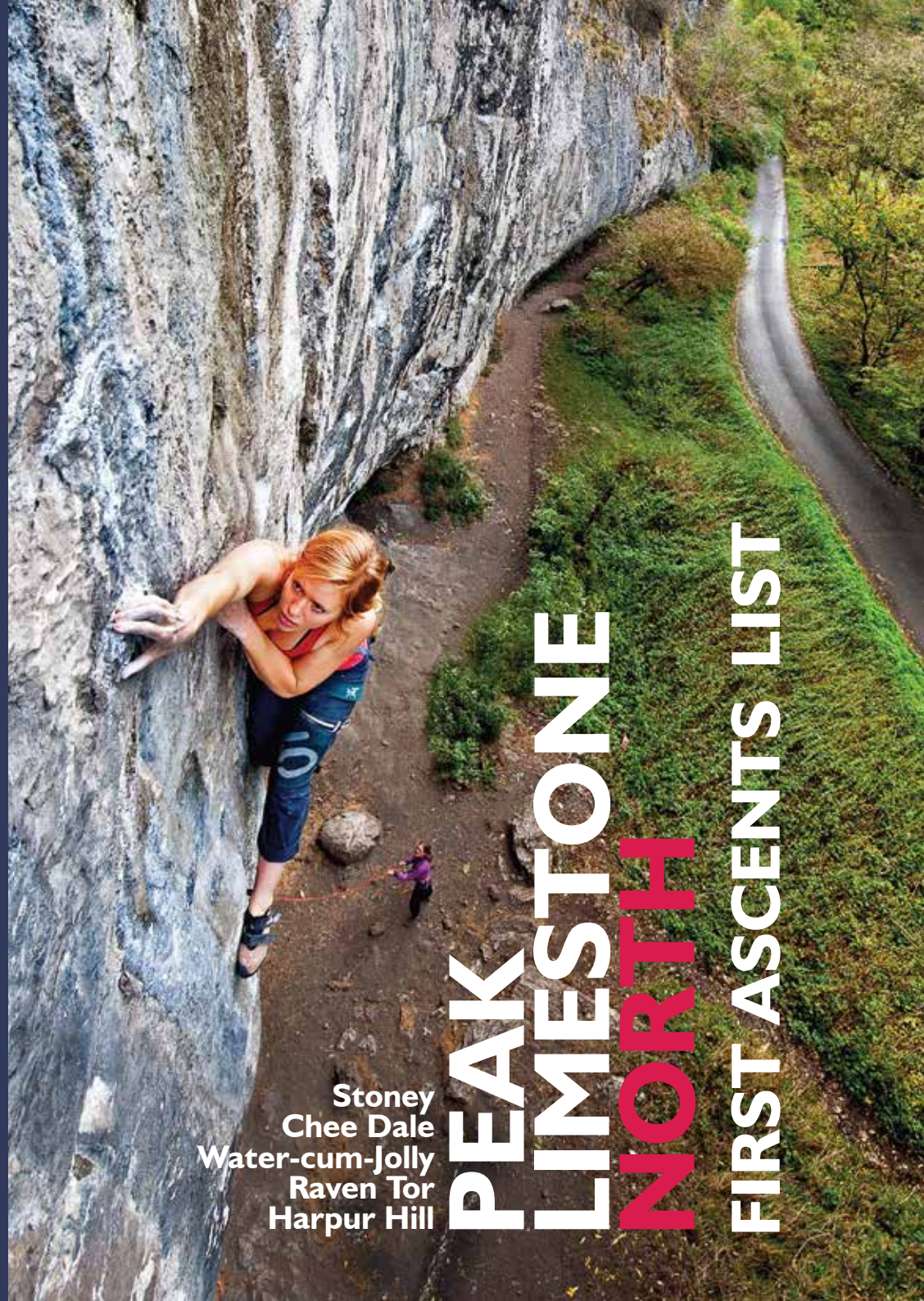


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Introduction

This document is an online resource to its companion BMC guidebook, Peak Limestone North. It gives all first ascent details for the routes and boulder problems contained in that book.

The decision was made to produce this information as a separate, freely-downloadable document in order to save space in the face of ever-increasing numbers of routes and more space being devoted to larger topos and photos.

As it stands, this first ascent list has run to 79 pages, which would have significantly increased the bulk of the book in your back pocket.

It is also hoped that this can allow first ascent information, a notoriously changable series of “facts”, to be more dynamic and updatable as new information comes along.

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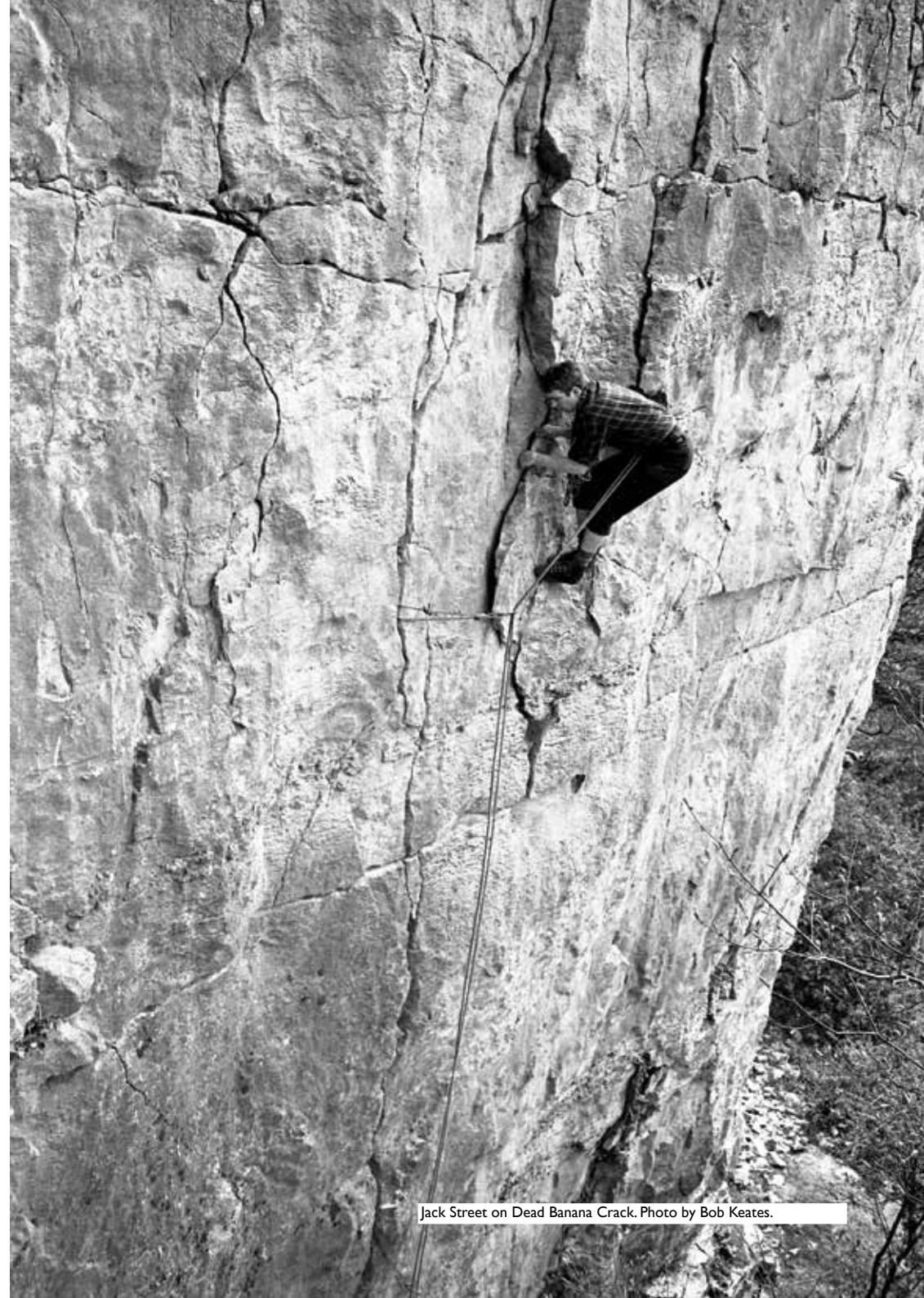
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Jack Street on Dead Banana Crack. Photo by Bob Keates.



THE STONEY AREA

STONEY MIDDLETON / STONEY WEST / HORSESHOE QUARRY +++

Steve McClure on Windhover, E2 5c. Photo: Ian Parnell.

Stoney Middleton Area

Stoney Middleton

(Including Goddard's Quarry, Cucklet Delf and Stoney West)

Pre-1900 Mineshaft & Fingal's Flue James W Puttrell, Henry Bishop, Douglas Yeomans, ANO

Lead miners climbed these routes centuries ago but didn't grade or record them. Re-ascended circa 1918 by James W Puttrell, Henry Bishop, Douglas Yeomans, while exploring for caves. Fingal's Flue was recorded as Very Difficult, with 3 matches. 'Back and footwork well inside the cave leads with increasing difficulty to a comfortable dozing position in the roof.'

1933 Aurora Frank Elliott, Gilbert Ellis, Harry Dover
An incredibly bold achievement, showing the vast potential for limestone climbing. The ascent of The Great Ridge was reputedly pictured in the Sheffield Telegraph, but following thorough research this appears not to be the case. Three young men from the Nottingham area later fell from the climb; one was killed and the others badly injured --- casting a dismal shadow over the crag and on limestone climbing in general.

1933 Fingal's Cave, The White Knight Eric Byne, Clifford Moyer
Various tentative explorations from these great gritstone pioneers, other lines not recorded. As was later to become common practice they bivouacked on Windy Ledge.

1950 Oct The Golden Gate Joe Brown, Slim Sorrell, Nat Allen, Don Chapman

Via a grassy finish probably improved by Jack Soper and Dave Johnson in 1958. First of the recorded Valkyrie/early Rock & Ice routes. 'The position is hair-raising, out above the overhanging face with the rope swinging away across the gulf just like the cable of the famous bridge.'

1950 Morning Crack Joe Brown, Don Chapman

The first of the stunningly obvious (to a gritstoner) Triglyph cracks.

1950 How the Hell Joe Brown

It obviously took a while to settle down as it was described after a repeat ascent in 1963 in the Cioch Club Notes as "a desperate route on stratified shit".

1951 Brown's Overhang/Kink (A3) Joe Brown, Ron Moseley
A tough exercise in exposed aerobatics --- their only excursion onto Windy Buttress. Pitons were an obvious resource and gave the necessary key to the next fifteen years' development at Stoney. Free-climbing potential also existed however. While other limestone crags were the exclusive domain of peggers, Stoney retained a strongly competitive free tradition.

1951 The Glory Road Joe Brown, Ron Moseley

The first attack on the Tower of Babel. A route destined to be claimed and re-claimed by successive generations.

1952 Feb Sin Ron Moseley

Exceptionally Severe! 'It is now apparent that the entire top spire of the Tower of Babel is detached and balances only on a fine point...' Rediscovered by Dave

Mellor 1959. The crack has widened considerably since the first ascent!

1952 Frisco Bay Don Whillans

'Pursue a line of mantelshelves in the upper part of the angle. These are five acrobatic specimens, especially climbed so as to be too high for short men to reach and too narrow for big men to stand up on.' 'The cliff had an almost evil reputation, forbidding appearance and bad rock being the major complaints'. No doubt this reputation was compounded by the Valkyrie/Rock & Ice mythology.

1952 Little Capucin (A1) Dennis Gray, J Ramsden

Dennis had borrowed Arthur Dolphin's pegs and hammer and at the age of 15 he was making his first visit to the crag. 10-15 pitons were used. First (almost) free ascent by Ted Howard, Pat Fearnough in 1961.

1952 Thrutch Don Whillans

1955 Scoop Wall (A1) Roy Leeming

An attack on the scooped wall of Windy Buttress, which used 12-15 pitons. First almost free ascent by Tom Proctor, Geoff Birtles in 1968.

1957 During the next three years, 40 new routes were recorded; many had been ascended by the Valkyrie. An armed invasion of the rocks took place. Ice axes, shovels, choppers, coal rakes, yard brushes, pruning shears, pokers --- even a saw and butchers' knife were used to penetrate the jungle.

1957 Child's Play John Childs

Now abandoned, somewhere up on Ivy Buttress. Possibly superseded by Emanon which first appeared in the 1969 guide where Child's Play should have been!

1957 Gabriel Jack Soper, Nev Crowther, Dave Johnson

All horrible layaway things'. This group climbed 'several other routes of fine character', but not fine enough to record them. Most other routes were climbed by Dave Mellor, Dave Johnson with occasional shanghaied SUMC members. Mellor was the first British climber trained solely on limestone.

1957 Horizon Ron Salt, Brenda Salt

Part of Dave Johnson's army, climbed on same day as Minestron. Lost Horizon nearby was recorded but since abandoned. Direct start added by John Atkinson in 1963.

1957 Minestron Dave Johnson, Trevor Brooks, Jack Wade, John Childs

Vegetation abounds --- every conceivable plant --- even a Brussels sprout once grew from the head of Minestron'.

1957 The Tower of Babel (A2) John Childs, Dave Johnson

Sheffield University MC members beginning a three year term of exploration, virtually ignorant of previous climbs. Reduced to 3 pegs by Paul Nunn, March 1961. Free, Brian Moore circa 1963.

1957 What the Hell Jack Soper, Nev Crowther, Dave Johnson, ANO
More SUMC members, gritstone-trained.

1958 Dec Windhover (VS & A2) Dave Mellor, Dave Johnson
Climbed 'with the generous co-operation of the Stockport potholers' --- a splendid climax to the year. Several pegs were used. 'This route almost overhangs the road for 200 feet...' More or less free by Barry Webb in 1960.

1959 Feb Kingdom Come (A3) Dave Mellor, Dave Johnson
Pegging where no peggage existed. Aid considerably reduced (probably by Tom Proctor) by 1968. First free ascent by John Kirk, Paul Mitchell on 22 April 1978.

1959 Spring Froth Dave Mellor, Dave Johnson

Originally graded Exceptionally Severe - 'A serious undertaking on account of the rotten rock, though the climbing itself is no mean feat'.

1959 Minus Ten Dave Mellor, Dave Johnson, Geoff Birtles

Variation finish by traversing horizontally right, The Great Escape, 1976. Other routes pre-1960, no first ascent details.

1959 The Pearly Gates Dave Mellor, Dave Johnson

This was Johnson's last route. He completed his University studies and returned to Northumberland leaving Stoney for posterity (and Eric's tea).

1959 Wallop Dave Mellor, Dave Johnson

1950s Various other fine lines by Joe Brown and Valkyrie members. Not recorded; some around the Tower of Babel.

pre-1960 Asparagus, Au Gratin, Aux Bicyclettes, Babylon By-Pass, Ivy Grotto Direct, Parachute, Shellfish Shuffle, Tiger Trot Unknown

pre-1960 Cabbage Crack Unknown

Written up but no grade --- a futuristic eye for a line? Later A2. Aid reduced to 1 pt. by Al Rouse in 1971. First free ascent by Tom Proctor, John Kirk in 1979.

pre-1960 Cointreau Dave Johnson, Jack Soper

A double hangover. The total overhang amounts to eighty feet (!) Has since suffered two big rock falls, one when Pete Fieldsend fell with a monster block from the top. Fortunately he let go! The block stayed for years --- 'Pete's Block'.

pre-1960 Hum Unknown

Written up in West's 1961 guidebook as an unled route. 'It is a short traverse of no great character, but is in a splendid position. It cuts across from the grass banks above Prayer Wheel (Wall) to the upper regions of "Minestron" (vi.). May be found quite difficult as one or two holds are both vital and loose'

pre-1960 Mani (Aid) Unknown

VS + one or two pegs'. Doubtful understatement --- a fully-blown peg route! 'It is usual to climb the lower section with the first piton between one's teeth, as great difficulty may be found in trying to bring it to hand when it is needed!'

pre-1960 Om (A1) Unknown

'A beginner's exercise in piton work. It gives few of the elementary limestone delights, blind cracks, a pastoral finish, a bit of loose rock etc.'

1960s Drainpipe Groove, Ivy Groove, Psycho, Psycho-path One or more of: Jack Street, Chris Jackson, Gerry Langsley and Dave Nichol

Ivy Groove and Gripple are now lost in the ivy to the left of Co-Conspirator.

1960s Autumn Leaves Bob Dearman, Geoff Birtles

1960s Bluetof Direct, Green Crack, Shaky Crack, The Thorn, St Peter, Minus Wall, Unknown
Bluetof Direct was a two-pitch route just right of Bluefinger which has retreated behind vegetation. Minus Wall was originally called The Git and was climbed in the late 1960s.

1960s Double Scotch Martin Barnicott

1960s Pineapple Unknown

10 pitons, 5 bolts and a sling. First free ascent in the 1970s.

1960s King Kong Tom Proctor

1960s Pollyanna Jack Street

1960 Windhover (VS 1/2 point(s)) Barry Webb

One or two points required at the start only.

1961 July Rosehip Wine, Roman Candle Manchester Gritstone Climbing Club

1961 Sept Bayliff Neil 'Njal' Parker, Colin 'The Praying Mantis' Phillipot

1961 Sept Bay Rum Malc Baxter, Jim 'Thin Jim' Hayes

1961 Sept Cave Crack Graham West, Malc Baxter

1961 Sept Flaky Pastry Glyn Baxter

1961 Sept Pot Full Colin Phillipot, Neil Parker

1961 Sept Postman's Meander Unknown

Named after Jack Mason who was sent to the cottage at Glen Brittle to see if the boatman would ferry the lads round to Scaavaig.

1961 Brown Corner (2 pts.) Barry Webb, Charlie Curtis

After a liberal intake of good beer. Two pegs used --- the crack was choked with loose blocks and mud.

1961 Compositae Grooves Barry Webb, Charlie Curtis

The start of a brilliant series of additions by the new wave --- post Mellor/Johnson. Free routes on limestone were exceptional at the time --- Webb's foresight and brash disregard for tradition opened the door.

1961 Little Capucin (1 pt.) Ted Howard, Pat Fearnough

Nearly free, but not the present bottom pitch --- cleaned and climbed in 1975 by Chris Jackson and Geoff Birtles.

1961 Medusa Len Millsom, M 'Garth' Rainer

A long-standing problem, Dave Mellor and Dave Johnson had previously failed to lead it. Attempting a repeat on Jan 4 1964, a young Geoff Birtles fell with one foot on the top and just missed the bottom much to the enjoyment of the watching crowd.

1961 Mortuary Steps Barry Webb, Charlie Curtis

Loose and precarious.

1961 Padme/Pology Wall Barry Webb, Nev Crowther, Mike Wild
Written up in 1960, but not climbed! 'Anyone who takes some ironmongery onto the climb will find sufficient cracks and will be rewarded with a fine new route of considerable length'. Sheffield & SUMC domination of development continued. It is possible that some aid (at least two points) was used as Geoff Birtles believes it was climbed free in 1963 by John Atkinson and recorded in the Cioch Club Notes as Pology Wall. "I think it was a peg route originally then Barry Webb did it with about four pegs. I would hesitate to claim it as a first ascent but when I did it there was one peg as a runner only. Memories fade after 50 years!" John(Ackers) Atkinson2015.

1962 Nov Axlé (HS, A1) Chris Jackson, R Roe

Started from a bely in Asparagus and aided leftwards into Padme. Stepped down and continued aiding to finish at the top of Om. "Considerable tension is needed and the route may be difficult for a second man". Never made a guidebook!

1962 The Cioch Club had become established in Eric's Cafe and in a hut at the end of the building --- amongst them were Jack Street, Chris Jackson, John Atkinson, Brian Moore and Geoff Birtles. Street, fiercely competitive, dominated the Cioch but Jackson was the club's adventuring spirit and has sustained his enthusiasm over a fifty-two year span. Birtles the apprentice had a short life expectancy but miraculously escaped several hair-raising falls. 'Ackers' was the best technician.

1963 By 1963 Sin, Glory Road, Aurora, Froth and the Triglyph cracks were accepted classics. Windhover became a top route for aspiring climbers to attempt free; other pitons were being eliminated. A typical weekend would find half a dozen climbers at Stoney --- limestone climbing had definitely arrived!

1963 Jan Helicon (A2) Bob Dearman, Graham 'Graz' Hawker
Originally called 'The Helicon'. Dearman was an SUMC member and a member of The Cioch Club, committed to hard aid-climbing. The first bolt to be placed on Stoney. A multi-day ascent. Reputed to be 'the beginning of the last great phase of development' --- thereafter the routes began to fall thick and fast. First free ascent by Jack Street, Paul Nunn in 1970.

1963 Jan/Feb Damocles (A2) Bob Dearman, Jack Street (alt), Chris Jackson
Reduced to one point by Birtles; freed by Ron Fawcett by 1976.

1963 Feb Circe (A2) Bob Dearman, Graham 'Graz' Hawker
On his attempt to make the second aided ascent, Chris Jackson "retreated at 50 feet due to a sudden attack of gravity". Aid considerably reduced by 1968, probably by Tom Proctor. First free ascent by Tom Proctor, Steve Bancroft on 13 August 1977.

1963 Feb Om John Atkinson, Gerry Langsley
Free but less intimidating -- the cave wasn't there. It was opened up one day in the early Seventies by potholers.

1963 April Kellogg (A2) Bob Dearman, Jim Ballard
Possibly climbed free by Tom Proctor in 1968 (although Rocksport August 1968 states 1 bolt for aid), but the route then lost holds. Reclimbed with one point of aid (a rest on a peg) in 1974 by John Allen. Possible first free ascent by Stevie Haston 1976/7.

1963 Spring Memnon (2 pts.) Geoff Birtles, Chris Jackson
The second pitch had been climbed as an aid route by Roy Leeming, possibly in the mid-1950s

1963 Aug Brassiere Strap Chris Jackson, Graham Hawker (alt)

1963 Sept 18 Pastoral Corner, Predator Gerry Langsley, Dave Nichol (alt)

1963 Sept 20 Inquisitor (A3) Dave Nichol, Gerry Langsley
Possibly climbed mainly free by Geoff Birtles in 1967. Climbed free in 1976 by Ron Fawcett.

1963 Sept 21 Prolapse Gerry Langsley, Dave Nichol

1963 Sept Aurora Arête (2 pts.) Bob Dearman, John Gerrard
Crumbling but spectacular.

1963 Sept The Pendulum (A3) Brian Moore, Pete Fieldsend
The first complete ascent with pegs in place and de-pegging required 4 1/2 hrs. Named because of the peels on the first ascent. A lot of aid used, the first ascensionists couldn't have made more than a token attempt at free-climbing -- they carried so much aid gear.

1963 Oct 13 Jasper (4 pts.) Jack Street, Geoff Birtles
Three pegs and one wedge-- Street was beginning to establish a very effective technique. It was commented that "the flake is loose". Free, Tom Proctor 1975. The aforementioned, huge flake 'fell off' in 1980; climbed again by Tom Proctor, harder. Interestingly, the remains of the flake lay below the route for some time and underneath it happened to be a large iron bar, the sort of bar used to lever flakes off. It was rumoured that the flake was levered off to give Cabbage Crack an independent finish!

1963 Oct 13 The Sword (HVS, 2pts.) John Gerrard
The second name was not recorded. A three pitch route in Electric Quarry. Pitch 1 took a crack right of the arête which is climbed by Wicky. This pitch fell down some years ago. Pitch 2 followed the break now taken by Icarus. Pitch 3 took the upper section of Damocles.

1963 Nov 2 Little Plum (A3) Chris Jackson, Geoff Birtles
The date is the final day of five-days of effort, hampered by twice having to buy more pegs and lowering a rope and wooden-rung caving ladder to return to the high point. A golo and 2 "doubtful pegs" were used on pitch 1. Pitch 2 had some "horrible pegs" and even some free-climbing. First free ascent by Jerry Moffatt in 1981-1982.

1963 Dec The Pendulum Jack Street, Chris Jackson
Climbed virtually free in four hours. "2 pegs and sling moves on second pitch".

They observed that "the rock the whole way is very loose, look out for anyone below". First completely free ascent probably Chris Jackson, Les Williams, Dec 29 1963.

1963 Acrophobia Gerry Langsley, Cliff Smith (alt), Dave Nichol

1963 Domes' Groove Charlie Crookes

1963 The Groper Dave Nowill, Chris Jackson

1963 Minestrone Direct Start John Atkinson

1963 J. Arthur Jack Street
Several other climbs were put up in the quarry by this team and also some by Dave Nichol and Gerry Langsley, revealing the merits of climbing in a superficially unattractive place.

1963 Jungle Arête/Groove Gerry Langsley, Dave Nichol
Seems to have been known by both names over the years as the FAs changed their mind. The first name seems to have stuck.

