

## NEW CLIMBS

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### NORTH WALES — ABERGLASLYN PASS

STOATS' RIB. 335 feet. Very Difficult.

Disjointed and vegetated, but worth following for the crack and the other good problems offered. The climb starts a few feet above a steep slanting path rising from the Fisherman's Path, right opposite the first telegraph pole upstream from the large boulder (about 250 yards above Pont Aberglaslyn). It takes a rib just to the left of a heathery gully by a clump of small trees, which with its crowning pinnacle and the upper slab is clearly visible from the main road.

1. 35 FEET. Straight up the mossy rib, starting under the branch of a tree, passing a quartz veneer to a large spike belay under an ivy-covered wall.
2. 50 FEET. Up the crack on the right of the stance, which contains a tree. Strenuously up to and over the tree. Keep to the crack and climb a bulge (hard) and then up the nose of the rib. Belay on a block just above a holly bush.
3. 15 FEET. Scramble over the pinnacle and turn slightly right to go up vegetation to an ivy-covered spike.
4. 40 FEET. Straight up the messy ridge to a clean delicate rock rib, above which is a small square ledge. Tree belay on the left of the nearly vertical block at the back of the ledge.
5. 75 FEET. Pull over the block and take the sharp edge just on the left. Follow the arete to steep heather and gorse, and the foot of the upper slab.
6. 40 FEET. Either climb the steep slab directly above, or take the large spikes up on the left, followed by steep dense heather.
7. 80 FEET. Scramble up less steep rock and heather to the summit.

T. N. Huckerby, N. Williams (both U.B.M.C.), leading through April 27, 1961.

## GRITSTONE

### YARNCLIFFE EDGE

(See Vol. IV, *Gritstone Guides*)

DICROTIC. 65 feet. Severe.

The great wall to the left of *Crack o' Noon* is climbed direct on horizontal holds to a large ledge (Piton belay). From here take the wide crack on loose holds to the sentry box (Chockstone belay). Finish over the jammed block which forms the roof of the sentry box.

L. Millsom, M. Dunkey, May 1960.

HIGH HELL. 70 feet.

Start between *High Heaven* and *Misconception*. Climb on very small holds to the piton, then up the groove to the heather. Step right to the gangway (piton belay). Take the wall directly above the piton to the obvious crack, and a strenuous pull over on to a broad ledge. Take the exposed corner to the top.

### STANAGE, HIGH NEB

TRIO. 45 feet. Very Severe.

Situated on the face between Kelly's Variation (No. 41, Vol. 2, *Gritstone Guides*, Sheffield area) and the "obvious easy crack in the inverted corner".

Commence up the easy crack for about six feet and then traverse left to attain the base of three flaky, vertical, parallel cracks which are ascended to a good hold at their apex. Then swing right into a large recess which is quitted via its left-hand top corner, and continue by the line of least resistance to the top.

*D. L. Jones, G. E. Waine, A. R. Walmesley, October 1961*

### THE CHURNET VALLEY

Since the recording of Harsten Rocks in Vol. IV of the Gritstone Guides, a further group of rocks have been discovered by G. Martin and T. Goodwin of the Mountain Club, from whom these details have been obtained.

### BELMONT HALL CRAGS

Situated at the head of the Churnet Valley, about two hundred yards down a turn off from the Basford to Ipstones road. Explorations are still taking place, and the following routes have so far been discovered, which, from left to right, are as follow:

No. 1 BUTTRESS gives two routes so far.

VERTIGO. 45 feet. Very Difficult.

Start on the left corner of the buttress. Climb up through the small overhangs until forced over to the right. Then up the groove above the sapling.

DEADWOOD GROOVE. 45 feet. Hard Severe.

The prominent groove running diagonally from the centre of the buttress. The first thirty feet are easy, but the last fifteen amply make up for this.

No. 2 BUTTRESS gives three routes:

CAVE RIB. 40 feet. Very Difficult.

Up the left hand corner of the buttress to the overhang and a delicate move round the corner, left, to a belay, and a stance in a holly tree above.

CAVE CRACK. 30 feet. Hard Severe.

Start fifteen feet right of the cave. Gain a good flake, traverse back to the top of the cave, then hand jam to the top.

FLAKE TRAVERSE. 50 feet. Mild Severe.

Start below the prominent flakes. Surmount these to gain a good ledge, then traverse left for twenty feet to a pine tree. Finish ten feet up the wall behind the tree.

For details of the following we wish to express our indebtedness to the Black and Tans Mountaineering Club.

### WORMSTONES

#### *Situation*

The top of the crag is visible from the Glossop-Hayfield road, approximately two miles from Glossop, overlooking Whitehorn Clough on Shaw Moor. The crag is situated about half-a-mile up the ridge from the small plantation (the Twitchlings) marked in Whitehorn Clough on the one inch to the mile map of the district.

### *Character*

The average height of the rocks is only approximately twenty feet but in parts buttresses of thirty-five feet are found. The rock in general is quite good, but some climbs require care in the using of holds. Many of the climbs are strenuous.

### *Climbs*

Many short climbs of varying difficulty can be made on the numerous buttresses and slabs found towards the right end of the rocks (as one faces the crag). Only the longer routes are described here, starting at the right end near a small cave. Only the better routes are recorded.

**PSYCHO.** 30 feet. V.S.

The first large overhanging nose fifty feet to the left of the cave. Start just left of the foot of the nose and climb the short wall to a good ledge below the overhang. Strenuous climbing on good holds enables a small finger hold for the right hand, just below the top, to be reached. A hard pull up follows, which enables the top to be reached.

**SCROOGE.** 35 feet. Hard V.S.

Fifty feet left of the last climb is a large overhanging buttress split by a crack. Climb the short slab immediately below the crack until the base of the overhang is reached. A hand jam in the base of the crack enables a horizontal position to be attained. Further strenuous hand jamming and a long reach with the right hand brings the top within reach.

**GREEN WALL.** 25 feet. Severe.

Ten feet left of the last climb across the short gully. The wall is ascended on small holds until below the upper bulging portion. Climb this, bearing slightly right until a shallow crack leads easily to the top.

**GREEN CRACK.** 35 feet. Severe.

The prominent crack five feet left of green wall is climbed to a large platform. The short wall above is climbed direct. A good climb.

**APPRENTICE CLIMB.** 35 feet. V. Diff.

The leaning block just left of Green Crack is climbed on flake holds until a move left on to the recessed slab is made. Climb to below the overhang until a step right can be made on to a large platform. Step left and climb the steep wall above the overhang to the top.