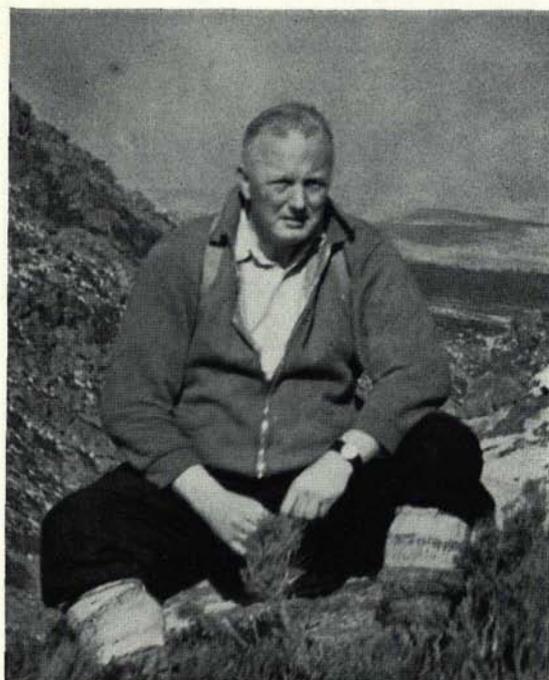


The Rev. J. E. Grosvenor officially opening Glan Dena in 1945

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THE REVEREND J. E. GROSVENOR, M.B.E., T.D.

In the passing away of the Rev. John Ernest Grosvenor on Monday, February 4th, 1963, the Association has lost one of its most distinguished past presidents.

He joined the M.A.M. in 1924, just two years after its inauguration. In 1945, during the period of his presidency, he officially opened Glan Dena, thus initiating one of the most important events so far in the Association's history. During the time he was President many members will remember the pleasant outdoor meets that he led, and afterwards the friendly gatherings at his home, New Wood, Blakedown, where parties were wont to chat over tea kindly provided by Mrs. Grosvenor.

For forty years he was head of the family carpet business, and on retiring took Holy Orders. Mr. Grosvenor was also interested in many activities in his home town of Kidderminster, being mayor of the town in 1926, Chairman of the Finance Committee, a Borough Magistrate, Chairman of the Juvenile Court, and Chairman of the Higher Education Committee. He was a former President of Kidderminster Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Joint Industrial Council, a prominent freemason, and a founder member of the Kidderminster Rotary Club.

In 1939 he became High Sherriff of Worcestershire, and was made an M.B.E. for political and public services in the same year.

Mountaineering was a keen hobby of his, and he frequently visited the Alps, joining the Alpine Club in 1930.

A memorial service was held at the church of S. Mary and All Saints, Kidderminster, on February 14th. Prebendary S. F. Linsley officiated and an address was given by the Bishop of Worcester, when to a full gathering the Bishop remarked that "He had a distinguished record as an industrialist, civic leader, sportsman, soldier, magistrate, clergyman and mountaineer."

Mr. Grosvenor was born on November 1st, 1887. He is survived by his wife and three daughters, one of whom, Mrs. M. Hingley, is a member of the Association as well as her daughter Anne. To Mrs. Grosvenor and family we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

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Obituary

PHILIP H. PETHYBRIDGE

The recent death of Philip Pethybridge in hospital at Guildford following a short illness has taken from the M.A.M. a very well known member of long standing. We, particularly those of the London Section who knew him so well, extend our very sincere sympathies to his wife.

Philip, originally a Birmingham man who had lived in the south for very many years, was elected a member in 1927, and from that time onwards never ceased to be a really active mountaineering and social member of the M.A.M. He contributed greatly and continuously over these thirty-six years to the good of the Association and its members in that quiet and unobtrusive way that was the hallmark of his sincerity of purpose.

Although he had climbed in the Alps, his greatest pleasures amongst mountains were found in the Western Highlands of Scotland, the Lake District and possibly most of all in North Wales. He knew these mountains in the days before the tarmac roads in the highlands and the crowds on the Welsh hills, and he knew and loved them just the same today as he did in past days. He had a particular affection for the little village of Beddgelert on the south side of Snowdon where he had gathered together many M.A.M. members and other friends each Easter for more than forty years past. He had ascended Snowdon more than one hundred times and the almost traditional gathering at Easter in 1957 marked the occasion of his hundredth ascent.

Philip was a particularly good gatherer-together of people, both young and old, with interests related in any way to mountains, and during the period from 1951 to 1955, when he was Secretary of the London Section, as indeed at other times also, he introduced and helped many people to a lasting love of mountains. One of these was myself for which I shall be eternally grateful to him.

He always found great pleasure in seeing the excitement and joy of young people making their first climb, and when away from the hills he loved to talk to anyone, young or old, of past mountaineering for future plans. He had a love also of the peace and beauty of all true country parts, and when away from the mountains derived as much pleasure in camping in such places as he did when amongst the mountains. He was especially interested in music, particularly in symphonies, and always listened to and talked about these with enthusiasm.

He was born in 1904, and his untimely death at the age of 59 whilst still so fully active will be felt by all his climbing friends, who will miss his always jovial company for a very long time to come.

S.J.G.H.