1963 Revulva (A1) Brian Moore
Free by Gabe Regan, Spring 1976.

1963 Rubbish Jack Street
A loose groove 40 feet right of Gollyberry - now incorporated into more recent developments

1964 Jan Dies Irae (A2) Bob Dearman, John Gerrard
First free ascent by Tom Proctor, M Peters in 1968.

1964 Feb Icarus Jack Street, Geoff Birtles
Traverses were very much in vogue -- this one involved a jump into a tree, a tea-break, and a jump back onto the rock. A direct start was added on Feb 27 1965 by Jack Street and Geoff Birtles.

1964 Sept Augean Brian Moore, Geoff Birtles
Also found beneath the ivy, choked with grots.

1964 Sept Fe Fi Fo Fun Brian Moore, Geoff Birtles
Hidden beneath the colossal ivy growth covering Dead Banana Wall -- Ian Conway's six cylinder Vauxhall was used to drag it off!

1964 Autumn Armageddon Chris Jackson, Brian Starkey
Geoff Birtles' secret line - he's still weeping! Graded VS for many years!

1964 Nov 14 Gesemini Geoff Birtles, Chris Jackson
Direct start by Mark Stokes and Dave Humphries 6 March 1976; high side runner used. After unsuccessfully trying to prove that the spelling should be 'Gethesmane' the Editor finally found 'Gesemini -- the name of this route is Latin for the big toe on the right foot of a Chelsea Pensioner.'(!) 1966 Stoney Middleton Dale guide.

1964 Nov 22 Carl's Wark Crack (2 pts.) Jack Street, Geoff Birtles
Referred to as Carl's Wark Entrance in the Cioch Club Notes. "Nuts in the first half, VS climbing above - desperate". First free ascent by Tom Proctor in 1968.

1964 Nov Devil's Eye Paul Nunn, Oliver Woolcock

1964 Dec Swansong Paul Nunn, Oliver Woolcock

1964 Alcasan (5 pts.) Bob Dearman, Brian Moore, Chris Jackson, Jim Ballard, Geoff Birtles: various combinations
Dearman & Moore reached Kingdom Come with much loose rock and aid, largely dispensed with by Jackson and Ballard. Jackson and Moore extended by two pitches (pitch 2 Dec 12 1964); final complete crossing by Jackson and Birtles, December 1964. Four pegs, three used in sequence to gain Kellogg. Freed in early Seventies, traditional. First left to right crossing 1964 (some aid) dubbed Nasacla, by Dave Lockwood and John Ibbotson.

1964 Blue Banana C Smith, Brian Moore, Jack Street

1964 Choss Jack Street, Malc Battersby
Two routes at the opposite end of the pleasantness spectrum.

1964 The Flakes (Aid) Bob Dearman, Malc Battersby
Aided, carrying an enormous amount of gear. Within weeks reduced to two pegs by Chris Jackson; free in early Seventies. Pundits thought the flake would fall off. Direct Finish, one point of aid, added by Geoff Birtles.

1964 Gollyberry (A1) R Roe
Reduced to 1 rest point in mid-seventies, then freed by Andy Parkin.

1964 Patience Geoff Birtles

1964 Spiron Bob Dearman, Mike White

1965 Jan 17 Juggernaut Brian Moore, K Mouse

1965 Jan The Slurper (2 pts.) Jack Street, Brian Moore
First free ascent by the early Seventies.

1965 Jan 8 Evasor (5 pts.) Paul Nunn, Mike Richardson
Nunn did the left-hand start with Julian Cox on 2 February 1965.

1965 April The Hex (Tree or 6 pts.!) Jack Street, Dave Nichol
The wall right of Jasper. The upper half was free at Extremely Severe and could be started from a large tree. The lower section required the aid. The tree has now gone.

1965 April John Peel Jack Street, John ??
So called because of the second's efforts to lead the climb.

1965 April Rippemoff (2 pts.) Chris Jackson, Geoff Birtles
Peg and nut for aid, free Keith Myhill 1971.

1965 April Sickle Jack Street

1965 May 1 Orrid Brian Moore, Dave Nowill
Orrid was a two pitch route up the slabby wall below Windhover, finishing on Windy Ledge. It was probably one of the original approaches to Windhover climbed in the late 1950s.

1965 May Dead Banana Crack Jack Street, Chris Jackson
One nut for aid eliminated by Tom Proctor in 1968. Geoff Birtles and Brian Starkey found a bold direct finish by standing on a tree (that went in the late 80s). More very hard routes from Street.

1965 May Sycamore Crack Jack Street
Probably the upper section of Millionaire Touch, starting from the large tree also used by The Hex. A good effort but poor tree-spotting -- not a sycamore! It died of Dutch elm disease in 1983.

1965 July Aquiline (1 pt.) Bob Dearman, Paul Nunn
Currently (2015) dirty and unclimbed.

1965 22 Aug Gripple Brian Moore, John Loy

1965 Dec Twang (A2) Brian Moore, Jim Ballard
First free ascent claimed by Tom Proctor in 1976. . .

1965 Left-Hand Crack, Right-Hand Crack, The Trundler Ian Conway, Dave Nichol

1965 Truffle Chris Jackson

1966 Jan Cray-Pas Brian Moore, L Arnold

1966 Jan Muscle-Cock Crack, 90 Centimetre Dièdre Dave Nichol, R Bellamy

1966 Jan Benstirer Dave Nichol
Stoney Middleton had by the mid-sixties become the focus of the Peak climbing scene. Evening festivities were part of the myth; Geoff Birtles produced an *Inter-tribe* guide at the end of 1966 as the Northern Limestone volume was delayed. Clubs active were the Parnassus, Cioch, Ripley, Black & Tans, Manchester Gritstone and Nottingham MC.

1966 Aug Boat Pusher's Wall, Bingo Wall, Solitaire Jack Street
Boat Pusher's was one of the hardest routes around -- a very serious lead. A tied-off peg was later replaced by a hex which fitted a shot-hole precisely, but

still serious. These were Street's final contributions before 'handing over' to Tom Proctor. The top pitch of Bingo Wall was added by Tom Proctor at a later date.

1966 Allergy, Snerp, Tomarwa Groove Chris Jackson, Bob Conway

1967 Atropos Chris Jackson, Ian Conway

1967? Inquisitor (1 pt.) Geoff Birtles
First completely free ascent Ron Fawcett c 1976.

1967 Pygmies Walk Tall (1 pt.) Tom Proctor, Geoff Birtles
First free ascent in the early Seventies.

1967 Upper Girdle of Garage Buttress/My Girdle is Killing Me Various contributors
The first 1 1/4 pitches done by Chris Jackson and Brian Moore on March 6 1965. Complete route on aid in 1967 by Jeff Morgan. Led with four points of aid by Keith Myhill, Tom Proctor in 1969 then led free by Tom Proctor, Geoff Birtles ten years later and eventually called My Girdle is Killing Me.

1968 Feb 4 Bluefinger N Elliott, Colin Winfield, P Newall

1968 Feb 18 Stheno N Elliott, Colin Winfield, P Newall
These were both two-pitch routes just right of Bluefinger which have retreated behind vegetation.

1968 Feb Bluetof N Elliott, Colin Winfield, P Newall

1968 April 30 Leprosy P Shine, R Cole

1968 June Our Father Tom Proctor, Geoff Birtles
A breakthrough in hard climbing -- probably the hardest route in Britain at the time. Top climbers rushed to try it and many failed. Four years before a repeat -- Proctor's party-piece was to solo up in Hush Puppies and place the first protection for aspirants! Eventually soloed by Nick Plishko and also (self-protected at middle bulge) by Phil Burke. The route has even been done at night with head torches. CC New Climbs 1969 stated that "a thread was used" (at the bulge/roof below the cave).

1968 June Scoop Wall (1 pt.) Tom Proctor, Geoff Birtles
One sling for aid on pitch 1 (belay taken in the cave of Our Father). No record of the first free ascent unless Proctor and Birtles returned later that year.

1968 Carl's Wark Crack Tom Proctor, Geoff Birtles
First free ascent

1968 Chewemoff (1 pt.) Geoff Birtles, Tom Proctor
First free ascent Tom Proctor 1979.

1968 Dies Irae Tom Proctor, M Peters

1968 Kellogg Tom Proctor, Geoff Birtles
Almost free (1 bolt for aid at the start). Originally an A2 ascended in 1963. The route lost holds to peggers and was climbed with one rest by John Allen and Steve Bancroft, in August 1974. Possible first free ascent probably by Stevie Haston 1976/7.

1968 Lucy Simmons Tom Proctor, Geoff Birtles
Secretly practised on an abseil rope the previous weekend. It's reputation was such amongst locals that the second ascent was made by 'an offcomer' Ed Drummond in 1969.

1968 Pickpocket (2 pts.) Tom Proctor, Geoff Birtles
Peg and sling for aid; peg eliminated by Andy Parkin, Spring 1976. First free ascent by Ron Fawcett, Spring 1977. The route was soloed by Mark Stokes in the late Seventies.

1968 Wee Doris (2 pts.) Tom Proctor, Colin 'Winf' Winfield
The route originally started further left and moved right at 15 feet to the crack. Given HVS in the CC New Climbs 1969 booklet. Doris was a climber's wife who held the ropes. The route was practised on abseil. Two rests used. For a long time it was thought that it was climbed free in 1971 by Al Rouse. 'Rouse made

the second ascent of Proctor's Wee Doris which is widely regarded as the most difficult problem on the crag.' Mountain 1971. However, in *Rocksport Magazine* April/May 1971, it was stated that Rouse and Alan (Richard) McHardy had both repeated Wee Doris, but had been unable to reduce the amount of aid used by Proctor. Steve Bancroft soloed the route in Summer 1975.

Proctor had arrived and was exploding the existing grading system. He free-climbed several hard aid- routes and developed audacious routes up un-peggable rock. Climbers reeled in awe. By constant vigilance and mid-week rehearsal, Proctor was to keep the crag within his personal control from 1966 to 1980."

1969 Feb 2 **Gerremdown (VS & A2)** Jeff Morgan, Bob Toogood (alt)

Used 10 pegs, 4 bolts and a sling. First free ascent in the 1970s.

1969 May 15 **Ave et Vale (A2)** Keith Myhill, P Pearson

An aid route up the wall between Damocles and John Peel finishing as for John Peel. The lower section was probably the line now taken by Emotional Rescue climbed by Steve Bancroft in 1980.

1969 June 8 **Pearly Gates Alternative Finish** Chris Jackson, Jack Street

The right-hand finish up the front face of the tower.

1969 **Fe-Fi Arête** Tom Proctor

With a peg runner. Reclimbed in 1971 without and named Beanstalk.

1969 120 routes were included in *The Northern Limestone Area guidebook*, edited by Paul Nunn and published in 1969. It was out-of-date as soon as it was published due to a long delay in publication. Many of the aided routes in the guide had actually been done free, and the incredibly significant ascents by Tom Proctor were not mentioned in the history.

1970 **Helicon** Jack Street, Paul Nunn First free ascent.

1971 April 10 **The Morgue** Bob Dearman, Al Evans

Freed by Tom Proctor in 1979.

1971 Aug **Menopause (4 pts. aid)** Al Evans, Zep Dyselewicz, Barry Chisholm, plus others

One peg for aid on P1, two nuts and a thread for aid on P2 to enter the groove. Freed on-sight by Chris Hamper 1980, beating Tom Proctor on his home ground. After this route Tom went underground, making only occasional appearances until 1977.

1971 **Beanstalk Arête** Tom Proctor, Geoff Birtles

In-situ runner removed. Previously climbed in 1969 by Tom Proctor with a peg runner and called Fe-Fi Arête in the CC New Climbs 1970 booklet.

1971 **Cabbage Crack** Al Rouse

Reduced to one peg but ignored due to its proximity to Jasper. Climbed completely free in 1979 by Tom Proctor shortly after Jasper's flake was levered off with a metal bar, making it an independent route. The metal bar ended up trapped under the remains of the flake on the ground!

1971 **Hercules** Tom Proctor, Ted Rogers.

1971 **Special K** Tom Proctor, A Dawson

Repeated within three days by Terry King.

1971 **Who the Hell** Keith Myhill

1973 **Sniffer Clark , Big Chiv** Tom Proctor, Geoff Birtles

Big Chiv was: 'A particularly impressive lead by Proctor with a forty-foot overhanging chimney that makes Elder Crack look pathetic. The route has only minimal protection.' Both Sniffer Clark and Big Chiv look hideous. Situated in Hidden Quarry these two routes are said to rank with the most serious on Peak Limestone.

1974 April 13 **Belinda** John Allen, Steve Bancroft, Neil Stokes

More logical Direct Start by A Bailey, summer 1984.

1974 April **Syntax Error (2 pts.)** John Allen, Steve Bancroft, Neil Stokes

Two rests, freed by Pete O'Donovan.

1975 **Bubbles Wall** Tom Proctor

Rapidly acclaimed as a classic. Originally started left; Direct Start by Tom Proctor.

1976 April 12 **Galen** Dave Knighton, Nigel Holmes

Never made it into any guide. Rediscovered during research for this list. A VS/HVS, 3 pitch route gaining and traversing the middle break of 'Swansong Buttress', starting 20 ft right of that route and finishing up Fred. The first section, with a finish up Swansong, was claimed as Mute Swan VS 4c on 11/4/77 by Chris Lawson and Steph Thatcher.

1976 April 19 **Omelette** Steve Bancroft

Jim Reading also claimed the route in May.

1976 Spring **From Here to There** Gabe Regan, Jim Moran

1976 June 25 **Aquaphiliac** Dave Knighton, John Kirk

A HVS high level traverse of 'Swansong Buttress' starting up Fred and finishing up Bayliff. Never made it into a guide. Rediscovered during research for this list.

1976 July **The Millionaire Touch** Geoff Birtles, Tom Proctor

Peg used for rest, and a rest and delay in the tree were possible. Climbed free by Nick Colton 1980. Now an altogether different proposition with the massive elm tree missing.

1976 Aug 12 **Bitter Fingers** Gabe Regan, Geoff Birtles

A masterstroke, rapidly becoming a Peak District test piece. An earlier attempt ended in a 30-foot crater.

1976 Aug 16 **Blisters** Al Evans

Climbed the wall right of Thrutch - now lost to nature.

1976 Aug 16 **Hinges** Al Evans

1976 Aug 27 **Bay of Pigs** Steve Donnelly, John Tout, Jim Moran

1976 Aug **Mottled Wall** Gabe Regan

Runners were placed in Dead Banana Crack.

1976 Summer **Scarab (2 pts.)** Gabe Regan

Two aid points used and two support teams manipulating the ropes. Freed via a left-hand variation by Tom Proctor in March 1979. Standard has increased due to lost holds -- a too popular top-rope problem.

1976 Autumn **Easy Action** Dave Knighton, A Bonnett

Tales from this era are legion and it was a common occurrence for large teams to bivvy on Windy Ledge. On one memorable night Gabe Regan rolled over in his sleeping bag and nearly dropped off the edge of the ledge. Phil Burke on another occasion did just that while stepping back to take a photograph. Neither of these events however compares with the day when Keith Myhill raced another climber to reach Our Father. Rounding the corner near Windhover Myhill overshot the ledge and plummeted to the ground. A climber found him lying on his back and urged him to stay put while he went for help. Myhill quickly came round, stood up, brushed himself down and limped off to The Moon where he downed a drink and started a game of arrows. Soon after, an ambulance raced past with sirens blaring. Myhill paused, thoughtfully, and commented "I wonder what's happened?" The driver was not too pleased to discover that 'the body' had gone.

1976 **Ben** 'Mansfield Dougal', Tom Proctor

1976 **Bluetof Super-Direct** John Regan, John Kirk

Failed to make the 1987 guidebook! A direct on Bluetof Direct, which is now overgrown.

1976 **The Great Escape** Geoff Birtles, Ernie Marshall, Al Evans

1976 **Twang** Tom Proctor

The second ascent and nearly free (1 pt). First free ascent unknown, but certain-

ly free by the mid-80s (Paul Mitchell).

1976/7 **Kellogg** Stevie Haston or Steve Bancroft or Mick Fowler
Possibly the first free ascent, but who definitely did it first is not known.

1977 **Speed Kills (3 pts.)** Bob Dearman. Bob Toogood

Three pegs; freed by Tom Proctor 1979.

1977 May 1 **Rainsong** Dave Knighton, Janet Ault

1977 May 22 **Candy Store Rock** Dave Knighton, Con Carey, John Tout

1977 May 22 **Cucklet Delf Eliminate** Con Carey, John Tout, Dave Knighton, Mark Thompson

1977 Aug 13 **Circe** Tom Proctor, Steve Bancroft

Free; an amazing ascent. Contained the second bolt to be specifically placed on Peak Limestone to protect a free-ascent of an aid route. This either replaced or backed up an existing poor bolt.

1977 Aug 29 **Kink** Tom Proctor

Some dubious tactics were needed to place gear while leading. The route was led clean shortly after by John Kirk.

1977 **Played** Tom Proctor

1978 April 22 **Kingdom Come** John Kirk, Paul Mitchell

Paul (or Tom Proctor according to another version of the events) set off but burnt out after clipping the peg and lowered off. John happily tied on to the pre-clipped rope and led the route. The old aid bolt on the crux was subsequently replaced with a new one, which lasted about two weeks, before it was ripped out when a second fell off!

1978 April 22 **Racial Harmony** Tom Proctor

Led placing pegs on the way, then abseiled down and put better ones in! Retaliation on the Kirk brothers who 'stole' Kingdom Come ten minutes earlier. A succession of desperates from Proctor -- total domination of the crag!

1978 July 23 **Flycatcher** Tom Proctor, Neil Stokes, Steve Bancroft
Unrepeated until 1983 -- too dangerous!

1978 **Elsanity, Scrubber** Tom Proctor, Andy Bailey

Elsanity climbed the buttress just right of Scrubber.

1978 **Melting Pot** Tom Proctor

1979 March **Traffic Jam** Tom Proctor

Despite a big team of hopefuls, no-one could second it! Solved by the direct finish by Lucien Cottle!

1979 Spring **Colonel Bogy** Tom Proctor

1979 Spring **Oliver** Geoff Birtles

Practised for months. Blatant 'prised flake' in the middle of a blank wall. Instant classic, often failed on. Now considerably harder, with several holds missing.

1979 Spring **My Girdle is Killing Me** Tom Proctor, Geoff Birtles
First free ascent of the High Level Girdle of Garage Buttress.

1979 Autumn **Black Teddy** Geoff Birtles, Tom Proctor

1979 Oct 1 **Vinegar Fly** Al Evans

1979 Oct 6 **Aerospace** Al Evans, Chris Jackson, Nadim Siddiqui

1979 Oct 13 **Looking Through Gary Gibson's Eyes** Steve Bancroft, Al Evans, Nadim Siddiqui, Al Phizacklea and a cast of thousands

1979 Oct 14 **Soapsuds** Al Evans, Steve Bancroft, Nadim Siddiqui, Al Phizacklea, E Jones, Chris Gore, Andy Bailey, Stuart Gascoyne, P Booth and others. Superseded Green Wall, HVS 5b (1970s), which traversed off right when it got tough.

1979 **Aspirant Desperado** Chris Jackson

The right-hand of two corners right of Drink and Be Merry which has now returned to nature.

1979 **Cardiac Arrest** Tom Proctor, Ernie Marshall

Direct finish added by Mark Pretty, John Hart, Chris Plant in 1985.

1979 **Kelly's Eye** Tom Proctor, Paul Mitchell

Tom wasn't averse to wielding a nifty hammer! Mitchell managed to follow it in the dark, which caused Proctor to name the route Kelly's Eye after a cartoon super hero who wore an eye on a chain around his neck which gave him super powers.

1979 **The Real Thing** Chris Jackson

Climbed a rib in the wall left of Drainpipe Groove. Lost to the vegetation for many years and now possibly incorporated into more recent additions.

1979 **Shit Wall** John Regan, Paul Mitchell

Censored in previous guidebook to This Wall.

1979 **Ticket to the Underworld** Tom Proctor, Ernie Marshall, John Kirk

Named after a foot ledge which collapsed while Kirk was seconding.

1970s **A N Other, Chantrelle, Flake and Pillar, Roraima** Tom Proctor

1970s **Child's Arête, Fallout, Green Crack, Happy Wanderer, Horrorscope, Little Crack, Midi** Unknown

1970s **Green Wall, Slab and Arête** Tom Proctor

1970s **Grotty Totty** Tom Proctor, Andy Bailey

1970s **Happy Wanderer** Colin Winfield, Paul Newell

1970s **Ernie** Ernie Marshall

1970s **Green Wall** Unknown

Superseded by Soapsuds in 1979.

1970s **Orang Utang** John Cooper

1970s **Sword** Keith Myhill

1970s **Thirty-Four Candles** Bob Conway

1980 **Breathing Underwater** Paul Mitchell

1980 **Costa Brava** Andy Barker, John Kirk

1980 **Do Nothing** G Jewson, Tony Sawbridge

1980 **Emotional Rescue** Steve Bancroft, John Stevenson

Side runner in John Peel. Probably free-climbed the lower section of the old aid route Ave et Vale climbed in 1969. The upper section was new.

1980 **Four Minute Tiler** Tom Proctor

Said to be the state of the art at the time. Received high acclaim, repeated by the Lee brothers and rated 6c. Holds fell off; now back to 6b!

1980 **The Heat** Ron Fawcett

An enigma, seldom led.

1980 **Helmut Schmitt** Jerry Moffatt

The beginning of Jerry Moffatt's glittering career and the finest of this crop. The original line, before hold-loss, went left from the peg, up, and then back right and was slightly easier.

1981 **Black Kabul** Jerry Moffatt

1981 **Dunce** Paul Mitchell, Ian Jones

Originally a trad HVS which for some reason never made it into the 1987 guidebook and became lost- it was rediscovered during research for this first ascent list, but not in time to prevent the line from being bolted and called Apparition in 2013.

1981 **Elective Affinities** Paul Mitchell, Ian Jones

c 1981 **Gom Jabbar** Ian Jones

A lost route between Horrorscope and Fred. 'I did the second ascent, doubt it had a third. E2 5c. Can't say exactly where it goes; too far in the past.' - Paul Mitchell. Probably the line taken by Procession in 1987.

1981 **Hysterectomy** Jerry Moffatt

Dubious tactics -- a long in-situ sling clipped on first ascent was changed for

a short one!

1981 Northerners Can't Climb Paul Mitchell
An excellent find, one of the best routes in the Dale. Accidentally retrobolted in 2014, but soon returned to its original state.

1981 Shallow Depression Paul Mitchell, Ian Jones
Another lost route, discovered during research for this list. It took the starting crackline of what is now In Conversation then moved left to finish up the groove of The Thrill of the Chase: the two latter routes being added in 2013.

1981 Southerners Can't Climb Paul Mitchell, Ian Jones

1981/82 Little Plum Jerry Moffatt, Neil Molnar
A leisurely free ascent, spread over two years. 'There exists no other pitch that is more out there' - Moffatt about P2. Pitch 1 done with 1 pt. aid by Geoff Birtles, John Kirk on 6 October 1979.

1982 Feb Blinkers Julian Taylor
The wall between Mani and Padme. Didn't even make the 1987 guide - lost to obscurity, but rediscovered during research for the 2015 guidebook. Unknowingly re climbed as That Said in 2011 by Gary Gibson.

1982 Aug 24 St Paul Paul Cropper, Nadim Siddiqui, D Campbell

1983 May 8 Mingtled Wall Andy Barker

1983 Nov Pullemdown Neil Foster, Mark Pretty

Possibly unrepeated.

1984 Feb 18 Arbeit Macht Frei Paul Mitchell

1984 Spring Easy Skanking Andy Pollitt

Spotted and climbed during weeks of attempting Little Plum.

1984 May 6 Mindblind M A Mitchell, D Fernig

1984 May 23 You Are Only Mortal Paul Mitchell

1984 June 7 Poison Flowers Paul Mitchell

Roped solo.

1984 June 21 Scurvy Knave Paul Mitchell

1984 June 28 Swine Vesicular Paul Mitchell, Ken Jones

Has had few, if any repeats and may be 6c

1984 Aug 24 The Flashing Fisher Paul Mitchell

Quentin Fisher "accidentally" exposed himself outside the cafe.

1984 Aug 31 Black Bryony Chris Plant, Mark Pretty

1984 Nov 5 Virgin on the Loose Andy Pollitt, Mark Pretty

Controversial placing of two protection bolts. Now incorporated into Virgin King.

1985 Jan 2 The Rainbow Woman Paul Mitchell

1985 March 3 The Disillusioned Brew Machine Mark Pretty,

Chris Plant

1985 March 5 The Fluff Pirate Paul Mitchell, John Hart

1985 March 7 Dead on Arrival Mark Pretty, Ian Jones

High girdle around Mortuary Steps. Describes the state of the second.

