey, A. L. Sparshott, 18/9/48.

Second Ascent: P. Russell, A. L. Sparshott, C. R. Bates, 25/9/48.

Note. The route described above is that taken on the second ascent. On the first ascent a less interesting rib to the left of pitches 7 and 8 was climbed.

CLOGWYN Y GEIFR. DEVIL'S KITCHEN.

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS. 170 feet. Hard Severe.

Start. On the left wall directly opposite the start of Advocate's Wall.

1. 100 feet. Traverse diagonally left about 70 feet to reach a prominent chimney which splits the left wall. Ascend the chimney to a large chockstone.

2. 70 feet. Continue up the chimney.

First Ascent: P. Shipley-Taylor, R. G. Morsley, P. Russell, G. Brittain, 16/5/48.

DERBYSHIRE: BRASSINGTON ROCKS.

On these Rocks, which have long been a favourite climbing-ground of the M.A.M., a number of climbs have been made by members of the Association since the appearance of the last Guide in a 1934 *Mountaineering Journal*. Mr. Eric Byne has collected a baker's dozen of these, which until now have not been published or recorded.

IVY TOWER DIRECT. Very Severe.

This is the Tower which forms the final pitch on the "Long Climb," on East Hill. The usual route is up the right-hand corner. The Direct Route goes up the centre of the face. The rock is very smooth; occasional small round holes provide just sufficient hold for a finger or tricouni. It is doubtful whether the route would go in rubbers.

First Ascent: Eric Byne, Sten Lindhardt, Ivy Byne, 31/8/41.

Above the Ivy Tower is the Upper Tier.

Here is—

ELDERBERRY CRACK. Very Difficult.

Three feet left of Savoy Crack. The remains of the tree can be seen.

First Ascent: Eric Byne, Harold Restall, 31/8/41.

ANGEL'S CRAWL. Very Severe (Delicate).

The face on the immediate left of Elderberry Crack is very steep. Begin at the lower left-hand corner. Work a little to the right and then up the almost vertical face as directly as possible.

First Ascent: Eric Byne, Jack A. Best, Easter 1935.

SMOOTH CHIMNEY VARIATION, Very Difficult.

The chimney itself is about 12 feet to the left of Angel's Crawl. Start 3 feet left of the Chimney and climb the smooth face, using the small round incut holds until an overhang is reached. The pull over the corner of this is trying.

First Ascent: Eric Byne, George Restall, 18/11/34.

Well away to the left is the famous Brassington Crack, usually climbed by using the Crack and the face on its left. A harder and better route is—

BRASSINGTON CRACK ARETE. *Severe.*

The Arete forming the left-hand extremity of the face. It is done direct without using holds on the face. There is one good hold half-way; to get past this, however, is by no means easy.

First Ascent: Eric Byne, Jack A. Best, Easter 1935.

To the left or west of Brassington Crack is Face Climb No. 2, which also has a corner on the left.

ARETE NUMBER TWO. *Difficult.*

The left-hand extremity of the face. All the way up the corner.

First Ascent: Jack A. Best, Eric Byne, Easter 1935.

There is a chimney left of this, then Face Climb No. 1.

ARETE NUMBER ONE. *Difficult.*

The right-hand extremity of the face—again all the way up the corner. A little overhang to begin.

First Ascent: Harold Restall, Eric Byne, 18/11/34.

About 100 feet to the west is another rock-face. At the centre of its base is a prominent hawthorn tree. Here is—

HAWTHORN CRACK. *Very Difficult.*

A very entertaining route behind the tree. The crack is thin and awkward to start. In 15 feet there is a small undercut bulge which provides an interesting sequence of moves. In 25 feet a stance without belay necessitates a move 6 feet to the right and into an angular recess which is climbed by a crack.

First Ascent: Eric Byne, Jack A. Best, Easter 1935.

HAWTHORN FACE. *Very Severe.*

The face on the left of Hawthorn Crack. There are two routes up this, the best being almost directly up the centre of the face to an obvious in-cut foot stance among protruding rock at about 35 feet. A groove above provides a good finish.

First Ascent: Eric Byne, Kim Beck, 31/8/41.

CAVEMAN'S CRACK. *Very Difficult.*

On the right close to Hawthorn Crack. A good solid route.

First Ascent: Eric Byne, Jack A. Best, Easter 1935.

EASTER CRACK. *Very Difficult.*

The next crack on the right of Caveman's; a little harder than it.

First Ascent: Eric Byne, Sten Lindhard, 31/8/41.

A short distance across a meadow to the west is the WEST HILL UPPER TIER. There is a very prominent sharp-edged arete here with an easy chimney on its left and a steep face on the right.

THE LITTLE BY LITTLE. *Severe.*

Up the centre of the fine steep face which forms the eastern side of the Arete. Vertical and very smooth. Tiny holds lead to a bulge half-way, which proves troublesome. Above this there are plenty of large but fragile holds. N.B.—All holds on the edge of the Arete on the left are barred.

First Ascent: Eric Byne, Jack A. Best, Easter 1935.

At the left-hand end of this small tor there is a prominent easy arete; round on the left side of this there is—

WEST FACE. *Very Difficult.*

The face is split by a narrow indefinite cleft. Climb first on the right of this until the arete is almost gained. Then move left, crossing the cleft, and directly up the wall above. Vertical climbing on good holds.

First Ascent: Eric Byne, Harold Restall, George Restall, 18/11/34.