

NEW CLIMBS ON GRITSTONE

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Since Volume 4 of the Gritstone Guides (Further Developments in the Peak District, edited by E. Byne and W. B. White) appeared in the early spring of 1957, a few noteworthy routes have been pioneered by various climbers. As these routes have so far not been published it is thought they may be of interest to our young tigers of to-day, especially as descriptions of these climbs may not appear in guide books for several years.

BURBAGE SOUTH EDGE

NIGHT CLIMBERS' CRACK. 45 feet. Severe.

Starts by taking a crack three feet to the right of the start of Tower Climb, to the first stance on that route. Above, layback up a flake with an overhang on the right wall.

First ascent : Geoffrey Sutton, Tony Moulam—March, 1957.

JACKPOT CRACK. 30 feet. Very Severe.

On a big, slightly overleaning block close to the Northern Quarry. The right-hand of two uncompromising cracks with a sloping undercut glaciais at the foot. The upper steep portion is laybacked with a final awkward move at the top.

First ascent : Geoffrey Sutton, Tony Moulam—March, 1957.

FROGGATT

SICKLE ARETE. 30 feet. Hard Severe.

The arete to the right of the start of Sickle Buttress is climbed direct. An awkward mantleshelf move is the "piece de resistance."

First ascent : Joe Brown—May, 1957.

CURBAR

ARGONAUT. 50 feet. Hard Very Severe.

The crack to the left of Argosy Crack.

First ascent : Joe Brown—May, 1957.

GARDOM'S EDGE

BROWNALLEN. Hard Severe.

A new finish to the top groove of the Central Crack on Wall Buttress. Back up the top groove and move rightwards across the wall to finish up the prominent crack on the right wall.

First ascent : Joe Brown, J. R. N. Allen—April 21st, 1957.

CHATSWORTH EDGE

EMERALD CRACK. 45 feet. Extremely Severe.

The terrific "Right Twin Crack" which in the Sheffield Area Guide, Vol. 2, was described as impossible. Climb the crack and its overhang direct—*If you can!*

First ascent : Joe Brown—April 21st, 1957.

All the climbs so far mentioned have been ascended *without* artificial aid. For those who like to exercise their talents with the aid of pitons, karabiners, etriers, wooden wedges and the rest it should be noted that many new routes of this character have been discovered on Millstone Edge. These are additional to those described in Vol. 4 of the Gritstone Guide series.

A significant feature of Millstone Edge and its artificial climbs is that Joe Brown has of recent months been leading "clean" many of these climbs which were thought to be impossible without pegs.

Burbage South Edge has yielded a most spectacular and artificial route to Peter Biven and Trevor Peck. This was an ascent of the tremendous overhang of the Cioch Block, made possible only by the use of expansion bolts.

So far no new edges have yet been reported as having recently been discovered.