1985 March 16 Big Nose Mark Pretty, Chris Plant

1985 April 17 Hart Attack Mark Pretty, Chris Plant, John Hart

1985 April 20 Jam Sandwich Mark Pretty, Ben Moon, Tony Ryan

1985 June All Systems Go Quentin Fisher

Original line of Scarab, first top-roped by Jerry Moffatt 1983.

1985 Tequila Tory Quentin Fisher

A typical Quentin siege.

1985 To Hell and Back Bob Conway

1986 Jan 26 Just What the Doctor Ordered Simon Cundy

Solo.

1986 March Robin Unknown

Extended John Atkinson's direct start to Minestrone.

1986 May 27 La Belle et la Bête Mark Pretty

Supersedes Stay Hungry.

1986 Oct 26 My Personal Pleasure Mark Pretty, Andy Goring

1986 Oct 29 Flavour of the Month Mark Pretty, Andy Goring,

Gary Gibson

1986 Nov 2 The Year of Living Dangerously Mark Pretty,

Andy Goring, Ian French, Chris Wright

An old E4 6a left of Sitheno, which was just left of Bluefinger - now behind vegetation.

1987 Jan 18 Diamonds and Rust Simon Cundy

1987 Jan 20 Just Another Tricky Day Simon Cundy, A Shaw

1987 Jan 20 Turkey Vulture Crack Direct Simon Cundy

1987 Jan 31 Death is Part of the Process Chris Wright, Ian

French

1987 April Procession Simon Cundy

Procession was originally a trad route (E4 6a); possibly claimed earlier (c 1981) as Gom Jabbar. Bolted, straightened out and repeated by Gary Gibson in 2013.

1987 May 8 The Binman Simon Cundy

1987 May 9 It's More fun to Compute Simon Cundy

The centre of a wall midway between Eyam Dale and the path up to Cucklet Delph Church. Now lost under ivy. Date from BMC Peak Supplement 1991, Stoney New Route Book says 21/09/87

1987 May 18 The Dead Girls Simon Cundy

Disappeared under the ivy: recleaned and reclaimed by Gary Gibson as Fame.

1987 Oct 4 Nice in Nice Gary Gibson, Mark Elwell

1987 Oct 22 Black Power Gary Gibson

1987 Dec 15 Lard Wall Gary Gibson

1987 Dec 19 Alex it was Really Nothing Simon Cundy

Climbed without the bolt sometime later by Dougie Hall.

1987 Dec 25 Stuff the Turkey Gary Gibson

1987 Some Bizzare Simon Cundy

Solo. 'Traverses the lower break in Carl's Wark from Little Crack to finish through Scarab'. Not in the guidebook.

1988 Feb 7 Transmaiacon MC Simon Cundy, P Smith

1988 Feb 21 No Statesman Simon Cundy

1988 April 9 Big Boris Nigel Slater, Liam Grant

With a bolt runner that has since been removed.

1988 April 23 Pile up on the Dance Floor Simon Cundy

1988 May 5 Periscope Simon Cundy

As a trad route (E5 6b), starting direct with a dyno, but moving right to finish up Horrorscope due to the difficulty and seriousness of the unprotected and loose upper wall. Direct finish added in 2013 when the line was bolted and straightened out by Gary Gibson.

1988 May 18 The Great Leveller Paul Mitchell

1988 May 18 Gaspera Gary Gibson

1988 Sept 14 New Moon on Monday Simon Cundy, Martin

Heath, Steve Wigmore, Kel Topley

1988 Nov 13 Don't Talk to Strangers Simon Cundy

As a trad route (E5 6b). Bolted and repeated in 2013 by Gary Gibson.

1988 One 'ard Move Dougie Hall, Ian Carr

On-sight.

1989 Jan 18 Born Again Gary Gibson

Gary's first new route following a very serious accident.

1989 June Ozone Bozo Paul Mitchell

1991 March 31 Squeak Nigel Slater, Alan Doig, Tony Walker, Rosy Brown

1993 May 4 Daedalus Jim Kelly

1995 Feb 25 Little Moose Nick Taylor

On-sight.

1995 April 14 Golden Boy Gary Gibson

2001 May 12 X Calibre Gary Gibson

2001 May 12 The Creeping Flesh Gary Gibson, Nadim Siddiqui

2001 June 9 Arachnid, Beta Blocker Gary Gibson

2001 June 23 Dreamcatcher, Dross, In Corpus, The Glory

Trail Gary Gibson

Dreamcatcher climbed as a trad route.

2001 Sept 11 In Formalin, The Profusionist Gary Gibson, Ha-

zazel Gibson

2002 The Lover's Leap Mark Pretty

2006 Dig Deep for Victory Kristian Clemmow

2007 The Big Apple Kristian Clemmow

2007 The King of Ming, Ming the Merciless Mark Pretty

2007 Kinky Mark Pretty

2008 July 4 Get Six into the Mix Gary Gibson, Nick Taylor

2011 Sept 22 Co-Conspirator, Flared Beginnings, Straight

Leg Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson

2011 Sept 24 Parr Kor, That Said Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson

That Said was previously climbed and recorded (in a Stoney NRB) as Blinkers in 1982, but was not included in the 1987 guidebook.

2011 Sept 24 Moss Side Gary Gibson Solo.

2011 Sept 28 Honey Suckle Lane, Scanners, Suckle the Hon-

ey Gary Gibson Solo.

2011 Sept 28 Haven't Got a Cluedo Gary Gibson

2012 April 28 Drink and Be Merry, Is Ya Ready?, Is Ya Al-

right? Gary Gibson

2012 May 12 The Brighton Line Gary Gibson, Nick Taylor (alt)

2012 May 12 How it Be? Gary Gibson, Nick Taylor

2012 May 18 Lucy Simmons Direct Start Gary Gibson, Hazel

Gibson

2012 May 20 Babelicious, Will Ya be Ready Gary Gibson, Nick

Taylor

2012 May 20 The Blood of an Englishman Gary Gibson, Nick

Taylor, Paul Harrison

2012 June 1 Balthazaaaaah, Holy Schmitt, Nip Zip Diddy,

Nowt About Gary Gibson

2012 June 5 Whasupwithi? Nick Taylor, Gary Gibson

2012 June 10 Childline, No Rantzen Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson

2012 June 20 Top Banana Gary Gibson, Nick Taylor, Paul Harrison

Graded E3 6a, but thought by some to be easier than the now very polished start of the original Dead Banana Crack!

2012 June 27 End of the Line Nick Taylor, Paul Harrison, Tony

Sawbridge

2012 June 29 Canine of Brine Nick Taylor, Andy Lewandowski

2012 July 1 Sign My Name Gary Gibson, Nick Taylor

2012 July 1 Lesley Ann Nick Taylor, Paul Freeman, Gary Gibson

2012 July 2 The B.A.R.T Extension, County Marin Gary

Gibson

2012 July 7 Master of Tides Nick Taylor Solo.

2012 July 11 Sisyphian Gary Gibson

2012 July 11 Hinges Direct Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson

2012 July 22 Blood Diamond, Carbon Neutral, Chuck Berry,

Golden Lips, Silver Tongues Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson

2012 July 24 Cream Snatcher, Lowlands Gary Gibson, Hazel

Gibson

2012 July 27 Dreamcatcher Extension Gary Gibson

Probably the most popular of the recent batch of routes on Garage Buttress.

2012 Aug 5 Whine, Whine, Whine Gary Gibson

Solo.

2012 Sept 7 In Composite, Two Ton Ted from Tedding-

ton Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson

2012 Sept 7 Bohemian, Knockin' on the Bread Man's Door,

Re-Loaded, Trigger Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson

2012 Sept 16 Adios Tango Gary Gibson

2012 Sept 22 I Hate You, Unloaded Gary Gibson

Two very good finds on the upper bulges of Garage Buttress.

2012 Sept 29 Practice Ye Not, A Country Practice Gary Gib-

son, Hazel Gibson

Not in the guide, already lost to ivy.

2012 Sept 29 Grave Snatcher Gary Gibson

2012 Oct 5 Empty Cartridge, Immortal Combat Gary Gib-

son

2012 Oct 27 Disappointment, Fame, Fortune, Victoria Barce-

lona Gary Gibson

Fame was a reascent of The Dead Girls (1987) which had disappeared into the ivy and from memory.

2012 Nov 3 Revolve, Towerfull Gary Gibson

2013 Feb 19 Saag Line, Snatchemoff, Gary Gibson

2013 Feb 23 Pastry Roll, Puff Pastry Gary Gibson Solo.

2013 Feb 23 Deconstruction, Libation, Satisfaction, State of

the Nation, Suffocation Gary Gibson

Gary Gibson starts his development of Stoney West in traditional fashion.

2013 Feb 24 An Illusion, In Conversation, Isolation, No

Greenwich Mean Time, The Seclusion, Shake, Rattle and Roll,

Superstition, The Thrill of the Chase Gary Gibson

Gibson returns the next day and starts to bring Stoney West into the sports age. His addition of many new routes, and the permitted retrobolting of some existing routes, is controversial to some but in the minds of many the crag is rejuvenated. Alongside this development, Gibson cleans off many existing traditional routes.

2013 March 31 Choux Pastry Gary Gibson

Solo.

2013 March 31 Another Camden Day, Apparition, Can't Climb,

Won't Climb Gary Gibson

2013 April 2 Fluffy Roo Meets the Woodentops Gary Gib-

son

2013 April 6 Contemplation, House on a Hill Gary Gibson

2013 April 8 Matricide Gary Gibson

2013 Aug 10 Can't Stop Now, Onwards and Upwards Gary

Gibson, Hazel Gibson

2013 April 24 Tuba Mirum Gary Gibson

2013 May 2 Holly, Willow Colin Hughes, Nick Longland

2013 May 3 Joy or Despair, Voices Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson

2013 May 5 Setting of the Sun Gary Gibson, Mark Elwell

2013 May 17 A Time and a Place, Dust, Late at Night, No Finer

Place Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson

2013 May 18 Let Your Guard Down, Whisper Gary Gibson

- 2013 May 26 **Tiger Traverse, Tiger Direct** Colin Hughes, Tim Norris
- 2013 June 2 **Before Too Long** Gary Gibson, Gwyn Arnold
- 2013 June 8 **Tiger Groove** Colin Hughes, Nick Longland
- 2013 June 19 **Has She Been?** Colin Hughes, Chris Hughes
- 2013 June 25 **Mompesson Rich Pickings** Colin Hughes, Nick Longland
- 2013 July 4 **4000** Gary Gibson, Ken Hughes, Hazel Gibson, Nick Taylor, Mark Richardson, Jim Burton, Nick Colton, Ian Carr
Gary's 4000th new route. On one of the hottest days of the year in the full sun. Celebrated by a pint on the green in Litton.
- 2013 Dec 3 **The Big Leap Forward** Mark Pretty
- 2013 Dec 8 **The Trouble With Rubble** Kristian Clemmow
- 2014 Feb 28 **Glue 'em Back** Mark Pretty
- 2014 March 16 **Higherlands, Lowerlands** Gary Gibson
- 2014 March 16 **Tollbar** Kristian Clemmow
Named after a local 'chip' shop.
- 2014 March 23 **Nowt about Change** Gary Gibson
Briefly had the unenviable accolade as being the closest sport route to Sheffield!
- 2014 March 25 **Dig Deeper** Kristian Clemmow
- 2014 April 12 **Nowt Said** Gary Gibson
- 2014 April 13 **Monosod** Paul Mitchell
A right-to-left traverse of Minus Ten Wall, about 7m off the ground at E2 5c (not in the guide).
- 2014 Aug 3 **Eddie Cochrane, Got it Wrong** Gary Gibson
- 2014 Aug 31 **Brachiopods Bite Back, Corner it Is, Pearls from the Shell** Gary Gibson, Ian Carr, Marcus Buckley, Nick Bond
The first recorded sport routes in Goddard's Quarry.
- 2014 Aug 31 **Red Mist** Gary Gibson, Ian Carr
- 2014 Sept 2 **Corner it is Not, Nematodes** Gary Gibson, Dave Law
- 2014 Sept 2 **Crustacean** Gary Gibson
- 2104 Sept 28 **Turf 'em Off** Gary Gibson, Derek Allen
- 2014 Nov 2 **Rubble Rouser** Mark Pretty
- 2014 **Up Yours** Steve Lewis
Paul Freeman's project climbed in mistake, hence the name.
- 2015 March 20 **Jumping Blacks, The Blinks, Blickin' Eck, Undiscovered Blacks** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson, Andy Birtwistle
Gary cleans and equips the 'Golden Wall' on the Horseshoe bend.
- 2015 April 6 **Crozzles Away, Pebbles Away, Unbroken, Careless Tooth, Not to be Drunken Away, Heir Pitt, The Bit Man** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
(Not in the 2015 Guide) Gary opens up a new area in Goddard's Quarry named 'The Plantation'
- 2015 April 10 **Big Hair, Debrilliant, Careless Talc** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
The Plantation
- 2015 April 10 **I5 Step** Gary Gibson
(Not in the 2015 Guide) The imposing arête in Goddard's Quarry (F6c+) 2 to 300m to the right of Crustacean Wall
- 2015 April 12 **The Artful Dodger** Mark Pretty, Paul Freeman
Stoney. The last trad route to make the 2015 Guide. The peg protected steep wall to the right of Pickpocket
- 2015 April 12 **Son of a Gun, Sunny Side Up, Here Comes the Sun, Good Day Sunshine** Paul Freeman, Mark Pretty
(Not in the 2015 Guide) Another new area in Goddard's Quarry is developed

- *Sunshine Walls*
- 2015 April 21 **Eticlac, Underclac** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
The Plantation
- 2016 April 21 **Ledges they are** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
The rightmost route on Crustacean wall, Goddard's Quarry
- 2015 April 27 **Flat Light** Colin Hughes Nick Longland
(Not in the 2015 Guide) Stoney, Traffic Jam bay
- 2015 April 30 **Redeployed** Gary Gibson
(Not in the 2015 Guide) Stoney. Garage buttress. 7a extension to the left of 4000.
- 2015 May 4 **Goddard's Crack** Colin Hughes, Tim Norris
(Not in the 2015 Guide) A lovely trad VS crack is cleaned and climbed in the wastelands of Goddard's Quarry
- 2015 May 4 **End, Stop, Finale** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
(Not in the 2015 Guide) Stoney, Garage Buttress, Now the closest Sport Route to Sheffield, but for how long? The white wall and arête to the right of Aquiline.

Horseshoe Quarry

- 1982 Nov 11 **Chocolate Blancmange Gully** Chris Jackson, Bob Conway, Roy Small
A slither into the unknown, boldly where no man, or even woman, had gone before. The first ascensionists wore wellingtons and used sharpened limestone mud tools. This is not to be considered 'de rigeur'.
- 1984 Sept **Knight Rider** Senan Hennassy, P Faulkner
- 1984 Dec 10 **Legal Action** Chris Jackson, Bob Conway
- 1985 March 25 **Litany Against Fear** Mark Pretty, Ian Jones, Quentin Fisher
- 1985 March 26 **The Entropy Effect** Mark Pretty, Steve Lewis
Superseded by Private Prosecution in 1986.
- 1985 March 27 **Hot Zipperty** Mark Pretty
Solo.
- 1985 June **Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep** Mark Pretty, Ian Jones
- 1985 July **School's Out** Ian Riddington, Geoff Radcliffe
Ian was a teacher. Direct start added by Gary Gibson in 2003.
- 1985 Nov 31 **Café Bleu** Malc Taylor, Darren Hawkins
- 1985 Dec 12 **Nijinski** Darren Hawkins, Malc Taylor
- 1985 Dec 29 **Smoke Gets in your Eyes** Steve France, Chris Wright
- 1986 Dec **An Ancient Rhythm** Mark Pretty, Chris Wright, Steve France
- 1985 **Megalithic Man** Ian French, Chris Wright, Steve France
The original line up the fluting was much harder.
- 1985 **Nice Face, Shame About the Ledge** Steve France, Ian French, Chris Wright
- 1985 **Rain Dance** Ian French, Chris Wright
- 1986 Jan 7 **Shot Yer Bolt** Steve France, Ian French, Chris Wright, Mark Pretty
- 1986 Jan 15 **Lost Monolith** Ian French, Steve France, Mark Pretty, John Godding
- 1986 Jan 17 **Conformist** John Godding, Richie Brooks
A girdle traverse of sorts starting up Lost Monolith and finishing right of Demolition Man. (E2 6a). Now forms part of Monster Traverse.
- 1986 Jan 22 **White Dove** Chris Wright, Ian French, John Godding, Richie Brooks
- 1986 Jan 25 **PM.'s Question Time** Malc Taylor, Darren Hawkins, T Goodwin
- 1986 Jan 25 **Southern Man** John Godding, Mark Pretty
- 1986 Jan 26 **Into the Labyrinth** Chris Wright, Mark Pretty, Andy Goring
- 1986 Jan 26 **Demolition Man** Ian French, Mark Pretty
- 1986 Feb 13 **Say it With Flowers** Mark Pretty, Ian French, John Godding
- 1986 Feb 16 **Blue Sunday** Steve France, Mark Pretty, Chris Wright, Ian French
- 1986 Feb 19 **The French Connection** Ian French, Chris Wright (alt), Mark Pretty
A girdle traverse of sorts extending Conformist and finishing up Say it With Flowers. (E4 6a). Now forms part of Monster Traverse.
- 1986 Feb **Pointless Plod** I Barton

- 1986 Feb 21 **Rotund Rooley** Mark Pretty, D Whaley, Johnny Dawes
- 1986 Feb 23 **Mr. Blue Sky** Chris Wright, Steve France
- 1986 Feb 24 **Physical Fizz** Mark Pretty
- 1986 March 2 **Golden Label, Golden Tights** S Ralph, A Dight
- 1986 March 2 **Wall of Jericho** Steve France, Chris Wright, Ian French, Andy Goring
- 1986 March 11 **While the Cat's Away** Steve France, B Hine
- 1986 March 22 **Liquid Engineering** Tony Kartawick
- 1986 April 20 **Like Ice, Like Fire** Chris Jackson, Bob Conway
- 1986 April 22 **Dalkon Shield** Bob Conway, Chris Jackson
- 1986 April 26 **Galening Crack** Bill Wintrip, Roy Small
- 1986 April 26 **Order Number 59** Chris Jackson, Al Churcher
- 1986 April 30 **Spectrophotometry** Senan Hennassy, Ian Smith
- 1986 April **The White's Height** 'Chipper'
If it hasn't all fallen down by now, it will soon. It took the crack in the left-hand side of the obvious white pinnacle on the left when entering the quarry.
- 1986 May 1 **Riser** Senan Hennassy
An arête left of Into The Labyrinth 'High up is an obvious cave . 2m right of is an arête. . . .'
- 1986 May 2 **Spring Awakening** Senan Hennassy, Ian Smith
- 1986 May 3 **Pot Washer's Wall** Bill Gregory, Dave Gregory
- 1986 May 24 **Gritstone Transplant** Dave Gregory, Bill Gregory
A wide crack somewhere between Androids... and The Man From Delmonte... Now lost.
- 1986 June 6 **Slabbering Slab** S Ralph
- 1986 June 26 **Dinky Toy** Nigel Slater, P Grant
- 1986 June **Bimbo Drops his Codpiece, Bimbo on the Loose, Bimbo's Arête, Bimbo's Off-day Route, Chicken, Cob, Footprint, Grockle's Gully, Little Damocles, Shetland Chimney** S Ralph
- 1986 June **Bimbo Has his Head Examined** S Ralph, A Dight
- 1986 Aug 4 **First Day of Winter** Bill Gregory, E Taylor
- 1986 Aug 4 **Blade Runner** Bill Gregory, Dave Gregory
- 1986 Oct 1 **Heart to Heart** Mark Pretty, Ian French, Chris Wright, Richie Brooks
- 1986 **Esso Blue** Steve France, Ian French
- 1986 **Esso Extra** Steve France, I Barton
- 1986 **The Party Animal** Mark Pretty, Sean Coffey, John Godding
- 1986 **Private Prosecution** Ian French, Steve France
Direct start added by Gary Gibson on 21 Jan 1998.
- 1986 **Supplementary Question** Chris Wright, Mark Pretty, Andy Goring
- 1987 Jan 3 **Run for Your Wife** Mark Pretty, Chris Plant
- 1987 Jan 6 **Screwy Driver** Mark Pretty Ian French
On 19/9/93 a large fridge-sized flake came away with a climber attached! The climber recovered after a trip to hospital, which is more than can be said for the rope.
- 1987 Jan 25 **Sunday Sport** Mark Pretty
- 1987 Sept 23 **Due Care and Attention** Al Churcher
Extended in 1998 by Gary Gibson.
- 1987 Dec 13 **Cold Sweat** Martin Whittaker, Dave Pendlebury
- 1988 May 18 **Minnie Strikes Back** Martin Whittaker. 'Dubbo' Smith

1988 June 15 **Bimbomaniac** Martin Whittaker, Dave Pendlebury
 1988 Oct 30 **Snap, Crackle, Pop** B Clarke, M Clarke
 1990 March 11 **Bootiful Bernard Matthews** Bob Marks, Jim Kelly
 1991 Jan 4 **Poisonality** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
 1991 Sept 28 **Let's Kill Dill** Simon Cundy
Let's Kill Dill was more or less subsumed by The Dust Bunnies although its finish was slightly to the right.
 1991 Oct 2 **The Running Man** Jim Kelly, Bob Marks
 1992 April 20 **Hardcore, You Know the Score** John Cort, Jim Kelly
 1992 May 31 **The Colostomy Finish** Lucian Cottle, Jim Kelly
 1992 June 27 **Sound as a Carp** Anthony Bennett, Chris Goodwin
 1992 **Therapy** Simon Cundy
 1992 **Waves of Mutilation** Simon Cundy
 1993 Feb 25 **Big Fat Texan in a Corner** Dave Simmonite, Nigel Smart
Both led.
 1993 June 5 **Passage of Time** Jim Kelly, Bob Marks
 1993 June 13 **Exceeding the Speed Limit** Jim Kelly, Bob Marks
 1994 **The Little Thin Mexican Across the Border** Dave Simmonite, Duncan Frisch
 1996 Nov 20-21 **Taylor-Parkinson Gully (alt)** Nick Taylor Tim Parkinson (alt)
Climbed overnight in hard winter conditions, ascensionists and all equipment needed a bath afterwards. The crux is dry-tooling a short corner at 2/3rds height.
 1997 **Compromise** Bruce Goodwin, Dave Gregory, John Warburton
 1998 Jan 24 **Megalithic Man Super-Direct, Private Prosecution Direct** Gary Gibson
 1998 Jan 29 **Flatworld** Gary Gibson
 1998 Feb 22 **The Gunslinger** Gary Gibson, Rick Gibbon
The route fell down with Gibson trying to get some of his bolt hangers back as the debris descended.
 1998 March 21 **Bruce's Bonus** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
This was the straightening out of a Bruce Goodwin route named A Serial Affair.
 1998 March **Bloodguard** Bill Birch, Sean Coleman
 1998 March **Drool Rock Worm, Foul's Bane, Rainbow Warrior, Ring Thane, Stonethroat** Bill Birch, Rick Gibbon
 1998 April 3 **No Way is Patience a Virtue** Nick Taylor
Originally E1 5c, bolted in 2000?
 1998 April 18 **Excavator** Gary Gibson
Soloed thinking that it had already been climbed after cleaning by Sean Coleman.
 1998 April 18 **Skin Flint, Vent Your Spleen** Gary Gibson
 1998 April 19 **Sliver** Gary Gibson
 1998 April 22 **The Stomach Pump** Gary Gibson
 1998 April 26 **Porgi Amor, Gouranga, Fifty Bolts to the Galion** Nadim Siddiqui, Nick Colton
 1998 April **Montezuma's Revenge** Dave Simmonite, Nadim Siddiqui
 1998 April **Nullo in Mundo Pax Sincera** Nadim Siddiqui
 1998 May 28 **Uranus** Luke Hunt, Michael Hunt, Jane Livingstone
 Luke was aged 9 at the time!

1998 June 28 **Klingon** Ross Pearson, Michael Hunt, Jane Livingstone, C Bryant
 1998 June 28 **Luke Skywalker** Michael Hunt, Jane Livingstone, C Bryant, J Pemblington, Ross Pearson
 1998 **Dream Topping** Michael Hunt, Jane Livingstone, Dave Glover
 1998 **Sago Slab** Dave Glover, Michael Hunt, Jane Livingstone
Sago Slab and Dream Topping were also climbed on the same day. Dave Glover made the first lead and Jane and I made leads at the same time. Dave used traditional expansion (Rawl) bolts on Sago Slab which was so amusing seeing the rock fracture as he tightened the bolts! My biggest regret is not to have squeezed an eliminate line in between Dream Topping and Chocolate Blanc-mange Gully. This could be a fine line called Hundreds and Thousands! One for the next generation. Mike Hunt 2015
 1998 **Saturn's Rings** John Pemberton with members of the HPCG
Members of The High Peak Climbing Group.
 1998 **Slab Cake, Spare Rib (The Slabs)** Michael Hunt, Jane Livingstone
Both climbed by Jane and Mike on the same day after a lot of cleaning.
 1999 Jan 23 **Spiteful Rain** Nick Taylor
As a trad route at HVS 5a. 'Cleaned then rope-solo, with hot-aches, in drizzle which turned heavy just as I was near the top'. Accidentally bolted in 2001 by Dave Williams and called First Prize. The huge block at the bottom of the climb came from high up on the route and was removed using just an 18" tyre lever!
 1999 Feb 19 **Drumming in a Lay-by** Nick Taylor, Tim Gallagher
Led on-sight, cleaned on the lead.
 1999 Feb 20 **Greedor** Nick Taylor
Originally climbed on the left side at the top but was also climbed (trad) on the right at the same grade. Retrobolts have been (badly) placed on the right side which can now be climbed more easily at f6a, this poor addition is not an independent route.
 1999 Feb 23 **Avoiding the Issue** Gary Gibson
 1999 Oct 16 **The Rotten Word, Decaydance** Gary Gibson
 1999 Nov 28 **Cinema Rage** Nick Taylor, Sean McCloughlin
 1999 Nov 28 **Race of the Freuds** Nick Taylor, Sean McCloughlin
Originally climbed trad at E3 6a, the crux has become easier with traffic since it was bolted in September 2002.
 1999 **Vogon** Mike Hunt, Jane Livingstone
 2000 Feb 6 **Peckling Fever** Nick Taylor, Alan Taylor, Matt Silcox
Originally led trad at E1 5b. Easier since a block came off the top break leaving a fair-sized hold. Bolted September 2002.
 2000 Feb 13 **Monkey Snatched My Walkman** Nick Taylor
Direct start added and bolted by Gary Gibson November 2002, renamed Monkey Business? After 'demolition work' to remove loose rock, the route was reclaimed as Mutley Stole My Route Man by Gary Gibson in 2008.
 2000 June 13 **Seated Moon** Nick Taylor
 2000 **Neanderthal, Trog** Michael Hunt, Jane Livingstone
 2000 **Spare Rib (Left-Hand Walls)** Graham Wolstencroft, Mark Boulton
Bolted by Dave Williams.
 2001 **Chauvi's Slab** Michael Hunt, Jane Livingstone
 2001 March 30 **Mr Cellulite's Arête, Pale Rider** Gary Gibson
Solo.
 2001 April 8 **Any Old Iron** Gary Gibson, Tim Parkinson, Nick Taylor
 2001 April 8 **Tors Colon** Gary Gibson, Tim Parkinson

2001 April 10 **Cretan** Gary Gibson
 2001 April 11 **Theseus-Saurus, The Miner Tour** Gary Gibson
 2001 April 13 **Austin Powers** Gary Gibson, Nick Taylor
 2001 April 18 **Oy Missus, Mumble Jumble** Gary Gibson
 2001 April 21 **Do It Yourself** Gary Gibson
 2001 April 21 **Fargo** Gary Gibson, Gordon Mason
 2001 April 27 **Rage, Desperate Measures** Gary Gibson
 2001 May 4 **Dapper Dan** Gary Gibson, Richie Sanderson
 2001 May 4 **No Flair Blair** Gary Gibson
 2001 May 5 **The Blood Bank** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
 2001 May 5 **Labour Relations** Gary Gibson, Tim Gallagher
 2001 May 8 **Foreign Tongues** Gary Gibson
 Solo.
 2001 May 8 **Treatment** Gary Gibson
 2001 May 13 **A Liberal Smear** Gary Gibson
 2001 May 13 **Dr Who?, Mucker's Wall** Gary Gibson Solo.
 2001 July 25 **Beam Me Across Scotty** Bruce Goodwin, Tina Priestley
"Led on sight, which was exciting because it was gardenes as I went. A bit of rubbish came off!! Tina managed to remove anything I'd missed - albeit inadvertently. I used Friends and Nuts until already bolted routes were reached."
 2001 Nov 5 **Clean Your Mouth Out** Gary Gibson
 2001 Nov 10 **Bad Boys Ink, Unruly Behaviour** Gary Gibson
 2001 Nov 11 **The Leading Line** Gary Gibson, Keith Redhill, Steve Lunt
 2001 Nov 18 **A Right Earful** Gary Gibson, Eric Simpson, Rob Wheatley
 2001 Nov 28 **Bandolier, Sharing Best Practice** Gary Gibson
 2001 Dec 2 **White Fingers** Gary Gibson
 2001 Dec 8 **Her Aklion, Lovely Bubbly, Statuesque, Taking Liberties** Gary Gibson
 2001 Dec 22 **It's All Greek to Me, Mice Breaker** Gary Gibson
 2001 Dec 23 **The Cake Walk** Gary Gibson
 Solo.
 2001 **A Tracky Little Bleeder, A Tracky Little Problem, Barney Rubble, Gargle Blaster** Michael Hunt, Jane Livingstone
 2001 **Bird Island, Madagascar, Out of Africa, Seychelles** Dave Williams, Geoff Middlehurst
 2001 **Calamity Jane, The Dogs, Jeff Garrett, Willie the Kid** Dave Williams, Geoff Middlehurst
 2001 Dec 26 **Christmas Pudding** Luke Hunt, Michael Hunt
They made an early start and Mike was busy cleaning the route when Gary Gibson arrived. "That's boxing clever" was Gary's comment.!
 2001 **Citizen's Arête, Off Limits, The Whinger** Dave Williams, Geoff Middlehurst
 2001 **Maillon Sunday, Senter Home, Tirfin USA, Tirfir Off, Tirf's High** Dave Williams, Geoff Middlehurst
 2001 **Olive Oil, Removal Men, Some Place** Dave Williams, Geoff Middlehurst
 2001 **Sir Pryse** Dave Williams
 2002 Feb 9 **By Zeus, Kushti** Gary Gibson
 2002 Feb 16 **Collared, Sag Paneer** Gary Gibson
 2002 Feb 17 **Pelvic Thrust** Gary Gibson, Nick Taylor
 2002 March 17 **Oh Brother Where Art Thou?** Gary Gibson

2002 Nov 22 **Grab Your Mandrakes, School's Out Direct** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
 2002 Nov 30 **Monkey Business, Waves of Mutilation Direct** Gary Gibson
Monkey Business was a direct, bolted version of Monkey Stole My Walkman (2000). Dismantled by Dave Williams as part of 'crag restoration'. It was replaced after removal of much loose rock by Mutley Stole My Route Man (2008).
 2002 **Burundi, Elizabeville, Kariba, Mombassa, Pretoria, Simonstown, Victoria Falls, Zanzibar** Dave Williams, Geoff Middlehurst
 2003 Jan 18 **The Mexican Takes Lexican, Sahara** Gary Gibson
 2003 Jan 31 **Big Rock Candy Mountain, Everett's Arête, FOP, Man of Constant Sorrow, Mind Yer Head, The Soggy Bottom Boys, Townships** Gary Gibson
 2003 March 9 **The Director's Cut** Gary Gibson, Nick Taylor, Harold Walmsley, Tim Parkinson
 2003 Nov 16 **Litany Against Fear Direct** Gary Gibson, Nick Taylor
 2003 Nov 23 **Slam the Jam** Gary Gibson, Nick Taylor
 2003 Nov 30 **Due Care and Attention extension** Gary Gibson, Nick Taylor
 2003 **Armitage, The Bog, The Sewer, Shanks, The Small Room, Thomas Crapper, Twyford** Dave Williams, Geoff Middlehurst
 2003 **Latrine** Dave Williams, Mark Boulton
 2003 **Potty** Dave Williams, Matthew Webster
 2004 Jan 25 **He Seems So Sumo** Gary Gibson
 2005 Oct 22 **Corgi Registered** Gary Gibson, Mark Richardson
 2005 Nov 14 **Corinthian Spirit, In the Jailhouse, Po Lazarus** Gary Gibson Solo.
 2005 Dec 18 **African, Weakened Warrior** Gary Gibson
 2005 Dec 25 **Christmas Presence, Steeping the Goose, Turkey Shoot** Gary Gibson
 2006 Jan 1 **Freodonia, NYD** Gary Gibson
 2006 Jan 30 **Almost There, Minnie Grip** Gary Gibson
 2006 Sept 16 **Tawny Owl Pie** Dave Williams, Gary Gibson
 2006 Nov 1 **Babe the Blue Axe** Gary Gibson
 Solo.
 2006 Nov 2 **African't, The Dark Tower** Gary Gibson
 2006 Dec 23 **The Libertines, Slay the Gray, Torchwood** Gary Gibson
 2006 **Andrex, De Throne, Eau de Toilette, Latrec, On Uranus, The Owl, Toilet Graffiti, Two Loos** Dave Williams, Geoff Middlehurst
 2006 **Eddie McStiff** Ian ???, Dave ???
 2006 **Slabby But Nice** Dave Williams
Bolted by Dave Williams, but possibly climbed earlier.
 2007 Jan 14 **Promises** Gary Gibson, Nick Taylor, Ian Milward
 2007 Jan 19 **Down to the Last** Gary Gibson
 2007 Jan 20 **Easy Come, Easy Go** Gary Gibson
 Solo.
 2007 Sept 23 **Toilet Humour** Gary Gibson
 Solo.
 2007 Dec 15 **Still Nacht** Gary Gibson
 Solo.

- 2007 Dec 26 **Mutley Stole my Route Man** Gary Gibson
The resurrection of Monkey Stole my Walkman which was dismantled by Dave 'Mutley' Williams.
- 2007 **Bit of Spare Thyme, Brew Thyme, Bridge over the River Thyme, Fat Betty, Porridge, Take Your Thyme, Thyme Out, What's the Thyme?** Dave Williams, Geoff Middlehurst
- 2007 **You Crack Me Up** Dave Simmonite, Ian Smith
- 2008 April 13 **Sam in Your Eye** Gary Gibson
- 2008 July 4 **Seven Eleven** Gary Gibson, Nick Taylor
- 2008 Nov 29 **The Hippy, Hippy Shakes, Underslung** Gary Gibson
- 2008 Nov 30 **Shell Super** Gary Gibson, Keith Bridgens
- 2008 Dec 21 **Finishing Off** Gary Gibson
- 2008 **Desperate Dan, Fine and Dandy** Dave Williams, Geoff Middlehurst
- 2009 Jan 16 **Hornby, Ma Marmalade** Gary Gibson
- 2009 Jan 16 **Olympiakus** Gary Gibson
- 2009 Jan 23 **Don't Try This at Home, New Bolts and Yanks** Gary Gibson
- 2009 Jan 31 **Fragmented** Gary Gibson
- 2009 Feb 7 **Tirfin Mandrakes** Gary Gibson
- 2009 **Before the War, Union Jack** Dave Williams, Jack Williams
- 2009 **Booker Prize, During the War, Prince of Wales, Repulse** Dave Williams, Geoff Middlehurst
- 2009 **Sam and Mary** Dave Williams, Dave Eaton
- 2009 **Second Prize** Dave Williams, Keith Bridgens
- 2010 April 5 **The Gobbler, Harvey Wallbanger** Gary Gibson
- 2010 April 6 **Crunch Yer Nuts** Gary Gibson
Solo.
- 2010 April 6 **The Fire Hang, Hang Fire** Gary Gibson
- 2010 April 7 **Unhung** Gary Gibson
- 2010 April 8 **Pig in a Poke** Gary Gibson
Solo.
- 2010 April 8 **Bad Blood** Gary Gibson
- 2010 Nov 7 **The Long Walk** Gary Gibson
- 2010 Nov 21 **Jam Slice** Gary Gibson
- 2010 Nov 21 **Nine Eleven** Gary Gibson, Keith Bridgens, Tim Parkinson
- 2010 **Bimbo Does Limbo** Gary Gibson
Solo. Also claimed as You Fail Me in 2011 by Nick Taylor.
- 2010 **Red Rum** Dave Williams, Geoff Middlehurst
- 2011 Jan 20 **Farmer's Seed, Top Gobbler** Gary Gibson
- 2011 Jan 21 **Golden Grockle** Gary Gibson
Solo.
- 2011 Jan 31 **Nowt Taken Out, There Will Be Blood** Gary Gibson
- 2011 Feb 14 **Broken to Bits, That Old DA Look** Gary Gibson
- 2012 Feb 1 **Daffie, Donald, Goofy, Mickey, Minnie, Pluto** Gary Gibson
Solo.
- 2012 Feb 14 **Crumbs, Tracker Bar** Gary Gibson
Solo.

Stoney Area Bouldering

Many of the older classic problems here were developed by Tom Proctor, Pete Kirton, Jerry Moffatt, Quentin Fisher, Sean Myles and Mark Pretty.

- Au Revoir Monodoigt** David Cope, 1986
- Alacrity** Robin Mueller, 2008
- All The Way** Will Kelsall, 2011
- Andronicus** Dawid Skoczylas, 2007
- Eye of Nowt** Robin Mueller, 2008
- Fingermuse** Robin Mueller, 2008
- Golden Wall Traverse** Robin Mueller
- Hannibal** Dawid Skoczylas, 2010
- King Cannibal** Dan Varian, 2010
- Meander** Robin Mueller, 2008
- Pursuit of Alacrity** James Thornton, 2014
- Tamora** Dan Varian, 2010
- Tom's Roof** Tom Proctor
- The Far Sidle** Robin Mueller, 2008
- Titus** Dan Varian
- Wayfarer** Robin Mueller, 2008



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RUBICON / MOAT BUTTRESS / THE CORNICE / CENTRAL BUTTRESS +++

Katy Whittaker on The Sissy, F8a. Photo: Alex Messenger.

1933 The Gully 1933 Clifford Moyer, Eric Byne
A dismal fissure to escape from below the Cornice. Done after admiring the grander architecture.

1933 Crystalline Clifford Moyer, Eric Byne
A tentative look at an easier buttress line.

c1957 Axe Edge Buttress Barry Roberts, Stan Wroe, Graham West
A lethal and grossly undergraded line 'Laughingly graded as Severe'.

c1957 China Rib Michael Roberts, Graham West
A first look at Central Buttress.

c1957 Cicatrix, Matto Grosso Chimney, Orchid Crack Graham West, Barry Roberts
Orchid Crack was a Diff crack formed by junction of The Everglades and Cupid Buttress. Now lost to the ivy.

c1957 Crumbling Cracks A Williams, Mike Harobin (alt)
Graham West and Malc Baxter also made an early ascent.

c1957 Droppammer Graham West, Barry Roberts, Stan Wroe
The first attack on Mill Buttress, while going down to explore Central Buttress.

c1957 Eros, The Fairy, The Keep Graham West and the MGCC
New club members were pointed to The Keep(!)... and encouraged to make a death-defying jump from the pinnacle top.

c1957 Ginza Crack, Orient Route John Seger, Sonny Lee

c1958 Carillon Crack (A2) Probably Graham West, Barry Roberts
"Climbed on doubtful pitons in the overhang..."
Free-climbed by Ron Fawcett in 1976.

c1958 Chiming Crack (A1) Eric Fairhurst, Sonny Lee
Graham West and Malc Baxter also made an early ascent.
Originally described as 'pleasant piton work', the route was eventually freed in 1976 by Tom Proctor. "

c1958 Hemingway's Horror (S & A1) Graham West, Barry Roberts
Free-climbed by Tom Proctor, Geoff Birtles, Ernie Marshall, Winter 1975.

c1958 The Bellringer (S & A2) A Williams, J Smithson
Free-climbed by Tom Proctor, Al Evans, Ernie Marshall, Paul 'Tui' Braithwaite, Winter 1975.

1959 May Nemesis (A3) Graham West, Barry Roberts (vl)
"An extremely strenuous climb, short but magnificent, which took 5 hours. 5 gologs were needed to solve the problem"
'Only for really proficient peggers and if, for instance, you find gritstone peg routes such as London Wall at Millstone Edge, or Wilton Face at Wilton Quarries, difficult, then you are not yet ready for Mecca or Nemesis' 1965. Climbed with one point of aid by Dominic Lee in the early 1980s.
Free-climbed by Tim Freeman in 1984, and renamed Brachiation Dance."

1959 The Arrow Brian Bamford, Jack Arrundale

1959 Drip, Dry, Corner Crack, Sermon Wall (S & A2) Michael Roberts, Graham West
The first attack on the prominent Church Buttress. Sermon Wall was free-climbed by Al Evans in 1970.

1959 Flyaway Crack Graham West, Jack Taylor

1959 Hairy Legs (HS & A2) Graham West, Stan Wroe, Barry Roberts (vl)
Steep and exposed. Said to be so named because while looking down from a bridging position all that could be seen was hairy grass Free-climbed by Tom Proctor, Ernie Marshall in 1976.

1959 Hippo's Chimney, Crocodile (HS & A1) Graham West, Barry Roberts (alt)
Climbed after a close look at Swamp Wall. Crocodile was free-climbed pre-1969.

1959 Last Chance John Seger, Stan Wroe

1959 Mangrove Slab Brian Bamford, Jack Arrundale
The centre of the slab right of Marsh Dwellers Rib, HVD. Lost to the ivy.

1959 Pentagon Route (S & A1) Brian Bamford, Barry Roberts
Free-climbed by Con Carey in 1976.

1959 Ping (4 pts) Graham West, Barry Roberts
At the time one of the best routes in the dale. The crack was climbed using 4 pitons and no etriers. Using the pitons for handholds and tiny footholds on each side, extended stretches and good balance moves are needed to keep the number of pitons down to four! Free-climbed by Keith Myhill in the early seventies.

1959 Pong (A1) Graham West, Barry Roberts
'All the holds look unsafe ... but are quite solid'. Free-climbed by Keith Myhill in the early seventies.

1959 The Quiver Graham West, Jack Arrundale

1959 Ribcrusher Crack (VS & lpt) Graham West, Gordon Crearer
Free-climbed by Al Evans in 1970.

1959 Ring-a-Ding (A1) Probably Graham West, Gordon Crearer
Free-climbed by Jim Campbell, Al Evans in 1976 and renamed Ringmaster. Also called Ringmaster's Crack.

1959 Tip Toe Wall Graham West, Barry Roberts (alt)
A Direct Finish was added by Al Evans in 1976.

1959 Weaver's Wall (S & A1) Brian Bamford, Jack Arrundale (alt)
First free ascent by Jim Reading, Clive Jones in 1976.

1959 Vicar's Vertigo (A2) Barry Roberts, Stan Wroe
Once over the overhang leaders often found that they couldn't move owing to rope jam. Doug Scott made an all-nut ascent in 1967. First free ascent by Tom Proctor, Geoff Birtles in 1975.

1959 Virgin's Crack Graham West, Jack Arrundale

c1959 Marsh Dwellers' Rib (A1) Graham West, C Smith
"Something of a classic for novice peggers. It doesn't need a lot of pegs, but demands a little thought and technique".
Free-climbed by Pete Livesey, Jill Lawrence in 1976."

Pre-1960 Pulpit Wall Unknown
A line on the right-hand side of Church Buttress, HVD.

Pre-1960 Double L Route Unknown
Double L Route, VD, a similar line to Dry leading to the top of the pinnacle.

Pre-1960 Pinnacle Crack Unknown
Pinnacle Crack, S, a similar line to Drip.

Pre-1960 Burning Bright Unknown
Burning Bright, VS & A2, between Crumbling Cracks and China Rib to tree and groove on right.

Pre-1960 Flake Chimney Unknown
Flake Chimney, VD, possibly Ringing Chimney.

Pre-1960 Bee Bee Wall, VD, near Orchid Crack Unknown
Somewhere between Cupid Buttress and Marsh Dwellers Rib; now lost in the ivy.

1960 June St Paul (S & A2) Dave Peck, Paul Nunn (alt)
The route was started by Al Parker and Paul Nunn the same day as West did Knuckle Knocker. It was finished during Nunn's school holiday.

1960 Dec Behemoth (S & A2) Paul Nunn, Brian Barlow, Barry Ingle (alt)
"During the bleak winter which followed... On the top pitch Nunn, depegging by torchlight, fell into space with a piton. As everyone had tired of the rain and cold, he was lowered, spinning like an illuminated top, to the ground."
Free-climbed by Ron Fawcett, Pete Livesey in 1976."

1960 Rubicon (S & A3) James Curtis, Ian Bretherick

Climbed with 2 points of aid in 1976 by Geoff Birtles. Free-climbed by Tom Proctor in 1979.

1960 Dead Tree Crack (lpt) Jim Curtis, Pete Hanson
Free-climbed by 1976.

1960 Dead Tree Groove (VS & lpt) Jim Curtis, Pete Hanson
Free-climbed by 1976.

1960 Alpha Groove Peter Bamfield, Alan Ellison

1960 Witchcraft Wall (S & A2) Peter Bamfield, Alan Ellison
Free-climbed solo by Neil Molnar in 1981.

1960 Knuckle Knocker (VS exposed, A2) Barry Roberts, Graham West
Free-climbed by Keith Myhill in the early seventies.

1961 Summer Bow String Groove Graham West, Malc Baxter
No pegs were used.

1961 Midnight Cracks (S & exposed A2) Graham West, Jack Taylor
"The first new route of the year with 'loose alarming pegs' on the second pitch. Pitch 1 (A1) free-climbed by Jim Reading, Jim Moran, Con Carey in 1976 as Disparagement."
Pitch 2 free-climbed by Jim Moran, Geoff Milburn in 1980 and renamed Time Warp.

1961 Dude's Route Jim Heys, Clive Weston

1961 Jumping Beans Wall (HS & 2pts) Dave Crilly, Jim Heys, Clive Weston, Malc Baxter
Free-climbed by 1969.

1961 The Fledgling (S & A1) Malc Baxter, Jim Heys
"We didn't know much about pegging. Jim tied on to a cow's tail!" Free-climbed at VS by 1969.

1961 Iron Hat (hard A1) Graham West, Jack Taylor (alt)
Free-climbed by Andy Barker in 1981 and renamed Morion.

1961 Oscar's Groove (VS, 2 pts) Malc Baxter, Jim Heys
Free-climbed by 1976.

1961 The Ugly Duckling Malc Baxter, Jim Heys (alt)
A route on the right of Swamp Wall which made for an obvious crack in the upper section. Superseded by Green Money/Liang Shang Po.

1961 Rainmaker's Rib Jim Heys, Malc Baxter (alt)

1962 March West's Groove (VS & A2) Graham West
Solo. Climbed free by Andy Barker in 1981 as Under Western Eyes.

1962 Dec The Theorem (A2) Geoff Whittaker, Malc Baxter
The upper part of the route was climbed free by Daniel and Dominic Lee in 1981 and renamed Agrippa's Knees.

1962 Specialist (A1 & VS) Barry Roberts, Malc Baxter
Climbed free in 1982 by Johnny Woodward.

1962 The Vision (A1) Malc Baxter, Jim Heys
Climbed free by Ron Fawcett in 1982.

1963 Spring Early One Morning (VS, shoulders + 2 pegs) Tony Howard, K Chadwick
Climbed shoulderless and free by Julian Taylor, Neil Molnar in 1983.

1963 Late Night Slab Tony Howard, K Chadwick
A Severe climb 50m left of The Keep which has since returned to nature.

1964 March The Creeper (VS & A1) Chris Jackson, John 'Ackers' Atkinson
"A serious expedition; harder than but inferior to the Chee Tor Girdle and largely overlooked."
Repeated and claimed shortly after by Paul Seddon, and Tony Howard who took

over 13 hours. Climbed free by Simon Nadin, Richard Davies in 1982.

1964 Dec Ardennes (A3), Christmas Cracks Tony Howard
Members of the Rimmon Mountaineering Club (probably Tony Howard et al). Climbed free as Pragma in 1988 by Richard Davies.

1964 Jungle Jim (VS & A1) Members of the North Staffordshire Mountaineering Club
Led free by Ron Fawcett in 1976.

1964 Coldity Crack (A1) Pete Bagnell, Dan Murphy
The first section, which formed the start of the free route Coldity Groove was climbed by Jim Campbell and Con Carey in 1976. The rest was climbed free and formed a free version with the same name by Pete O'Donovan in 1976.

1964 Battle of the Bulge (A1) Tony Howard, John Amatt
Climbed free by Simon Nadin in 1989 as The Inch Test.

1965 Feb 3 Piranha Wall (VS, A2) Bob Dearman, Rob Brown (alt)
"Climbed free by Chris Jackson and Bob Conway in 1976."
'R D Brown led the final pitch of Moat Wall, while Dearman is responsible for that fine mixed route of Piranha Wall. Chris Jackson meanwhile attempted a route to the left, but retreated in disgust, leaving a hula-hoop to indicate the way'.

1965 Feb 6 Moat Wall (VS & A2) Rod Brown, Bob Dearman
Free climbed by Chris Wright on the 25 Nov 1989.

1965 Feb 10 The Bleb (A1) Oliver Woolcock, Paul Nunn
First free ascent by Gary Gibson, John Walker on 30 August 1981 as Zero Option.

1965 Swamp Wall (VS & A1) Malc Baxter, Geoff Whittaker
Superseded by the free routes of Lassa Fever and Water Margin by Chris Jackson in 1976.

1966 Ping Pong (HVS & 3 pts) Unknown
Aid reduced to 1pt by 1969 and completely freed by Keith Myhill in the early 1970s.

1966 March The Troll (HVS & 2 pts) Tony Howard, B Hodgkinson
Free-climbed by 1976 by Tom Proctor, Ernie Marshall, Gabe Regan, Jim Moran.

1966 March Serendipity (1 pt) Ted Rogers, B Samuels
Appeared as Sweet William (A1) in the 1969 guide.

1966 March Lost Arête Ted Rogers, Pete Olive

1966 Apr 2 Convulsion (A3) Bob Dearman, Gavin Parnell
Dedicated to the memory of Gavin Parnell who was killed on Ben Nevis shortly after the first ascent.

1966 Apr Portcullis (A1) B Samuels, Bob Dearman, Ted Rodgers
Superseded by the free route 'Convoy' by Jim Reading, M Checkly and Jeremy Frost in 1976.

1966 Sep Triton (A3) Brian Moore, Jim Ballard, D Land
Pitch 1 free-climbed in 1976 by Chris Jackson and Bob Conway. Pitch 2 climbed free in 1984 by Chris Plant, Mark Pretty and called Jaws II.

1966 Dec 4 Behemoth Direct Start (A1, hard) Brian Moore, Jim Ballard
A blind move at 5m. There still is! Done without aid in 1980 by Jim Moran and Geoff Milburn. Now incorporated into the main line.

1966 Dec 27 The Flying Dutchman (A3 & VS) Jim Ballard, Brian Moore
Pitch 3 climbed free by Geoff Birtles, Al Evans and Tom Proctor in 1976 (Sheerwater, pitch 1). Pitch 1 was free-climbed by Gary Gibson in 1988. The whole route was free-climbed in 1999 by Andy Cave et al.

1966 Dec Damascus Road (A2, hard) Brian Moore, Jim

Ballard

'A serious undertaking'. Freed and superseded by Leviathan done by Daniel and Dominic Lee in 1981.

1967 Jan 22 **Excalibur (A2)** Brian Moore, Jim Ballard
Free-climbed by Andy Pollitt in 1986 after strong efforts by other climbers.
1967 Feb 5 **Crab Walk (VS & AI)** Brian Moore, Jim Ballard
Climbed largely free, but the few pts of aid were eliminated by Gary Gibson and Derek Beestestone in 1982.

1967 Feb 12 **Knut Kracker (S & A2)** Brian Moore, Jim Ballard
A poor route, largely superseded by the free-climbs: *The Alien* and *Warhead*.

1967 July 22 **The Crunch (A3)** Brian Moore, B Earnshaw
The roof had 'a housebrick formation which disintegrates when hammered'.

1968 **Emulator (HVS with Ipt)** Jeff Morgan, Bob Toogood
A poor route, probably unrepeated.

1968 **Swamp Wall Main Overhang (A2)** Bob Brownridge, John Childs

Pitch 1 only. Pitch 2 (A3) was added by Bob Brownridge, K Hopkins in 1970.

1968 - 1969 **Ping, Ping Pong, Pong** Keith Myhill
"I did free climb Ping, Pong and Ping Pong and at the time thought they were first free ascents. I climbed most of the time 1968 and 69 with Tom Proctor and one of these Tom seconded and found it hard so I was pleased, one was not followed and I had to abseil to retrieve runners and on one was a bunch of lads who were trying to free it and I had a go and was successful, I think they were from the Peak Climbing club where I had been a member a few years before when I first went to live in Sheffield. Tom, who was a local expert, thought they were first free ascents at the time." Keith Myhill 2015.

1969 Apr 13 **Kudos (A2)** Brian Moore, Bruce Andrews (alt)
The second pitch was free-climbed in 1976 by Jim Reading, Jim Moran and Con Carey as *Disparagement*. The first 'lost' pitch leads directly to the bottom of the groove of *Time Warp*.

1969 Apr 27 **Alligator Crawl (A2)** Brian Moore, Bruce Andrews (vl)
The roof (pitch 2) was sieged. "...using a series of dubious blocks". The last year of the 'iron-men'.

1969 June 12 **Cornice Traverse (A3)** Bob Brownridge
Climbed in stages between June 12 to June 28 and July 5 to July 10. A solo ascent with over 11 days of climbing! The total climbing time was 24 hrs but in the CC *New Climbs* booklet 1970, it was stated that the route should be possible in a day now the bolts were all in.

1969 **The Creative Urge (VS with I pt)** John "Drac" Driskell, Norman Elliott, A Dight, J Metcalf, Dave Harbour
A peg was used to enter the groove at a small triangular niche. First free ascent in the seventies.

1970 Jan **The Digit of Derision (A2)** Dave Riley, Bob Dearman
Mistakenly given HVS 5c, A2 (1970/1988) in the 1999 *BMC Wye Valley* guidebook. Not yet free.

1970 Spring **Gwendoline** Keith Myhill, Al Evans
"Gwendoline was named after my wife's mother who was called Gwendoline Hyde - there was some sort of wordplay on Jekyll & Hyde." Keith Myhill 2015.

1970 Spring **Plastic Wonder** Keith Myhill, Ken Jones
"Plastic Wonder was named as Ken Jones was doing a Sculpture degree at Sheffield College of Art and his art form was made from coloured perspex sheets with edge polishing and light shined on the side lit up the edges. He took a lot of ribbing from the lads about this but I do not recall whether he led or I led

the climb. On the basis of probability it was more likely to be me as I led mostly when we climbed together although Ken could lead well when he put his mind to it. Ken was very calculating as a climber. You will know the sort as when we climbed he seemed to arrange it that I always got the nasty or unprotected pitches and he got the well protected parts!" Keith Myhill 2015.

1970 Dec 21 **Basilisk (A3)** Bruce Andrews, Brian Moore
Pitch 1 freed by Tom Proctor in 1976 (*Behemoth* original start, now the start of *That'll do Nicely*).

The second pitch was freed in 1980 by Jim Moran and Geoff Milburn (*Yankee Dollar*) which was also incorporated into *That'll do Nicely* in 1989.

1970 - 1974 **Knuckle Knocker** Keith Myhill
First free ascent.

1970 - 1974 **Sermon Wall, Ribcrusher Crack** Al Evans
First free ascents.

1975 July **Squatter's Rights** Geoff Milburn, Dave Jordan

1975 Nov 1 **Toenail Pie** Tom Proctor, Geoff Birtles, Ernie Marshall

The first free route on *Rubicon Wall*, and one of the worst!

1975 Winter **The Bellringer** Tom Proctor, Al Evans, Ernie Marshall, Geoff Birtles

First free ascent; 'Tut Braithwaite was lowered off as fifth man, resting on his Rock Band laurels'.

1976 Apr 1 **Daylight Robbery** Clive Jones, Dave Gregory

1976 Apr 1 **The Ponger** Mick Walsh, Alan Sanderson

1976 Apr 1 **Convoy** Jim Reading, M Checkly, Jeremy Frost

A free version of *Portcullis*.

1976 Apr 28 **First Flight, Trial Run, Flight Path, Victory Roll** Alan Sanderson, Mick Walsh

1976 May 2 **Ringleader** Gabe Regan, Con Carey, Mark Stokes
Also called *Ringleader's Crack*.

1976 May **Yankee Doodle** Brian Cropper, B Fox

1976 June 6 **Groovy Baby** Brian Cropper

The loose overhang on *Groovy Baby* was pulled off and the route re-ascended by Richard Davies in 1986.

1976 June 6 **Space** Brian Cropper

1976 Aug 22 **Disparagement** Jim Reading, Jim Moran, Con Carey
The first section was a free ascent of the first pitch of *Midnight Cracks*. The second section freed the upper part of *Kudos*.

1976 **Behemoth** Tom Proctor, Geoff Birtles, Ernie Marshall
Aid reduced to 1 pt. Chipped holds were used to gain the crack.

First free ascent by Ron Fawcett, Pete Livesey.

'Limestone zooms into the free age. In particular a seven-hour ascent of *Behemoth* by Proctor and Birtles with Ernie A Marshall; using one nut for aid, it is now the leading route of the valley.

Subsequently, Fawcett and Livesey repeated the route completely free after 're-organizing' the runners in the upper pitch to leave the fat-finger jams clear to continue in free style past the previous aid point.'

1976 **Black Sabbath, Sweet F.A.** Jim Moran, Con Carey

With the majority of the aid routes now free the momentum was lost.

1976 **Birthday Groove** Con Carey, Jim Campbell, Brian Cropper

Climbed on Cropper's birthday.

1976 **Carillon Crack** Ron Fawcett, Geoff Birtles, Al Evans, Chris Gibb, Pete Gomersall

First free ascent.

1976 **Carol's Crack** Ron Fawcett

Essentially a direct finish to *Hemingway's Horror* named after a watching ad-

mirer.

1976 **Chiming Crack** Tom Proctor, Jim Reading, Ernie Marshall
First free ascent.

1976 **Coldity Crack** Peter O' Donovan, Mark Stokes
A new line including some of the original *Coldity Crack*.

1976 **Coldity Groove** Jim Campbell, Con Carey
A free eliminate on *Coldity Crack*.

1976 **Dragonflight** Chris Jackson, Dave Sant, Rod Haslam
Much underestimated at the time. Jackson gave the route HVS, convinced that he was too old to lead *Extreme!* Forty years later he still leads *Extreme*.

1976 **Fledgling Flakes** Tom Proctor First free ascent.

1976 **Free Wheeler** Chris Jackson, Bob Conway

1976 **Green Monkey, Lassa Fever** Chris Jackson, Bob Conway, Dave Sant

The development of *Swamp Wall*, free-climbing and superseding the original routes of *Ugly Duckling* and part of *Swamp Wall*.

1976 **Hairy Legs** Tom Proctor, Ernie Marshall

Free. Said to be '6a every move' by the struggling second, and one of the few routes given the rare 5c+ (i.e. 6b said a cynic) grade in Steve Bancroft's classic supplement of 1977.

1976 **Heatwave** Al Evans, N Donnelly, John Tout

Freed and superseded *Hairy Legs Right-hand Variant*.

1976 **Hemingway's Horror** Tom Proctor, Geoff Birtles, Ernie Marshall

First free ascent 'Much to the chagrin of Birtles and Marshall who parted company with the rock'.

1976 **Iconoclast** Jim Campbell, Con Carey, Chris Addy

1976 **Ikon Wall** Con Carey, Jim Campbell, Brian Cropper

1976 **Jungle Jim** Ron Fawcett, Chris Gibb First free ascent.

1976 **Keep On Trucking, The Goblin** Al Evans, Dave Knighton

1976 **Leprosy, Liang Shan Po** Bob Conway Chris Jackson

1976 **Marsh Dweller's Rib** Pete Livesey, Jill Lawrence

They used a tree to avoid the initial bulge on their free ascent.

1976 **Meddler's Wall** Jim Campbell

Solo

1976 **Pentagon Route** Con Carey, Jim Campbell, Brian Cropper

First free ascent.

1976 **Piranha Wall** Chris Jackson, Bob Conway

A serious, free ascent of the original aid route.

1976 **Resin Erection Shuffle** Jim Campbell, Brian Cropper

1976 **Ringmaster** Jim Campbell, Al Evans

Ring-a-Ding free. Also called *Ringmaster's Crack*.

1976 **Rubicon (2 pts. aid)** Geoff Birtles

Nearly, a good effort on an A3 aid route.

1976 **Sheerwater** Geoff Birtles, Al Evans (alt) Tom Proctor (middle-man)

The first free-route on *Moat Buttress*.

1976 **The Shield (HVS with Ipt)** Con Carey, Steve Donnelly, John Tout

1976 **Sour Grapes** Ron Fawcett, Pete Gomersall

Both solo. First free ascent.

1976 **St Paul** Andy Parkin, Pete O'Donovan

Previously climbed with 1 nut for aid (due to wet rock) by Ron Fawcett, Pete Gomersall, Chris Gibb.

1976 **Sweet William** Tom Proctor

Probably the first free ascent.

1976 **Te Deum, Rock Bottom Groove** Con Carey, John Tout

1976 **Thinfinger** Jim Campbell, Brian Cropper

1976 **Tip Toe Wall** Al Evans

Direct finish.

1976 **Toe Tip Crack (HVS with Ipt)** Con Carey, Jim Campbell, Brian Cropper

First free ascent by Gary Gibson in 1981.

1976 **The Troll** Tom Proctor, Ernie Marshall, Gabe Regan, Jim Moran
First free ascent.

1976 **Triton** Chris Jackson, Bob Conway

The first-pitch was climbed free, but they then finished up the free pitch of *Moat Wall*.

1976 **The Verger, Northern Grit** Jim Moran, Con Carey, Dave Knighton

1976 **Vicar's Vertigo** Tom Proctor

Geoff Birtles free-climbed the lower wall, but retreated shattered after pushing through the overhang. Tom Proctor tidied up.

1976 **Water Bailiff** Bob Conway, Chris Jackson

1976 **Water Margin** Chris Jackson, Tom Proctor, Bob Conway
Free-climbing part of *Swamp Wall*.

1976 **Weaver's Wall** Jim Reading, Clive Jones

Climbed free and direct.

1976 **Yukon Groove** Al Evans

'Led after a top-roped ascent in motorcycle boots, it could well be the climax of Evans' career!'

1977 June 26 **Crown of Thorns** Gordon Armstrong, John Loy

The straight crack 10m right of *The Keep*. Has never appeared in a guidebook, VS, no technical grade given in the original description.

1977 **Bakerloo** Chris Jackson, Bob Conway

1977 **Chicane** Mick Walsh, Alan Sanderson

1977 **Cyclops (AI)** Mick Walsh, Alan Sanderson

First free ascent by Paul Cropper, Brian Cropper in 1979 as *Wolfen*.

1977 **Erihacus (HVS, Ipt aid)** Alan Sanderson, Mick Walsh

Freed later in the year by John Hesketh, Dave Tait.

1977 **Mamelon (AI)** Alan Sanderson, Mick Walsh

First free ascent by Neil Foster in 1983 as *Your Melon*.

1977 **Mandrake (HS & A2) and Deception (AI)** Mick Walsh, Alan Sanderson

First free ascent of both routes by Ron Fawcett in 1981.

1977 **Matto Grosso Chimney** John Hesketh, Dave Tait
Straightened out.

1977 **Spellbound** Al Evans, Jim Moran

Both solo.

1978 Nov 26 **2001** Paul Cropper, Bill Brook

1978 Nov 26 **Eighe** Bill Brook, Paul Cropper

1978 Dec 10 **Fear of Flying** Paul Cropper, Bill Brook

1978 **Bad Day** Al Evans

1978 **Endless Flight** Alan Sanderson, Mick Walsh

1978 **Queerboy** Chris Jackson

Solo.

1979 June 3 **Burning up Time** Gary Gibson

The first appearance of Gary Gibson in the dale.

1979 June 3 **Palace of Tyranny** Gary Gibson

Solo.

1979 June 3 **Euroman** Gary Gibson
Solo.

1979 Sep 22 **The Alien** Jim Moran, Geoff Milburn
A superb line which largely superseded *Knut Kracker*.

1979 Oct 14 **War** Jim Moran, Geoff Milburn
Too serious to become popular. 'A huge 20m curtain of ivy had to be stripped before the doubting leader could be persuaded to make an assault'. That should keep the environmentalists happy. "Milburn is a tyrant".

1979 **Debris** Geoff Birtles, Tom Proctor
Outclassed *Toenail Pie* in its mediocrity and looseness.

1979 **Rubicon** Tom Proctor, Geoff Birtles
Free. Birtles managed the route using just two points of aid in 1976. Three years later Proctor managed the complete free ascent. The biggest free limestone roof at the time which required 'selective cleaning'. The roof continues to 'self-garden' and consequently the grade varies from year to year. Re-equipped and generally considered F7a.

1979 **Wolfen** Paul Cropper, Brian Cropper
First free ascent of *Cyclops*.

1970s **Confusion** Unknown
HVS with 1 pt. aid.

1970s **Hare** Unknown

1970s **Hijacker** Unknown
An AI aid route. Climbed free as *The Still Small Voice* in 1981 by Paul Mitchell.

1970s **The Sight** Unknown

1970s **Summons** Unknown
An AI aid route.

1980 Apr 19 **Time Warp** Jim Moran, Geoff Milburn
A free ascent of the second pitch of *Midnight Cracks*.

1980 Apr 26 **Behemoth Direct Start** Jim Moran, Geoff Milburn
Free-climbed. Just as Jim reached high and found the hidden hold over the bulge, his footholds crumbled away beneath him leaving him swinging about in the air from one handhold while trying to adjust his chalk-splattered glasses with the other hand. He was not amused.

1980 May 10 **Yankee Dollar** Jim Moran, Geoff Milburn
Free-climbed the upper section of *Basilisk*.

1981 Spring **Deception, Mandrake** Ron Fawcett
Both free.

1981 Spring **La Chute, Cool Hand Luke, White Fright** Ron Fawcett
A bolt was used on *La Chute*.

1981 Aug 13 **Leviathan** Dominic Lee, Daniel Lee
A free version of *Damascus Road*.

1981 Aug 30 **Aftervision, Toe Tip Crack, Zero Option** Gary Gibson, John Walker
First free ascent of *The Tip Crack*. *Zero Option* was a free ascent of *The Bleb*.

1981 Aug **Agrippa's Knees** Daniel Lee, Dominic Lee
Free-climbed the upper section of *Theorem*.

1981 **A Bigger Splash** Dominic Lee, Daniel Lee
Again, now harder due to the loss of holds.

1981 **The Angler** Dominic Lee
The aid route, *Pie, Chips, Beans Twice* gets its just desserts. Subsequent loss of holds renders it even harder.

1981 **A Miller's Tale** Andy Barker, Paul Mitchell, Steve Wright
Sou'wester in its free state. Barker points the way for future development. Barker was so long on the upper wall (from which he took a huge fall) that they

missed the bus home and had to walk to Calver!

1981 **Army Dreamers** Ron Fawcett, Gill Fawcett

1981 **Axilla** Kevin Glass, Neil Hyde

1981 **Chairs Missing, Jaws** Ron Fawcett

1981 **Confidence** Paul Mitchell Solo.

1981 **Confusion** Dougie Hall
First free ascent, previously done as HVS with 1 pt. aid in the 1970s.

1981 **Coot** Unknown

1981 **Dreams of Leaving** Mick Ward, Paul Mitchell

1981 **Honeymoon Blues** Ron Fawcett
Ron, refusing to be left out, slips one in on his honeymoon!

1981 **Jezebel** Daniel Lee, Dominic Lee
They started up *Dragonflight* and passed the bolt on its left.

1981 **Piranha** Ron Fawcett
It was billed as the *Peak District's* first 7a, but subsequent ascents by Chris Gore and Dominic Lee reduced it to first 6c, then 6b!

1981 **Premature Arthritic Enjoys Dawn Chorus** Paul Mitchell
So named because Mitchell's fingers hurt so much after the ascent he was unable to sleep the following night. He eventually drifted off as the dawn chorus of birds began.

1981 **Ripples** Paul Mitchell, Andy Elliot

1981 **Sou'wester (A2) and Pie, Chips, Beans Twice (A3)** Colin Binks, Chris Craggs
Two, thankfully short-lived, backward looking, aid routes on *Rubicon Wall*. These were freed as *A Miller's Tale* and *The Angler* by Andy Barker and Dominic Lee later that same year.

1981 **The Still Small Voice** Paul Mitchell, Mick Ward
Hijacker (AI) free.

1981 **Under Western Eyes** Andy Barker
A free version of *West's Groove*. Barker climbed the loose upper section on-sight and completely gripped!

1981 **White Bait** Daniel Lee
The results of hard training begin to show.

1981 **Witchcraft Wall** Neil Molnar
Solo. A bold clean ascent of the aid route.

1982 May 6 **Warhead** Gary Gibson
Superseded what was left of *Knut Kracker*.

1982 May 7 **Crab Walk** Gary Gibson, Derek Beetlestone (alt)
A free ascent.

1982 July 10 **Sox** Jim Moran, Geoff Milburn
In memory of *Simon Horrox*, a popular local climber who died in the French Alps. Milburn had spotted the line a while back but couldn't persuade Moran that it would go. When it did, Milburn was unsettled by a blood curdling cry of "Aaaagh" from above him. Ian Edwards was just finishing the route *Time Warp* when he parted company from the rock with the finishing peg and went for a monster fall down the groove. This upset Milburn more than Edwards. Milburn tried to reassure Moran, by yelling up that the hard bit looked too hard for him to aid-climb it! Milburn took it at a blind rush before his strength ran out 'A piece of...!' Straightened out and some gear replaced in 2014.

1982 July 27 **The Creeper** Simon Nadin, Richard Davies (alt)
First free ascent, still serious.

1982 **In Bulk** Jerry Moffatt
An overdue visit by Moffatt to produce the hardest route on the right bank at the time.

1982 **Specialist** Johnny Woodward

The first direct free ascent.

1982 **Summons** Johnny Woodward, Jim Perrin
A free ascent of the little-known aid route climbed in the 1970s (AI).

1982 **The Vision** Ron Fawcett
Climbed free by Ron Fawcett surrounded by the usual controversy as two young rockstars (including Moffatt on three consecutive days) had failed previously. At the time the hardest route on the left bank. From E6 6c it became a sport route, until people noticed the serious start!

1982 **Zob** Paul Mitchell
Solo.

1983 Jan 16 **Wellington Route** Chris Jackson

1983 Feb 13 **Dirty Little Sheila** Chris Jackson, Bob Conway
The exact locations of *Wellington Route* and *Dirty Little Sheila* are uncertain.

1983 Feb 20 **Skippy the Bush Kangaroo Weird** Andy Barker
A true micro-route.

1983 March 12 **There is no Zen** Paul Mitchell
Solo. With a realization.

1983 Apr 2 **The Bomb is Coming** Paul Mitchell

1983 Apr 2 **Fort Knox** Jim Moran, Geoff Milburn

1983 Apr 2 **Nidhögg Loves Jormangand** Paul Mitchell

1983 May 21 **Ichor** Paul Mitchell

1983 May 29 **Sperm Worm** Paul Mitchell, Andy Barker

1983 June 5 **Psychic Emulator** Richard Davies
Solo. Only the upper section, the route was completed in April 1986.

1983 June 14 **Maureen** Paul Mitchell

1983 June 19 **The Lammergeyer Twins** Paul Mitchell
Mitchell and Barker watched each other's attempts like a vulture waiting for its chance to take over.

1983 June 26 **Professor Kirk** Paul Mitchell

1983 July 3 **Sting in the Tail** Andy Barker

1983 July 10 **Early One Morning** Julian Taylor, Neil Molnar

1983 July 28 **Scoopy Little Number** Chris Jackson, Bill Wintrip

1983 July 29 **Flaked Out, Lengthening Shadows** Chris Jackson, Bill Wintrip

1983 July 29 **Out for a Duck, Cricket, Lovely Cricket** Bill Wintrip, Chris Jackson

1983 Oct 2 **Cry Tuff** Andy Barker, Paul Mitchell, Matt Boyer

1983 Oct 10 **Palmolive** Chris Hardy, Ian Carr, Ray Duffy

1983 Nov 6 **Jezebel** Andy Barker
By the direct line.

1983 Nov 12 **Not for Hire** Chris Jackson, Bob Conway, Adey Hubbard

1983 Nov 18 **Your Melon** Neil Foster, Al Rouse, Richard Haszko
A free version of *Mamelon*.

1983 Nov 20 **Life After Death** Al Rouse, Neil Foster, Phil Burke, Rab Carrington

1983 **A Tall Story** Quentin Fisher
Fisher sneaks into the gaps by dint of his enormous reach.

1983 **Castration** Andy Barker
There nearly was one when Barker pulled off a hold whilst soloing. A savage, pointed tree stump missed his three 'vital' organs by millimetres!

1983 **Doing the Dirty** Paul Mitchell, Andy Barker

1983 **Gardeners' Question Time** Adey Hubbard, Bill Wintrip, Chris Jackson

1983 "I can see how to do it..." Bill Wintrip, Chris Jackson

Named after a friend's normal comment after he failed on routes.

1983 **No Jug No Thug** Andy Barker
Even a trailing branch was cleaned to ease the desperation.

1983 **Not For Hire** Chris Jackson, Bob Conway, Adey Hubbard

1983 **Puffy White Flesh** Paul Mitchell

1983 **Reach for the Sky** Adey Hubbard, Bob Conway, Chris Jackson

1983 **Strip Search** Paul Mitchell, Andy Barker, Matt Boyer

1984 Apr 2 **Rio Verde** Al Rouse, Andy Bailey

1984 May 16 **Two Way Stretch** Al Rouse, Andy Bailey

1984 May 17 **One Way Stretch** Al Rouse, Andy Bailey

1984 Aug 27 **Brief Scramble, Jungle Ape** Richard Davies Solo.

1984 Aug 31 **Jaws II** Chris Plant, Mark Pretty
A free ascent of the second pitch of *Triton (A2)*.

1984 Sep 2 **Morion** Andy Barker
First free ascent of *Iron Hat*.

1984 Sep 2 **The Bulge 1984** Andy Barker
A companion to *The Gully 1933*.

1984 Sep 2 **Nothing to Help the Poor** Paul Mitchell
A free version of *Fail Safe*. The route name reflected what Mitchell felt that he had achieved that day.

1984 Sep 3 **Dapper Slapper** Paul Mitchell

1984 **Alcatraverse, Hollow Way, Strange Ways** Andy Bailey, Al Rouse

1984 **Brachiation Dance** Tim Freeman
A stupendous free version of *Nemesis* which had previously been led with one point of aid by Dominic Lee. The ascent was spread over 2 days. Mark Pretty was heard to say that the route was E3 5c, but there again Pretty can't grade flour!

1984 **Christilano Wall** Andy Bailey, Al Rouse

1984 **Tree Dweller's Crack** Al Rouse, Andy Bailey

1985 Jan 4 **Blue-eyed Myxamatoid** Paul Mitchell

1985 March 9 **No Fool Like an Old Fool** Paul Mitchell, Ben Masterson
Mitchell opens up the *Waterfall Crag*.

1985 March 12 **A Bigger Tail** Tim Freeman

1985 Apr 9 **An Eagle Does Not Catch Flies** Paul Mitchell

1985 Apr 18 **Tiger by the Tail, Nightmare, Demon Striation** Richard Davies
Solo.

1985 Apr 19 **Violation of Trust, Final Sacrifice** Richard Davies
Solo.

1985 May 7 **Wee Douglas** Doug Kerr, D Woolgar

1985 May 11 **Ground Control** Bill Wintrip, Chris Jackson

1985 May 12 **Armed with an Empty Gun** Chris Jackson, Bill Wintrip, Roy Small

1985 May 25 **Skyline Pigeon** Chris Jackson, Bob Conway

1985 June 13 **Green Fingers, Midden, Solo in the Jungle** Nigel Slater
Solo With *Machete*.

1985 June 25 **Money for Nothing** Nigel Slater, Bill McKee

1985 June 27 **Clean Cut** Nigel Slater, Bill McKee

1985 June 28 **A Trail of Destruction** Nigel Slater

1985 July 13 **The Amnicolist Spies on the Black Submarine** Paul Mitchell, John Kirk

1985 July 17 **Periscope Voyeur** Andy Barker, Ben Moon

1985 July 21 **The Importance of Being Ernest** Keith Sharples

1985 July 27 La Route Keith Sharples, Mike F Browell
Sharples always cleaned his routes thoroughly. After two hours cleaning the line, he asked a friend if he thought the route would go. His friend top-roped the route to above the crux wearing only a pair of trainers and announced it doable. Unsatisfied, Sharples spent another hour cleaning the route, in the process removing most of the holds his friend had used!

1985 Aug 9 In the Flesh Richard Davies
1985 Aug 9 Rapture Richard Davies
1985 Aug 26 The Myth of Masculinity Paul Mitchell, Andy Barker, Mark Pretty

1985 Sep 10 Castle Pudding Nigel Slater
1985 Kingfisher Quentin Fisher
1985 Omah Gourd Bill Wintrip, Roy Small, Chris Jackson

1986 March 22 Possession by Design Richard Davies
Solo.

1986 Apr 1 Stormflight Richard Davies
Solo.

1986 Apr 3 In the Shadows, After the Snow, Random Factors
Align Richard Davies
Solo.

1986 Apr 4 No Strange Delight, A Matter of Style Richard Davies, Simon Nadin

1986 Apr 9 Splinter of the Mind's Eye Richard Davies
1986 Apr 9 Groovy Baby (reascended) Richard Davies
Originally climbed in 1976, but then an overhang dropped off!

1986 Apr Psychic Emulator (complete) Richard Davies
Solo.

1986 May 29 Cora Andy Pollitt
Pollitt started on the left. The route was later straightened out by Ben Moon.

1986 May Hot Fun Closing Ben Moon, Chris Gore
Gore traversed right at the first break (Kudos). Moon climbed the lower wall without clipping the bolt runner and continued direct to the large ledge. The first modern sport route in the dale.

1986 June White Riot P Robertson, C Jerram
1986 June 14 La Belle Age Richard Davies
Originally started up St Paul and traversed left to climb the wall with 3 pegs for protection. Direct start added and rebolted 2014, but still a serious lead.

1986 June 20 Excalibur Andy Pollitt, Mark Leach
A major line free-climbed after several attempts by strong teams.

1986 June 28 Vapour Stream Richard Davies
Originally a wandering E4 6a with 1 peg runner. Straightened out and bolted in 2014.

1986 July Let the Tribe Increase Quentin Fisher
Another mammoth session by Fisher requiring the re-fixing of holds.

1986 July 5 Hammy Hamster's Last Rites Richard Davies
1986 July 24 Strange Beings Richard Davies
Davies resorts to the drill on Central Buttress after much soul-searching.

1986 July 26 Fire on Water Richard Davies
Four bolts placed on a route on Central Buttress, something of a precedent which went by unmentioned on. The route was not, however, considered a sport route and was given the grade E6 6b.

1986 Aug Caviar Tony Ryan
A major line up some of the most difficult pieces of rock in the valley. The route was definitely well ahead of its time, being one of the hardest f8a+ routes around today.

1986 Aug 2 Pig Pen Comes Clean Paul Mitchell
1986 Aug 12 Plectrum Maxilla Paul Mitchell
Direct start added in 1991 by Malc Taylor to give the hardest trad route in WCJ.

1986 Aug 14 Fools Rush In Richard Davies
Davies soloed the route on sight, then cleaned it!

1986 Aug 16 Agent of Destruction Richard Davies, Martin Trouse
Very well-named; an action not worthy of climbers!

1986 Aug 17 Fatal Hesitation Richard Davies
Two bolts used for protection on an E4 6a on Central Buttress. Started direct and rebolted in 2014.

1986 Aug 31 Après Le Deluge Chris Jackson, Bob Conway
The opening up of Mill Race Buttress.

1986 Aug Hamsters in Aspic, Will the Real Mill Buttress Please Stand Up? Bob Conway, Chris Jackson

1986 Sep 6 One Way Reflection Richard Davies, A Stewart, Mark Dellafield
Bolts reach Lammergeyer Wall.

1986 Sep 7 Ostwald Bastable, Vanishing Point Chris Jackson, Bob Conway

1986 Sep 10 Empire Burlesque Andy Pollitt
Pollitt breaches the right-hand end of The Cornice.

1986 Sep 20 White Line Fever Paul Vale, Martin Farrar, Richard Davies

1986 Sep 21 Aquarian Warriors Richard Davies, Simon Nadin
1986 Sep 26 Part-time Hobby Richard Davies
Solo.

1986 Sep 27 Paradox Paul Vale, Richard Davies
1986 Oct 5 Once Upon a Time Richard Davies

1986 Nappy Squad Paul Mitchell, John Kirk
1987 Feb 14 Too Old to be Bold Mark Pretty

1987 March 14 The Dangerous Brothers Martin Atkinson
This was previously climbed as an aid route called 'Just Another Pointless Bolt Route' by The Dangerous Brothers' shortly before Atkinson's ascent. The actual names of the first ascensionists are unknown.

1987 Apr 24 Knocked Out Loaded Andy Pollitt
1987 May 10 Sunshine Superfrog Malc Taylor, T Goodwin
1987 May 23 Mikado, Slantered Richard Davies
Solo. Probably done before.

1987 May 23 St Paul, direct start Richard Davies
Solo

1987 May 26 Mignonette Richard Davies
Solo.

1987 May 27 Silent Storm Richard Davies, Simon Nadin
1987 May 29 En Masse Descendre Richard Davies, Simon Nadin
1987 July 11 Apex Left Foot, Apex Middle Foot, Apex Right Foot Richard Davies
Solo

1987 July 12 Ringmistress, Go Again, Dreamy Intentions, Sweet Surrender, Open History Richard Davies
Solo

1987 Aug 2 Zeke the Freak Ben Moon
... a contender for Britain's hardest route ... though a second ascent from a very much on form Jerry Molfatt was not long in coming'.

1987 Aug 4 Tree Surgeon, Vindicator Richard Davies, Simon

Nadin
Sport climbing reaches Lammergeyer Buttress.

1987 Aug 7 Firelance, Final Apocalypse Richard Davies
1987 Nov 4 Flaked Out Shake Out Steve Earnshaw, John Cort

1987 Dec 31 Orchimire Richard Davies
1988 March 27 Living with a Porcupine Gary Gibson
1988 March 30 Afloat in the Moat Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
The bolt set the standard for future routes, as The Rubicon had been crossed!

1988 March 30 Flying Dutchman Gary Gibson
Solo. Pitch 1 only. The whole route was free-climbed in 1999 by Andy Cave et al.

1988 March 30 Moat People Gary Gibson
1988 March 31 Limited Edition Dave Thomas, Steve Earnshaw
In the BMC 1991 New Climbs Supplement. Despite appearing in the first ascent list in the 1999 BMC Wye Valley guidebook, it didn't make it into the actual body of the book!

1988 Apr 4 Happy Days Keith Sharples, Bill Gregory
Originally E4 6a, (1 bolt), rebolted in 2014.

1988 Apr 4 The Majorca Alternative Bill Gregory, Keith Sharples
The first sport route on Moat Buttress.

1988 Apr 5 Spiritualist Richard Davies
1988 Apr 9 While Stocks Last Dave Thomas, Malc Taylor
In the BMC 1991 New Climbs Supplement. Despite appearing in the first ascent list in the 1999 BMC Wye Valley guidebook, it didn't make it into the actual body of the book!

1988 Apr 10 Reserve Judgement Keith Sharples, Nigel Slater
Originally E5 6a (1 bolt), rebolted 2014.

1988 Apr 10 Rhyme and Reason Keith Sharples
Originally E3 6a (1 bolt, 1 peg), rebolted 2014.

1988 Apr 11 Moat Puddings Gary Gibson
1988 Apr 13 Moatorhead Gary Gibson
1988 Apr 17 Another Moatside Attraction Gary Gibson
1988 Apr 17 Bandwagon on Direction Simon Cundy
1988 Apr 17 Moat Race Gary Gibson
1988 Apr 17 Oh Dear! Gary Gibson, Simon Cundy
Originally E4 6a, (2 bolts), rebolted in 2014.

1988 Apr 17 The Lady of the Lake Seb Grieve, Geraldine Taylor
1988 Apr 19 Desmond Douglas Gary Gibson, T Meen
1988 Apr 20 Out of the Shadows Keith Sharples

1988 Apr Drawbridge down when the Levee Breaks Malc Taylor
1988 May 1 Rhyme Crime Gary Gibson, John Codling
Originally E4 6b (3 bolts), rebolted 2014.

1988 June 1 Pragma Richard Davies
A free ascent of Ardennes (A2).

1988 June 4 Crash Crazy Richard Davies
Solo.

1988 June 4 Hesitation Dance, Trench Warfare Richard Davies
Solo.

1988 June 4 Intuition Richard Davies
1988 June 9 Dumb Animal Chris Plant
1988 June 22 A Bigger Splat Malc Taylor
After cleaning and equipping the route, Taylor forecast that the grade would be E7!

1988 June 22 No Mud, No Thud Chris Plant, Andy Goring
1988 June 29 Sheer Power Tony Walker
1988 June Intercity Nova Nigel Slater
Solo.

1988 July 27 Moat Madness Keith Sharples
1988 July 31 Shear Indulgence Paul Deardon, Colin Hughes
1988 Aug Let the Tripe Increase Chris Plant
1988 Aug The Weaking Ben Masterson
First flashed ascent by Jerry Molfatt.

1988 Oct 21 The Thatcher Years Bill Gregory, Keith Sharples
1988 Nov 26 Changing Fortunes Keith Sharples, Chris Hardy
1988 D.T.'s Route Dave Thomas

1989 June 20 That'll do Nicely Ian Parsons, Howard Lancashire
Supplementary 'quarrying' by Neil Foster. Superseded Yankee Dollar.

1989 June 24 Belladonna John Welford
1989 July 5 The Inch Test Simon Nadin
'E grades are totally irrelevant for this route It could be anywhere from VS to E8'. Free ascent of Battle of the Bulge (AI).

1989 Aug 1 The Dole: 1989 Malc Taylor, John Hart
1989 Aug 11 Rumble in the Jungle Andy Pollitt
On approaching the buttress one day, Pollitt noticed visiting French rock star John-Baptiste Tribout climbing his, as yet, unclimbed route. Pollitt like an irate gorilla took the shortest route possible to confront the offending culprit, wading waist-high through the swamp to reach the far bank.

1989 Aug 11 The Enterprise Allowance Mark Pretty
1989 Aug 11 Yorkshire 8b Ben Masterson
A bit tongue-in-cheek. Australian climber Geoff Weigand visiting Yorkshire at the time insisted that all the f8a+ routes in Yorkshire were in fact f8b. The fact that Weigand had never climbed f8b had nothing to do with it. Things being what they are, we all know that routes in the Peak are much harder than their counterparts in Yorkshire, hence Yorkshire f8b was in fact only f8a+!

1989 Aug 12 Sirius Chris Wright
Wright had been trying the route for some time and when asked, passed comment that he thought that the route would be quite hard. The comment back was, "it cannot be that hard, because you can't climb that hard." So Wright gave the route a grade of f7a+. Subsequent ascents showed that the route was indeed as hard as Wright had implied - thus the now more realistic grade of f7c+.

1989 Aug 12 Sirius is of course a star, also known as The Dog Star. Well-named as most people end up dogging the route.

1989 Sep 3 The Disillusioned Glue Machine Mark Pretty
At the time Ben Moon's ascent of the route was the hardest flash on Peak limestone.

1989 Sep 6 Sheer Travesty Ed Morgan
1989 Oct 29 The Fall Chris Wright
1989 Oct 29 Mr Puniverse Chris Wright
1989 Oct 30 The Ego has Landed Mike Lea
'... climbed by Mike Lea, whose application of copious quantities of araldite in an attempt to ensure a degree of longevity for his creation, proved a futile gesture against the might of Malcolm Taylor, who proceeded to dispense with most of the crucial holds when a destructive combination of brute strength, carelessness and apoplectic rage were unleashed on the hapless piece of rock scarcely a week after the naming'.

1989 Nov 18 As Summers Die Mike Lea
1989 Nov 18 On the Third Day Chris Wright
1989 Nov 25 Moat Wall Chris Wright

This route once purported to go into a hanging groove on the right-hand end of the buttress using a couple of bolts. Strangely there was no sign of there ever having been bolts there. Wright, never one to shrink from a challenge, put some in to give the first ever ascent of the route! Those with keener eyes once reported seeing a bolt hole and a broken bolt; now their 'replacements' are plain for all to see.

1989 **Cruising the Seven Seas** Chris Plant

1989 **The Sissy** Chris Plant

1990 May **Brachiation Dance - direct start (Dance Direction)** Steve Earnshaw, Mark Shearer

1990 May **The Dole 1989 - direct start (The Restart)** Steve Earnshaw

1990 July 15 **The Chain Gang, Fatal Attraction** Chris Wright

1990 June 27 **Eat the Rich** John Welford

1990 July 7 **One on One** Mike Lea, Chris Wright

1990 July 15 **Dangerous Liaisons** Keith Sharples, Chris Wright

1990 Aug 30 **The Tea Monster** Nigel Slater

Slater resorted to bolting-on a hold in order to do the route. This was frowned upon by everyone and the offending hold was duly removed and the route re-climbed by John Welford on 1 Aug 1991 and renamed *The Free Monster*.

1990 Sep 1 **Attila the Hun** Keith Sharples, Rosie Brown

1990 Sep 22 **Looking Good** Bill Wintrip, Chris Jackson

1990 Nov 3 **Love is the Drug** Simon Cundy

1990 Dec 15 **Nervous and Shaky** Simon Cundy

1991 Aug 21 **Dawn Razor** Simon Cundy, Andy Chambers

1991 Aug 25 **Nude Motorcycle Girl** Rob Harrison, Simon Cundy

Both led.

1991 Sep 19 **Totally Awesome** Ian Dunn

1991 Sep 26 **Zeitgeist** Claudie Dunn, Neil Critchlow

1991 Oct 5 **Two Sheep to Leicester** Paul Dearden, Alan James

Both led.

1991 Oct 13 **Searching for the Yeti** Alan James

1991 Oct 13 **Western Samoa** Alan James

1991 Oct 31 **Plectrum Maxilla Direct** Malc Taylor

Solo. The hardest trad route in WCJ.

1992 June 22 **Albatrossity** Robin Barker

The line had been bolted by Andy Pollitt, but Pollitt had left Britain for much warmer 'climes' (Australia) so Barker stepped in to finish what Pollitt had started. A direct finish was added by Simon Reed in 1994 which upped the grade to 8b although Reed admitted that he only did the direct finish because he couldn't do the original.

1992 June 23 **Salar** Malc Taylor

1993 July 10 **Novelty** Simon Cundy, Andy Elliot

Both led.

1993 Sep 5 **Raptor on Ice** Nick Taylor, Keith Bolton

1993 Nov 11 **Eugenics** Mark Pretty

1994 May **Alimony** Malc Taylor

1995 **Groundhog Day** Matt Saunders, Joe Healy

Both led. When observing a repeat ascent attempt Jon Barton wryly commented to the leader in extremis 'I wouldn't fall off there mate, you'll hit the ground,' at which point he promptly did, hence the name.

1995 June 25 **Superfly** Neil Bentley

1995 July 20 **The Bastard** John Welford

The route free-climbed the old aid line 'Free that you Bastards' which was put

up by Chris Craggs. This was also the original line of Ben Moon's 'Zeke the Freak' until a third party who chipped the holds off said in his defence that they must have been chipped in the first place.

1996 Aug **Going Bush** Simon Cundy

1997 Sep **Trainer Tamer, Perfecto** Tony Coutts

1998 Aug **Agent Provocateur, Breakbeat** Tony Coutts

1998 Aug **The Nasty Man** Jon Barton, Robin Barker

Both led.

1998 Oct **Millennium Doom** Neil McCallum

Lost!

1998 Oct **Mission Impossible** Tony Coutts

1999 July 16 **Goldcrest** Jon Barton

1999 July **Coming up for Air** Kevin Woodhead

1999 Oct 2 **Flying Dutchman** Andy Cave, Andy Perkins, Tony

Parkes

First complete free ascent of *The Flying Dutchman*.

1999 **Eclipsed** Steve Fearn

2000 **Aliens** Mike Lea

2001 **The Auctioneer** Keith Sharples

2001 **Monstrosity** Simon Reed

2006 **Incapacity Benefit** Kristian Clemmow

2006 **Confidence Trick** Mark Pretty

2007 May 26 **The Three Spheres** Rupert Davies

2007 **Superocity** Simon Reed

2008 **Beluga** John Fullwood

2008 **Barracuda** Andy Harris

2009 Aug 30 **Pauillac** Seb Grieve

2009 Sept 13 **The Treadmill** Seb Grieve

2009 Sept **Fort Knox Direct** Seb Grieve

2010 **Barbarossity** Ben Heason

2010 **Catch the Rainbow** David Simmonite

2010 **Last but not Least** Paul Freeman

2010 **Small but Perfectly Formed** Mark Pretty

2011 Jan 22 **Come Fly with Me, Rippledome, Sopping** Gary

Gibson

Solo.

2011 April 7 **Margins of My Kind, Swamp Fever, Tstese**

Piece Gary Gibson

2011 Dec 24 **Slapin** Mark Pretty

2011 **Costa del Jolly, Wish you Were Here** David Simmonite

2011 **Slapdasher** Paul Freeman

2012 Jan **Welsh Rarebit** Paul Freeman

2012 June 2 **A Bigger Thud** Kristian Clemmow

2012 **All Hands to the Pump** Mark Pretty

2013 Sept 5 **Being Strange!, Déjà vu, Freedom is Insane, No**

Chains on Me, Gary Gibson

2014 Jan 2 **The Brer Faced Cheek of It** Gary Gibson

Solo.

2014 March 21 **Blanca Expression, Do I?, Four Men Tour, Val de**

Mossa, You got No Reason, You got Rhyme Gary Gibson

2014 April 18 **My Tiers Led up to This, Tierful, Tiery Henry, Un-**

de-Tiered Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson

2014 May 16 **C'est Plastique, It Tolls for Thee, Tiddle-de-**

dum Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson

2014 June 21 **Dis-Orientated, My Fickle Resolve** Gary Gibson,

Hazel Gibson

2014 June 21 **Une Jour Parfait** Gary Gibson

2014 July 11 **Escape Artist, Fatal Attraction new start, La**

Brute, Vapour Stream direct start Gary Gibson

2014 July 25 **En Masse Descendre start** Gary Gibson

Solo.

2014 Sept **A Major Moment, Poorlaw, Supplementary Bene-**

fit, The Workhouse Mark Pretty

2014 **The Wee Cling** Unknown

2015 **Skyfall** Kristian Clemmow

F7c+. Not in Guide. Described as the old bolted project right of *Vindicator* on *Lammergeyer* Buttress.

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A Bigger Belly Dan Varian Saturday 20 Nov 2010

A Bigger Prize Andy Banks

A Bigger Splash Dominic Lee, Daniel Lee, 1981

A Bigger Tail Tim Freeman, 1985

Kudos Ben Moon / Chris Gore, 1986

Ravensdale

1958 Nov **Frore** John Loy, Bill Woodward

Recorded as *Flypaper*, climbed with some aid on a frosty day. Development begins.

1959 **Cave Corner** John Loy

Solo.

1959 **Concluser** Two or more of R D (Rod) Brown, Charlie Curtis, Allan Clarke, Clive Rowland or Ted Rowland

Pitch 1 only. Finished off eventually in 1964.

1959 **Shattered Crack** John Loy, Roy Precious

1960 May 22 **Mealy Bugs** Dave Johnson, Dave Mellor

1960 May 22 **Medusa** Dave Johnson, Dave Mellor

'The fierce looking jamming crack mentioned in the text was not led until 1963 by Len Millsom'. Paul Nunn soloed the route on 9 June 1964. Originally called *Scorpio* - it is not known why the name was changed.

1960 June 5 **Deluser** Dave Johnson, Dave Mellor

The better first pitch was done by Pete Crew and Baz Ingle on 30 September 1962.

1960 June 19 **Choss, South Crack, Wagg's Groove(?)** Ted Howard, John Loy

Now out of bounds on *Cave Buttress*, right of the main crag.

1960 June **Amian** John Loy, Dave Johnson, Dave Mellor

1960 June **Gymnic** John Loy, Harry Gillot, Brian 'Tanky' Stokes, Ted Howard

1960 June **Tria** Dave Johnson, Dave Mellor

1960 Summer **Pedestal Branch** John Loy

Solo.

1960 Sept 4 **Cracked Edge** John Loy, Dave Mellor

1960 Sept 4 **Solitaire** John Loy

Solo.

1960 Sept 4 **Via Vita (lpt)** John Loy, Dave Mellor

The top pitch was climbed in boots with a peg, three falls and a half packet of fags for aid! This was undoubtedly one of the hardest limestone routes of its day and its ascent brought to a close developments for 1960.

Pre 1961 **20 Minute Crack (A2)** John Loy, Roy Precious

Free-climbed in 1978 by Phil Burke as *Cut Loose or Fly*.

Pre 1961 **Ash Crack, Bifurous Chimney, Pedestal Branch** Unknown

1961 **Bifurous Corner** Don Morrison

Pre 1961 **Impendent** John Loy, Dave Mellor

Pre 1961 **Round the Bend (Al)** Graham West, Barry Roberts
Free-climbed in 1977 by Mike Browell.

1961 Autumn **Alcove Wall (Al)** Unknown

An artificial route between *Cave Corner* and *Ash Crack*.

1961 Autumn **Ivy Corner** John Loy

Solo.

1961 Autumn **Tower Climb** John Loy

Solo.

1962 Sept 30 **Y Chimney** Al Wright, Dave Gregory

1962 Sept 30 **Yew Cap** John Loy, Dave Mellor

1964 May 14 **Mephistopheles (lpt)** Paul Nunn, Oliver Woolcock
A peg was used on the second pitch. Nunn had a day off from revision for his

University finals. Was free by the 1980 BMC Northern Limestone guidebook.

1964 June **Ploy** Oliver Woolcock, Rod Brown

1964 July **Via Vita Direct (aid)** Oliver Woolcock, Jack Soper

1964 Sept **Concluser** Clive Rowland, Paul Nunn

It was first attempted in 1959. In 1960, Clive and Ted Rowland barely avoided disaster when a 'good block runner' collapsed under Ted while trying the second pitch. Ted and the block hurtled down. Clive, who weighed about half as much as his brother was swept from his stance and his low-level belay was severed in two out of three strands. Meanwhile the boulder cut a swathe through the trees, bought out the cottagers and made the *Derbyshire Times* the following week. In 1964 others who climbed all or part of the route prior to the eventual ascent included R D (Rod) Brown, Charlie Curtis and Allan Clarke.

1964 **Forgotten Groove** P Newman, D Whittaker

A fine series of routes to rival those of 1960.

1964 **The Girdle Traverse** Oliver Woolcock, Rod Brown

1965 March 28 **Mealystopheles** Bob Dearman, Rod Brown

Only the first pitch was new, the top pitch was climbed in 1960 by Dave Johnson and Dave Mellor (*Adeste Fideles*) as a variation finish to *Mealy Bugs*.

1965 March **Paupericles** Oliver Woolcock, Paul Nunn (alt)

1965 April 4 **Enigma (2pts)** Bob Dearman, Nev Crowther

Was free by the 1980 BMC Northern Limestone guidebook.

1965 **Boulder Problem, Gruesome Groove, Thyrsus (3pts)** John Loy, Gordon Armstrong

Thyrsus was VS Al. It was free by the 1980 BMC Northern Limestone guidebook.

1965 **Hades (lpt)** Wilf White, Ernie Marshall

Led with a peg for aid after gardening, considered to 'vie with *Concluser* for the position of the hardest route on the crag'. How things change. It was free by the 1980 BMC Northern Limestone guidebook.

1965 **Metronome** John Loy, Brian Moore

1966 May **Boulder-Problem Direct, Hi-Fi** Mike Richardson, P Mason

1966 Aug **Scorpion (2pts)** M Quinn, J Dutton, B Samuals

It was free by the 1980 BMC Northern Limestone guidebook.

1960s **Begorrah, Canopy Crack, Gorrah, Plaque Crack, Sagittarius, So So, Tower Crack, Unpleasant** Unknown

1968 July **Malpossessed (2pts)** Ernie Marshall, John Loy

First free ascent Keith Myhill, Terry King 1970.

1969 March 23 **Postern Crack (lpt)** John Loy, Mick Walsh, Alan Maskery

1969 April 13 **The Wick** John Loy, Gordon Armstrong, Mick Walsh

1970 May 30 **Myopia (lpt)** Dave Riley, Bob Dearman

1970 May 30 **Ice Cream Phoenix** R Wallace, S Sedgwick

1970 June 6 **Purple Haze (2pts)** Bob Dearman, Dave Riley

First free ascent Keith Myhill, Tom Proctor on the second ascent.

1974 Spring **Via Vita Direct** Steve Clegg, Chris Holden

First Free Ascent, previously thought to be in 1976 by Chris Jackson.

1976 **The Bigot** John Fleming

Direct start added in 1979 by Gary Gibson.

1977 May **Round the Bend** Mike Browell, Giles Barker

The first of Ravensdale's few aid routes to go free. Also claimed by Paul Clarke on 29 May 1977.

1978 June **Cut Loose or Fly** Phil Burke, Keith Myhill

This aptly named route free-climbs the aid route *20 Minute Crack*.

1978 **Beachcomber** Chris Jackson, Rod Haslam

1978 **Exfoliation, Rockbiter** Chris Jackson, Dave Sant

1978 **Russian Roulette** Mike Horlov, Bob Dearman

1978 June 6 **Bosky** D Whittingham, P H Hopkins

1970s **Raven Crack, True Lime, Sneck**

Appeared in the 1980 BMC Northern Limestone guidebook.

1979 April **Bigot Direct, Hydrolysis, Looking at the Blue** Gary Gibson, John Norris

1970s **Critical Town** Dave Mithin, Andy Crawley

1970s **Edge of Insanity** John Yates, Colin Foord

1980 Jan 4 **Vintage Two** Gary Gibson, Dave Williams

1980 April 1 **Venous Return** Gary Gibson

Solo. Climbed the wall behind the tree left of *Vintage Two*, trending right along a ramp to finish as for that route. The first section is now under ivy and was shared with *Thyrsus*.

1980 May 15 **Troops of Tomorrow, Tank** Gary Gibson

Solo.

1980 May 24 **Bullets** Gary Gibson, Mark Walton

1981 Jan 11 **Cold Shoulder** Mark Kemball, Bill McKee

1982 **Wilt** Ron Fawcett

Originally described as 'devastating' a fine contribution and combined with the direct start is by far the hardest route on the crag.

1984 **Pagan Man** Jonny Dawes, Tony Kartawick

1985 **The Wilt Alternative** Quentin Fisher

1986 **For the Love of Ivy** Nick Dixon, Steve Lowe, S Hardy

The direct start to *Vintage Two*.

1994 **Freedom Slaves** Paul Fearn

2005 **Amnesiacs** Graham Parkes, Dave Vincent, Chris Craggs

2000s **Worry Wart** Unknown

A high-angle photograph of a rock climber ascending a steep, layered rock face. The climber is wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt, a green helmet, and a harness. They are positioned in the upper right quadrant of the frame, with their arms extended as they reach for a hold. The rock face is composed of dark, vertically oriented layers with some lighter-colored patches and small plants growing in the crevices. A rope is visible extending from the climber down the face. The overall scene is dramatic and emphasizes the scale and texture of the rock.

RAVEN TOR AREA

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Raven Tor Area

Raven Tor

1956 Hubris (Left-Hand) (A3 sieged) John Hadfield (Graham West, Ron Hughes did not follow)

"Inevitably, this impressive crag was a natural draw for aid climbers of an exploratory bent. The culmination of several visits which had begun as early as 1956 when Hadfield and Hughes first attacked the crag and started what was to be a long-term siege. West and Mike Roberts also joined in weekend after weekend. Months later on 10/11 August the name Hubris ('insolent pride') was proposed when Ron Hughes peeled off attached to the large flake between the breaks. Clive Barker suggested using golas but Hadfield lassoed a hanging etrier above the flake using a krab on the end of a rope. For a while an old rope was left hanging to enable this blank section to be overcome. (Later, probably West replaced this with golas.)

On 26 Aug. 1957 according to West's diary, 'Noddy peeled from level with the tree 15 feet below the top. Before the big push the bulk of Hadfield's climbing equipment was stolen from his side-car and for the ascent he had very little equipment. Two pegs were placed on the two thin fault-lines and slings were draped on flakes. The tree to the left of the prow was also used a runner. The ascent was virtually completed in pouring rain and Hadfield even had a look down below the Prow to prospect another line, but then having continued and left the rock, near the top, Hadfield slipped on the steep and horrific vegetation which comprised wet grass, roots and brambles. In the ensuing fall his flight was arrested just before he hit the ground. Fearing the worst, his companions rushed him to hospital in Buxton. Amazingly Hadfield had only severe bruises and contusions.

It is unlikely that anyone will now unravel the complete story of this first route but the key sources seem to be West's article 'Raven Tor the Terrible', West's diary, an M.G.C.C. 1st ascent account, and the story told by John Hadfield in 1999. There is little doubt though that owing to constant loose rock removal, and many falls that stripped finally, several lines were attempted over a two-year period and one line finally completed by West and Harold Hughes is not exactly the same line as that done by Hadfield."

Aid reduced to 1 pt. by Ron Fawcett, Geoff Birtles, Al Evans on 12 September 1976.

Rumoured to have been climbed free in 1976 by Gabe Regan but strangely it was not claimed at the time. The truth says wonders about the competition at the time. Gabe recalled in 2015: "I tried Hubris in 1976 but didn't do it. I had looked at Hubris and thought it might go. I didn't do anything about it until one week I heard a whisper that Ron was going to try and free something on Raven Tor. I presumed it was Hubris. So I slept Friday night on Windy Ledge with an alarm clock set for 7 o'clock so I'd get to Raven before Ron etc. which I did, then climbed up a bit and clipped an old peg and waited for them to arrive. They did arrive and after asking me what I was doing said they were going to try the girdle, I hadn't thought of that! Anyway I spent the day trying it but didn't get that far. Tom abbed down it sometime afterwards and pulled some huge flakes off. He said I would have been killed if I'd got any higher than I did. Don't know if that was true or an excuse for changing the route. I never went back as I wasn't

convinced that it was worth the effort". Finally climbed free by Ron Fawcett in 1980.

1957 Dec 8 Hubris Variant (A3) Graham West, Harold 'Hugo' Hughes

First continuous ascent utilising their 9 golas which had been placed by 11 August. They apparently started up a line below and to the right of the Prow and traversed left below the Prow under Hadfield's original line to finish as for Hubris (Left-Hand).

1958 Early Attempts on what was to become Mecca John Hadfield, Eric Fairhurst

"John Hadfield started the project with Eric Fairhurst on 25 January 1958, but this is confused by the fact that they started yet another line out of the cave on 3rd February 1958. Pegs, threads, and slings on flakes were used. At one point a peg was attached to a long stick and placed at the base of the main crack. The leader whacked it in, stood up, placed another peg and moved up, whereupon the first peg fell out! At no point did they consider placing bolts.

It is almost certain that Barry Roberts completed the big pitch up to the break."

1960 Feb The Mecca (A3) Graham West, Barry Roberts
 'As early as 1956 members of the Manchester Gritstone Club were convinced that a route could be forced up the frowning almost holdless wall of Raven Tor... They began the siege of the Tor towards the end of 1956 and after many efforts on the central wall in a vain attempt to reach the Prow, they departed to improve their skills on less forbidding limestone crags... After further practice in the use of expansion bolts on overhanging walls such as Nemesis, the attack on Raven Tor was resumed in late 1959... Like all great expeditions, the final ascent was only made possible through the hard work of other climbers such as John Hadfield, Neil Parker, Stanley Wroe and the late Michael Roberts who repeatedly helped with the drilling on the wall only to fall off from loose pegs and descend exhausted, and to be replaced immediately by the next eager climber... This tremendous route - the culmination of three year's efforts - was well-named The Mecca.' Oliver Woolcock, Mike Wild made the second ascent of Raven Tor in 9 hours - finished in the dark; several pegs abandoned, 8 bolts.

Third ascent by N Jack Soper, A Marshall in 9 hours. 1960-1961.

After reports from the first few parties who repeated the route Malcolm Baxter and West re-ascended The Mecca with a hammer and cold chisel to chop every alternative bolt as it was felt that this action was necessary to retain some of the original difficulties.

Top pitch freed by Keith Myhill in 1973.

Half the main pitch freed by Martin Atkinson in September 1988 as Mecca - The Mid-life Crisis.

1961 Oct Raven Tor Girdle (A2) Doug Scott, Ray Gillies
 "At the time Scott was particularly involved in the development of aid climbing at High Tor. This 'northern raid' infuriated the locals."

First free ascent by Ron Fawcett in Spring 1980 - renamed Cream Team Special. In January 1963 West and Mike Roberts died tragically in a freak avalanche in the Chew Valley and not surprisingly the Manchester Gritstone Club lost its impetus."

1963 July Prow Route (A3) Bob Dearman, John Gerrard

Sheffield University Mountaineering Club members engineered the top aid route of its time. Originally the line started up The Mecca. The direct start was added by Bob Dearman and Michael White on 14th March 1965. In the early Seventies, Ed Ward-Drummond made a very bold and ethically pure bolt-free ascent of Prow (as it was then known) using skyhooks on small ledges.

First attempted free ascent by Ron Fawcett in July 1982. First free ascent of the original aided line pitch 2 by Malcolm Taylor in 1992, - renamed Rage."

1964 Jan Cambridge Bolt Route (A2) Rod Brown, Mike White
 Predominantly a peg route. First free ascent by Jerry Moffatt in May 1982 - renamed Rooster Booster.

1965 March 14 The Prow Direct Start (A2) Bob Dearman, Mike White
 Free-climbed by Jerry Moffatt in August 1984 and renamed Revelations.

1966 Feb Super Directissima/Brandenburg Gates (A3) Brian Moore, Jim Ballard

A much criticized route, with many bolts. The lower ones were smashed out, but were later reinstated. Aid reduced to three points by Andy Pollitt in May 1987, renamed The Whore of Babylon.

Climbed free from the ground by Ben Moon as part of Hubble in June 1990. Then the hardest sport climb in the world.

1968 Aug The Koran (A2) Tom Proctor, D Baker
 Surprisingly aided; but this was owing to loose rock. Reduced to two points by Bob Toogood and Bob Dearman. 'I remember that I spent all day abseiling and cleaning off tons of crap which eventually knackered me out so it was Bob who did the eventual lead of the first pitch to the bush and I finished off. It's no good asking Toogood either, even as a young lad he couldn't remember the routes he'd done the week before!' Bob Dearman 2015. First free ascent by Pete O'Donovan in Summer 1982.

1968 S.B.S Tom Proctor, D Baker

1969 Sardine (A3) Jeff Morgan, Bob Toogood

At the time a horrendously loose mid-section repelled many attempts. First free ascent by Ron Fawcett in 1981.

1960s Lassitude (A2 & S) Unknown

A route somewhere to the right of Sardine, with pegs in pockets. Possibly the line now taken by In Brine.

1970 Dec 28 The Prowler (A2) Jeff Morgan, H Mares
 Excellent route-finding on a magnificent piece of rock. First free ascent of pitch 1 by Ron Fawcett in June 1982 - renamed Indecent Exposure.

1973 Apr 21 The Flying Scotsman (HVS, AI) Jeff Morgan, Rab Carrington

The second pitch contained tension from a peg to reach The Prow stance, a thread for aid to place a peg, off which you lowered 30 ft and penduled to the Mecca stance.

1973 The Mecca (top pitch) Keith Myhill First free ascent.

1976 Sept 5 Perfidious Primate Ron Fawcett, Geoff Birtles
 The first completely free (?) route. Started by tying a boulder to a tree and stepping off it.

1976 Sept 11 Cream Team Special Ron Fawcett, Geoff Birtles, Al Evans

A free version of Raven Tor Girdle. The seconds were said to be suffering from jet-lag after a number of fliers. Criticized because falls taken while leading had allowed rests and a return up the rope to the line.

1976 Hubris (1 pt.) Ron Fawcett, Geoff Birtles, Al Evans
 One peg was used in the low break, marrying an otherwise fine effort. At the time the hardest route in the valley. Ron Fawcett finally freed the route in 1980.

1979 Spring The Ministry of Silly Walks Geoff Birtles, Tom Proctor

"The intimidating feel of the crag has perhaps needlessly deterred many people; a fine route which on any other crag would be a classic. Now sadly overgrown." **1979 Spring A Little Extra** Tom Proctor, Geoff Birtles, Ernie Marshall

A bolt was placed for protection. An alternative finish, Traverse and Up, by Eric Jones, D Vallins on 12 April 1986 takes the wall right of the roof to two abseil bolts.

1980 Northern Limestone guidebook published.

1980 Hubris Ron Fawcett

First Free Ascent.

1981 Jan Sardine Ron Fawcett

First free ascent.

A major precursor of future developments; first a test-piece, then a trade route, later a training exercise and now a warm up. Given the state of the in-situ gear at the time, it was probably worth E6. Has been soloed (including the overgrown loose top section), on more than one occasion by Dave Thomas.

1981 May Pleasant Dreams (A2) David Williams, John Williams

A low girdle from Indecent to Sardine along an obvious thin break. No pegs!

1981 Saline Drip Ron Fawcett (solo)

1982 May Indecent Exposure Ron Fawcett

A free version of The Prowler pitch 1. The route was climbed over two days with an abseil-in to complete the second pitch on the second day. Soon repeated by Moffatt.

1982 May Rooster Booster Jerry Moffatt
 A free version of the Cambridge Bolt Route. So called because it 'packs so much in'.

1982 Spring Free and Easy (A3) Chris Craggs, Colin Binks, Martin Veale

First free ascent by Andy Pollitt on 26 July 1986 as Chimes of Freedom. Re-climbed in 1990 by Ben Moon after the loss of a huge block.

1982 July The Prow Ron Fawcett, Gill Fawcett

A free ascent covering about 50% of the line of The Prow Routes, approaching from The Prowler and incorporating a new middle section to the right of the original aid route.

The ascent of Britain's top super route was spread over three days, graded E7 and rated harder than many 5.13s. Lauded in the climbing press as the hardest route in the world. The original (Mecca) and direct starts remained as aid routes.

Jerry Moffatt repeated the route in one day, abseiling off for a whistle-stop brew at the Wiggly Tin Cafe!

The direct start was freed as Revelations in 1984 and the middle section freed as Rage in 1987. Ron's version was climbed in one pitch in 2003 by Mark Pretty with a final bolt added by Simon Lee to connect to the Crucifixion belay.

1982 Sept Obscene Gesture Dominic Lee

First appearance of Dominic Lee. The route was reported as having a one-finger move, the 'Obscene Gesture', moving up and right off a mono. It was a serious route at E6 6c and although initially quite popular, the in-situ gear deteriorated (poor peg, poor wire, bolt) and it became harder following the loss of holds on the crux section. Consequently it fell out of favour. A 'revised' bolted line was added in 2009 by Al Austin which had an independent start and a direct finish which he called Final Gesture. The new and old versions share only about 2m of climbing, but the new line incorrectly inherited the old name. The start of the actual Obscene Gesture was bolted in 2009 by Al Austin and linked to The Toilet to give Obscene Toilet. The original line still exists as a bolt/trad hybrid, but has

probably not received an ascent in this form.

- 1982 Summer Koran** Pete O'Donovan, Chris Craggs
1983 O'Donovan's Blind Variant Pete O'Donovan
1984 May The Body Machine Ron Fawcett
 Immortalised on video. The route involved a rest from a foot jammed above the head in a horizontal break. The direct start was added by Mark Pretty in 2007.
1984 May Weedkiller Tim Freeman
 For once Jerry Moffatt was beaten to the first ascent. A direct start to Rooster Booster getting a name all of its own! Soloed by Wolfgang Gullich
 Reclimbed by Steve Lewis in 1990 after the loss of a small but crucial block. Lewis himself, in fact, removed the block, landing on his back among the boulders in the process. He was thankfully unhurt.
1984 Aug Another Toadside Attraction Steve Lewis
1984 Aug Revelations Jerry Moffatt
 A free ascent of the direct start to Prow, oft attempted. An outstanding achievement yet soloed by Antoine le Menestrel the following year - a major blow to national pride at the time.
1984 Aug Verbal Abuse Jerry Moffatt
 "Nobody else can hang on those holds." Graded E7, a line cleaned and tried on many occasions by Dominic Lee. On his best attempt a hold broke off and he couldn't regain the high point. Essentially all the hard climbing had been completed. Another brilliant effort from the ebullient Moffatt, and another seldom repeated route which still torts out climbers by generation.
1985 Oct Arabian Nights Nigel Slater, Andy Goring
1985 Oct Koran Direct Nigel Slater
 Nigel 'The Clamp' Slater was known for his power and stamina. On his early flash of Body Machine (the 2nd ever) he slowly pushed his way through the crux rockover only to exclaim "Bloody Hell, I nearly blew my tits off".
1986 Super High Intensity Body Building Steve Lewis, John MacKenzie
 Referred to at the time by some "Super High Intensity Training" for its acronym!
1986 July 26 Chimes of Freedom Andy Pollitt
 A free version of Free and Easy. The line was finally climbed after 13 days' ground up effort taking a line and sequence above the bulge ignored by subsequent repeat ascensionists. Reclimbed in 1990 by Ben Moon after the loss of a large block from the first roof. Significantly harder.
1986 Aug Wild in Me Richard Davies
 Ignored for years, the route was finally found to rely upon several chipped holds. These were filled in, and the route re-climbed in 1993 by Mark Pretty.
1987 Feb 1 Paxo Mark Pretty
 An old E6 6b. now superseded. It started up Weedkiller then moved into what is now Missing Link into Let's Get Naked!
1987 Apr 10 Boot Boys Andy Pollitt
 One evening Pollitt visited the tor and discovered local climber Paul Vale sky-hooking his way up the superb grey wall to the right of Little Extra. Two days later the route was free; is this a record? Pollitt was criticised for chipping. He claimed he was filing down sharp edges on some of the pockets.
1987 May 27 The Whore of Babylon (2pts aid) Andy Pollitt
 First (nearly) free ascent of Brandenburg Gate. Has now lost holds and may need a fourth aid point.
1987 June 20 Out of My Tree Andy Pollitt
 First free ascent of Perfidious Primate.
1987 July 25 In Brine Steve Lewis
 Originally described as a 'searing dihedral blasting skywards on a blank

headwall'. It was actually a small, pegged flake just right of Sardine which has subsequently lost holds and become much harder. Tomato Sauce links the top of the flake with the crux of Sardine at F7b+.

- 1987 Aug Pump up the Power** Ben Moon
 Soloed in 1992 by Jerry Moffatt and Sean Myles.
1987 Sep 13 Bullet the Blue Sky Pete Oxley
 This route linked a Ron Fawcett variation on Sardine with the finish of Jive Turkey. The only new climbing was a foot-traverse, the easiest section of the route.
1987 Let's Get Naked! Ben Masterson
1988 June The Toilet Steve Lewis
 Harder now, due to loss of holds.
1988 July 17 Ayatollah Pete Oxley, B Tilley
 'Judicious earthworks transformed this particular wall from an unjustifiable tottering heap, to the most popular pitch on the crag in less than a week. Sad, are the workers of modern technology.' Neil Foster, High Magazine 71.
1988 July Tin Of Steve Lewis
 A new finish to the variation on Sardine incorporated into Bullet the Blue Sky, making it very popular. In rather bizarre fashion it was retro-bolted in 1990 by Ian Dunne.
1988 Aug 31 Sheikh, Rattle 'n Roll Chris Hardy, Dave Hinton
 Popular for a while. On the second ascent Malcolm Taylor flashed the route and was clipping the belay chain when the ledge on which he was standing collapsed. He fell 13 metres, much to the delight of the belayer, one Chris Hardy, whose route remained unrepeatable, for a short while longer.
1988 Sep Mecca - The Mid-life Crisis Martin 'Basher' Atkinson
 A magnificent achievement; then the hardest route in the country (given E8 6c) climbed on Basher's last day as a resident of Great Britain. Early the following morning, still celebrating, he and wife Fiona left for a new life in Switzerland. Crisis indeed! The major starting block fell out in 2009 and was loving pieced together and reattached by Kristian Clemmow and Keith Sharples with several tubes of resin.
1988 Oct 29 Introducing the Hardline According to Terence Trout Andy Pollitt, Adrian Hughes
 Originally called Terence Trout D'arby. A free version of Terence Trout (A2), reputedly climbed in the 1970s.
1989 May 9 The Flushings Malcolm Taylor, Jon de Montjoye, Simon Nadin
 It was so cold that Nadin and de Montjoye refused to leave the car until the drilling of the bolt was complete. Second ascent Simon Nadin five minutes later!
1989 Sep 28 Rattle and Hump Malcolm Taylor
1990 April 14 Chimes of Freedom Reclimbed by Ben Moon.
 Following the loss of a large block under the roof, making the route harder.
1990 June 14 Hubble Ben Moon
 Certainly the hardest climb in the world at this time also containing the hardest boulder problem. Perhaps the most significant advancement of standards since Revelations in 1984. Ben Moon, a man who had promised so much - both in Britain and abroad - finally realised his full potential. Originally graded E9+7b in the Stoney Route Book. Eventually repeated in 1992 by Malcolm Smith, but as Moon immediately pointed out "two years is a long time in climbing". Now considered the first F9a and possibly even the first E10.
1990 Weedkiller Steve Lewis
 Reclimbed after the removal of a block.
1990 Weedkiller Chimes Jerry Moffatt
1991 May 27 Sardine direct finish Ian Dunn, Alan Doig

- 1992 Oct 11 Rage** Malcolm Taylor
 Malcolm took an odd line on the upper wall spanning left for a large block. Repeated a decade later by Steve McClure who instead went directly up the wall. At the time of writing the only known repeat following Malc's original line is by Ben Bransby.
1993 Feb Wild in Me Mark Pretty
 First free ascent; the route originally had several chiselled holds.
1993 March 9 Dialectics Mark Pretty
1993 May 15 Make it Funky Mark Pretty
 Originally known as Mega.
1993 May 22 Jehovahkill John Welford
1994 June 19 Cream Tea Special Mark Pretty, Chris Wright
1994 Hot Flushes Mark Pretty
 Pretty, having climbed everything of note in the Peak District - including Mecca 21 times - declared himself determined to have more first ascents at the crag than any other climber!
1995 May 13 Evolution Jerry Moffatt
 The grand old man of the Peak ascends what may well be his swan song. Moffatt climbing at F8c/8c+ proves himself still to be one of the best climber in the world, eleven years after Revelations!
1995 July 23 Crumblefish Malcolm Taylor
1998 Summer Mega Whore Steve McClure
 The first of a trilogy of super routes.
1998 Summer Mecca Extension Steve McClure
 The second extension and only the first time that the Extension itself had been linked despite being bolted 'years ago' by renowned strong man Mark Leach.
1998 Summer Mutation Steve McClure
 The final route in the trilogy; the best and undoubtedly the hardest. McClure comes of age, the first increase in standards in eight years since the first ascent of Hubble. A fortuitous gust of wind was said to have helped on the redpoint.
1998 Oct 14 Out of My Boots Steve McClure
1998 Tomb Raider Tony Coutts
 Probably the first real ascent of the route called Acid Trip in the previous guide.
1998 Gran Turismo, Mortal Combat Tony Coutts
2003 The Proud Whore Mark Pretty
 A fantastic link-up of The Prow into The Whore of Babylon.
2003 Waddage Steve McClure
 Mark Pretty failed to do the upper crux and stopped at the break, calling the resulting ascent Waddage. Steve flashed the route in its entirety and called it Major Waddage but everyone has used Mark's name.
2003 Hooligan Steve Dunning
2004 Hajj Steve McClure
2004 Kaaba Steve McClure
2004 Kristian's Traverse Kristian Clemmow
 Called the Mecca Traverse in Recent Developments Guidebook.
2004 Fowl Play Mark Pretty
2005 The Full Monty Mark Pretty
2005 Body Builder Mark Pretty
2005 Sept 28 Devolution Rupert Davies
2006 June Roofolution Steve McClure
2006 The Crucifixion Neil Foster
 Neil's first F8a! Originally bolted by Kristian Clemmow who thought the bulge was dangerously loose so left it. Now a classic. Lets hope the bulge stays in place.
2006 Brazen Strumpet Mark Pretty
2007 An In and Out of Body Experience Mark Pretty

- A liberal splattering of Sika was used to stabilise the high holds.
2007 The Green Alternative Mark Pretty
 The short roof right of Chimes opens the way for a multitude of linkups.
2007 The Missing Link Mark Pretty
2007 The Extreminator Mark Pretty
2007 Rooster Crossing Steve McClure
2007 April 30 Seraphim Rupert Davies
2008 Anger Management Mark Pretty
 A more amenable start to Rage.
2008 Barely Decent (both starts) Mark Pretty
2008 Half Decent Mark Pretty
2009 The Call of Nature Mark Pretty
 Instantly popular.
2009 Chimes Alternative Jon Clark
 F8a The Green Alternative linked into Chimes by traversing left along the break.
2009 The Green Rooster Ted Kingsnorth
 F7c+ The Green Alternative linked into Rooster Booster.
2009 In Brine ???
 Reclimbed after significant hold loss.
2009 Little Boots Kristian Clemmow
2009 Final Gesture Alan Austin
 A line sharing 2m of Obscene Gesture, but often incorrectly referred to as a retro-bolted Obscene Gesture. Flashed by Jon Clarke, immediately after Al's ascent.
2009 Obscene Toilet Mark Pretty
 A popular link-up made possible by bolting the original start of Obscene Gesture. Al Austin put in the bolts, but Mark (having already led the line using bolts in The Toilet) asked if he could have 'the honours'. Austin gallantly stood aside.
2009 Stevolution Steve McClure
2010 The Grand Tour Mark Pretty
2010 Weedkiller/Green Alternative Jon Clark
 Link the Weedkiller traverse into the Green Alternative. F8a.
2011 Aug Austin Powers Alan Austin
 "Bit of a filler-in, and I left it unnamed. Simon Lee gave it the name, and with hindsight, I wish I'd have thought of it."
2011 Ring of Fire Kristian Clemmow
 A good find.
2012 Sept 4 Unzipped Simon Lee
 Flashed straight after by Steve McClure.
2012 Cave Problem SS/Chimes Link Bob Hickish?
 Link Cave Problem sit into Baby Chimes F8b+- . Not in guide.
2013 April 21 The Right to Roam Kristian Clemmow
2013 June 2 Freedom Fighter Kristian Clemmow
2013 June 12 The Resistance Kristian Clemmow
2013 June 27 Resistance is Futile Mark Tomlinson
2013 Aug 15 Balls Out Simon Lee
2013 Aug 25 Rage into Crucifixion Dave McLaughlin
2013 Sept 6 Cross 'n Angry Jon Garside
 An easier version of Rage into Crucifixion with a name of its own albeit a good one.
2013 The Killer Strumpet Mark Pretty?
2014 May 20 Green Fighter Ted Kingsnorth
 F8a. Chimes Alternative into Freedom Fighter. Not in guide.
2014 May 29 Chimes of Resistance Ted Kingsnorth
 F8b. Chimes into Resistance is Futile. Not in guide.
2014 July 1 Alternative Chimes of Resistance Anthony Ingham
 F8a+- . Green Alternative into Chimes of Resistance . Not in guide.

2014 July 6 **Kaaba is Futile** Ted Kingsnorth
F8c. Not in guide.

2014 Dec 10 **Mecca Extension/ The Whore of Babylon** Ted Kingsnorth
F8b+. Not in guide.

Let's Get Green Ted Kingsnorth
F7c+. Green Alternative into Jive Turkey. Not in guide.

Devolution into Waddage Steve McClure

Cave Problem Chimes Link Jerry Moffatt?
F8b. Not in guide.

Raven Tor Bouldering

Basher's Problem Martin Atkinson

Belly of the Beast Chris Webb Parsons, 2013

Ben's Roof Extension Kristian Clemmow

Ben's Roof Ben Moon

Ben's Traverse Ben Moon

Boyband Andy Harris

Converter Dawid Skoczylas

Fat Lip Steve McClure, 2007

Hook Dawid Skoczylas

Hooligan Steve Dunning, 2003

Influx Dawid Skoczylas

Keen Roof James Pearson, 2008

Kristian's Problem Kristian Clemmow

Let's Get Ready to Rumbleweed Andy Banks

Out of My Tree Start Andy Pollitt, 1987

Pocketrocity Andy Harris

Powerband Jerry Moffatt, 1987

Pump up the Power Ben Moon, 1987

Pump up the Vallium Dan Varian

Rattle and Hump Start Malcolm Taylor, 1989

Saline Drip Ron Fawcett

Shades of Grey Dawid Skoczylas

Staminaband Ben Moon

Sympathy in Choice Dawid Skoczylas

The Steve Miller Band Steve McClure

Tumbleweed Robin Mueller, 2009

Wee Dimension Robin Mueller

Weedfiller Robin Mueller

Wild East Dawid Skoczylas, 2011

Tideswell and Miller's Dale

pre-1961 **Unknown**

Graham West's 1961 guidebook mentions that a several routes had been added to a wall which matches the location of Ifad Buttress. 'An obvious steep groove right of centre affords a very difficult line of ascent. Plenty of vegetation to contend with. The last clean section at the right-hand end of the wall provides a severe route on superb rock. The start of the route is at a wild rose bush. The short wall to the left of this has been climbed'. The severe route referred to may be Vanishing Resources?

1960 **Benevolence (AI)** Unknown

So named because of the pegs left behind by beginners. First free ascent as *The Meanie* in 1980 by Ed Wood.

1961 **Harvest (AI)** Malc Baxter, Jim Heys

'On Angler's Buttress 200m upstream from the pub'. This is probably the buttress now known as Viaduct Buttress. Described as 'an indefinite corner'. Lost over time.

1961 **Heysdays** Jim Heys, Malc Baxter

On Angler's Buttress. A VS with 2 pts aid. 'Start to the right of the overhang. Free-climb slightly left and up to the roof. Surmount this using 2 pegs and climb to a tree. Brambles and a short wall lead to the top'. Also lost over time.

1961 **Raven's Foot Chimney** Malc Baxter, Jim Heys

1962 **Freda** Ernie Jones, Jack Arrundale

Ipt of aid. Freed by unknown climbers in the 1960s.

1963 **Ping-a-Ling** Malc Baxter, Jim Heys

First free ascent by Paul Pepperday, Dave Candlin in 1983 as *Alive She Cried*.

1965 Oct **Buffoon Crack** Malc Baxter

1965 Oct **Water Melon** Malc Baxter, Gordon Whittaker

A VS with 1 pt. aid, which was somewhere on Alpha Buttress. It appeared in the 1969 guidebook, but had been written out as being one of many routes of little worth in the 1980 guidebook.

1960s **Ergonomic Buttress (HS & A2)** Tony Howard, B Taylor

Aid reduced to 1 pt. by Con Carey and Dave Humphries in 1976. First free ascent unknown by Gary Gibson in 1981.

1960s **Ifad (AI)** Unknown

Aid reduced to 1 pt. by Paul Cropper, Loz Francomb in 1977. First free ascent unknown?

1960s **Inslippy** Unknown

1960s **Trinig (aid)** Unknown

1 pt of aid. First free ascent by Al Evans in 1976.

1960s **Sensation** Unknown

Rediscovered by Al Evans in 1976 as *Bammalammalmaloo*. *Sensational!*

1960s **The Neb Crack** Unknown

Rediscovered by Al Evans in 1976 as *Razzledazzle*.

1973 Aug **Slow Water Girdle** Steve Read, T Watts, B Wilson, D Cracknell

1973 **Ellis Needham** Steve Read

Named after the original mill-owner who ill-treated his child workers in the 1870s.

1973 **Robert Blincoe** Steve Read

Named after a child mill-worker who left a record of the terrible treatment that he suffered.

1976 May **Black Magic, The Hulk, , Nothing in Particular (now known as Nowt Much), Particular Groove, Tideswell**

Centoph, Vanishing Resources, White Magic, Al Evans

Vanishing Resources is possibly an unnamed route referred to in Graham West's 1961 guidebook as having been climbed.

1976 **Big Word Climb** Nick Colton, Willy Todd

1976 **Blackbirds, Roobarb, Custard** Al Evans

Roobarb used one nut for aid. Climbed free in 1981.

1980 **Brand X** Kevin Glass, Steve Webster, Neil Hyde

1980 **The Meanie** Ed Wood

First free ascent of *Benevolence*.

1981 **Blacksmith's Lactic, Pink Badger, Cloud Busting** Paul Mitchell

Cloud Busting is an unchecked/unfound route in the 1987 guidebook. On *Freda's Buttress*, it climbed direct to a tree through the roof.

1981 **Ergonomic Buttress** Gary Gibson

First free ascent.

1981 **Roobarb** Chris Gore

First free ascent.

1983 March 6 **In Search of the Elusive Snail, Snail in Jail** Paul Mitchell, Andy Barker

On a buttress in *Monk's Dale*. Ten minutes from the church on the left-hand side. Now no longer climbed on for environmental reasons and not described in the guidebook.

1983 March 6 **Hawknasty** Andy Barker, Paul Mitchell

On the above buttress.

1983 April 1 **Dissident Aggressor** Simon Nadin

1983 April 1 **Lost Ambition** Richard Davies, Simon Nadin

1983 Aug 6 **Survival Limit** Richard Davies, Simon Nadin

1983 Nov 29 **A Clip in Time** Andy Barker, Paul Mitchell

1983 **Alive She Cried** Paul Pepperday, Dave Candlin

First free ascent of *Ping-a-Ling*.

1984 April **Raven Bonking** Doug Kerr

1984 July 20 **Exiled Transformer** Richard Davies Solo.

1984 **Bad Guts** Al McSherry, Malc Baxter

1984 **Freda Direct** Richard Davies Solo.

1984 **Lanky Sod** Al McSherry, Malc Baxter, Keith Ashton

1984 **Raven Loonie, Sex-Crazed Gorilla** Bill Wintrip

1984 **The Urban Shark** Paul Mitchell, Andy Barker

Both soloed. A desperate hand-traverse of the upstream side of the road bridge over the river where the road leads off to Wormhill. Given E4 5a!

1985 March 16 **Hairline Fracture** Doug Kerr

1985 March 17 **Raven Loonie Direct start** Doug Kerr

Solo, climbs direct into the wide finishing crack of the original.

1985 March 27 **Ice Out in the Rain, Close Enough** Richard Davies

1985 April 2 **Down Like a Rock, Paradox Wish, Red Squirrel** Richard Davies

1985 April 17 **No Strange Delight, Slip and Slime, Stuff of Dreams** Richard Davies

1985 April 28 **Beat the Gun** Simon Nadin, Richard Davies

1985 May 26 **Chinese Wall** Bill Wintrip, Senan Hennessey

1985 Aug **Ice 9** Nigel Holliday, Tom Sawridge

1985 Aug 11 **The Stone Leopard** Richard Davies

1985 **Flags for Everything** Chris Jackson, Bob Conway

1985 **Old Dog - New Trick** Bob Conway, Chris Jackson 1985

1985 **Green Dragon** Senan Hennessey, Roy Small

- 1985 May **China Crisis** Senan Hennessy, Bill Wintrip
 1985 Aug 31 **Chains, Self Control** Richard Davies
 1985 Sep 14 **Running Wild, Sanctuary** Richard Davies
 Solo.
 1985 Sep 15 **Still Life, Restoree** Richard Davies
 Solo.
 1985 Sept 22 **Débutant** Richard DaviesSolo.
 1985 **Adrenalin, Bastard Toadflax, Eric's Left Buttock, Ode to Eric, Suspender Belt, Urtica Dioica** Bob Conway, Chris Jackson
 1985 **Annapurma South Face** Chris Jackson, Bob Conway, Senan Hennessy
 1985 **Breaking the Chain** Richard Davies
 1986 July **White in the Face, Black in the Palms** Nigel Slater, Paul Grant
 1986 Sept 4 **Chernobyl Gully** Paul Mitchell
A dreadful 'grade III gully' on Viaduct Buttress, right of A Clip in Time. 'Be careful, don't fall out'.
 1986 Sept 4 **Mister Blister** Paul Mitchell
Four falls, and two bulging eyeballs'.
 1986 **Runaway** Richard Davies
 1987 March 29 **Bridge Over the River Wye** Nigel Slater, Paul Grant, Liam Grant
The first of two bolt routes up the man-made supporting buttresses of the railway viaduct. The second was A Bridge Too Far. Now defunct.
 1987 April 4 **A Bridge Too Far** Nigel Slater
 1987 Sept 5 **Tales of Pinkie Power** Dominic Staniforth, D Tymin
 1989 Jan 15 **The Power to Heal** Simon Cundy, Tony Coutts
Also claimed as As Bald as a Court by Gary Gibson on April 1 1991.
 1990 Oct **Culloden** Ben Moon
Ben succeeded after 'Scottish' Ben (Masterson) had failed. Originally given F8b.
 1991 Feb 2 **Kuwait and See** Gary Gibson
 1991 April 1 **No Short Coutts, Silk Courtt, Stony Ground** Gary Gibson
 1991 April 3 **Where I Live** Gary Gibson
 1991 April 4 **Yer Right Me Duck** Gary Gibson
 1991 April 8 **Cuck the Duck** Gary Gibson
 1991 April 17 **Count Duckula** Gary Gibson
 1991 June 7 **All My Pegs in One Basket** Malc Taylor
 1997 May 22 **Lee Perry Presents 'Its a Knockout'** Nick Taylor

Tideswell and Miller's Dale Bouldering

- Candy Floss** Ned Feehally, 2008
Candy Kaned Dan Varian, 2008
Candy Man Sit Start David Mason
Cripple's Crab Andy Banks, 2011
Down Like a Rock Richard Davies, 1985
Hand Candy Ned Feehally, 2008
Hero's Challenge Richard Davies, 1985
Infinite Suspense Dawid Skoczylas
Midget Gem Dave Jones, 2011
Old-Fashioned Hot Air Balloon Ned Feehally, 2011
Paradox Wish Richard Davies, 1985
Peeled Baby Ned Feehally, 2008
Space Invaders Robin Mueller

Blackwell Dale

- 1972 **Citadel** Geoff Birtles, Ron Fawcett
The Rockspoor for August 1972 recorded this route as having been done with 1 sling for aid. A quarter of a century later Geoff Birtles denied this point of aid vehemently! He said that it was 'High' time that the record was put straight.
 1975 **The Chisholm Trail** Al Evans, George Chisholm
This climbed the vegetated buttress up and left of Beginner's Wall which reaches the road left of the layby, Now returned to nature.
 1977 **The Enchanted Place, Bossyboots, Jubilee Groove, Hot Thighs, The Idol** Graham Warren, Susan Russell
 1981 **Big Youth** Ed Wood, Chris Craggs
 1981 **Little Wimp** Chris Craggs, Colin Binks
 1983 **Elephants Never Forget** Paul Mitchell
 1983 July 24 **Dole Technician** Paul Mitchell
"A contender for the best micro-route in Derbyshire." It climbed easy ledges to the right of the cave to place a runner on a tree, then moved back left to a large pocket and a direct finish.
 1983 **Social Security Snooper** Paul Mitchell Solo.
A HVS 5b route started as for Dole Technician to a small tree but then used a tree to mantel over the roof.
 1983 **Ivory Poacher** Andy Barker
 1984 July 4 **Beginner's Wall** Paul Mitchell
Mitchell was disturbed by Graham Hoey and Keith Sharples on an early attempt on the route. In an article written about the route Mitchell recalls being concerned slightly that Hoey and Sharples might steal the line, but decided that although they were quite a strong team, it was probably beyond them. Hoey flashed the route on an early repeat, a fitting riposte.
 1986 **Fossil Wall** Ron Fawcett
 1988 Sept 10 **Middle Age Spread** Mark Pretty
Bolts reach Blackwell Dale.
 1988 Sept 23 **Let's Get Physical** Mark Pretty
 1988 Dec 4 **Big Daddy** Chris Craggs, Colin Binks
An A3 aid route! Who says that all the Dinosaurs are dead!
 1989 July 23 **The Midges Bite Back** Paul Reeve
 1995 Aug 7 **O'Leanna the Butler Dunn it!** Richard Patterson
The line was a project of Ian Dunn's, but Richie decided that Ian had had long enough time to do the route and took it upon himself to finish what Dunn had started! 'A dangerous precedence' and one not to be followed.
 1995 Aug **Sean's Roof** Jerry Moffatt
Jerry gave the route F8c: it was repeated twice in a very short space of time. The third ascensionist, Mark Leach, thought that as the route was only 15 feet off the ground he might as well make the fourth, solo!
 1998 March 1 **Bone Idol** Nick Taylor, Jim Parkinson On-sight
 1998 June 17 **The Love of Money is the Root of All Evil** Richie Patterson
Climbed without the two chipped holds at half-height. These were filled in by Patterson on the 19th July 1997. An original project of Danny Brooks.
 1998 Sept 11 **Elvis Gets My Bus** Nick Taylor, Tim Parkinson On-sight.
 1998 Sept 17 **Powerful Torches, Officer** Nick Taylor, Tim Parkinson
Named after being stopped by the police in the early hours of the morning after a night ascent of Mam Tor!
 1998 Sept 26 **Commit Dirty Act, Little Jordan** Nick Taylor, Tim Parkinson

Blackwell Dale Bouldering

- A Bit on the Side** Robin Mueller/Dawid Skoczylas
A Lack of Colour Dan Varian, 2010
Any Hole's A Goal Andy Banks
Back to Black Dawid Skoczylas, 2011
Back to Black Dyno Dawid Skoczylas, 2011
Black & Deckout Dave Parry
Black by Popular Demand Dave Parry
Blackhole Andy Banks
Bovine Rupert Davies, 2006
Bungle Robin Mueller/Dawid Skoczylas
Byker Groove Andy Banks
Dances With Wool Robin Mueller/Dawid Skoczylas
Deranged Abbott Robin Mueller
Don't Jump Robin Mueller/Dawid Skoczylas
Forager Robin Mueller/Dawid Skoczylas
Free Range Abattoir Andy Banks
Fudge Robin Mueller/Dawid Skoczylas
It's a Traversty Neil Travers
Jerry's Traverse Jerry Moffatt, 1995
Lovine Haydn Jones, 2014
Man of Steel Neil Travers
Me Eyes! Me Eyes! Andy Banks, 2011
Mike's Problem Mike Adams
Mint Sauce Dan Varian
Mutton Busting Ned Feehally, 2008
My Friend Flicka Robin Mueller/Dawid Skoczylas
Neil's Wall Neil Travers
Neil's Wall Right-Hand Mike Adams
Orange Si Robin Mueller/Dawid Skoczylas
Ovine Rupert Davies, 2006
Ovine Low Left Rupert Davies
Paint It Black Andy Banks
Part-Timer Robin Mueller/Dawid Skoczylas
Plaster Lank Robin Mueller/Dawid Skoczylas
Pushmepullyou Robin Mueller/Dawid Skoczylas
Recreational Violence Dawid Skoczylas
Red or Dead Andy Banks
Ru's Traverse Rupert Davies, 2011
Sidewinder Robin Mueller/Dawid Skoczylas
Somebody's Head Robin Mueller/Dawid Skoczylas
Spock Pete Bridgwood, 2011
Swing Time Neil Travers
Top Shop Andy Banks
Twice a Slice Robin Mueller/Dawid Skoczylas
Uno Robin Mueller/Dawid Skoczylas
Unstatic Dawid Skoczylas
Upton Beaver Robin Mueller/Dawid Skoczylas
Wedgie Robin Mueller/Dawid Skoczylas
Witchettygrub Robin Mueller/Dawid Skoczylas
Working 9-5 Chris Webb Parsons, 2010
Young, Gifted and Black Emlyn James, 2014



CHEE DALE

THE EMBANKMENT / MAX WALL / CORNICE / CHEE TOR / TWO TIER / LONG WALL / PLUM BUTTRESS +++

Chris 'Gus' Hudgins on Lightweight, F7c, at Two Tier Buttress. Photo: Adam Long

Chee Tor

1933 Eric Byne and friends did three routes on the left end, a short crack and two face routes. They named it Jericho Wall (probably falling down).

1950s Unlike lesser limestone crags the main mass of Chee Tor was uncompromising and offered no easy options. It remained inviolate until pegging was well-evolved and only began to receive attention at the same time as Raven Tor. 1956 Summer Alfresco attempted by Michael Roberts and members of the Manchester Gritstone Climbing Club. Roberts pulled a peg and fell forty feet into the nettles, stinging his eyes and spraining his back.

1960 Alfresco (S & AI) Jack Taylor, Graham West
First free ascent in the 1970s.

1961 Doggone Groove Malcolm Baxter, Jim Heys
Only these routes were recorded in Graham West's far-sighted guidebook to 'Rock Climbs on the Mountain Limestone of Derbyshire' in 1962.

1961 Grinning Chimney (HYD & AI) Jack Taylor, Graham West
First free ascent in the 1970s.

1962 Nov Mortlock's Arête (VS & A2) Colin Mortlock, Lyn Noble, Peter Hutchinson

A frontal attack on Chee Tor. Pitch 1 climbed free by Tom Proctor and Geoff Birtles in 1976 after a race against Pete Livesey and Ron Fawcett. Pitch 2 is now approximately Apocalypse pitch 2.

1963 Dec Great Central Route Rod Brown, Alan Wright
A lot of aid used, reduced in 1964 in better weather by Joe Brown and John Cheesmond, both Whitehall instructors. Aid reduced to 2 pts. by 1970.

1964 Red Tape (VS & A2) Joe Brown, John Amatt
A route to the left of Alfresco. Not in the 2015 script.

1964 Summer The Chopper John Amatt, Tony Howard, Alan Waterhouse, Tony Nicholls

1964 Autumn Chee Tor Girdle Chris Jackson, John Atkinson, Brian Starkey

Jackson in his great girdling phase. Joe Brown and John Amatt did this using 2 pitons and a wedge shortly afterwards thinking it to be new.

1965 Feb Leering Wall (Aid) Tony Howard, John Amatt, Alan Waterhouse, Tony Nicholls

Reduced to one nut for aid, spring 1965 by Oliver Woolcock.

1965 Feb Rape (VS & AI) Tony Howard, John Amatt
Pitch 2 climbed free by Roy Fryer summer 1965. Pitch 1 free by Tom Proctor, Ernie Marshall 1976.

1965 Feb 16 Hergiani (HVS & AI) Paul Nunn, Oliver Woolcock (alt)

Down to one peg. Jeff Morgan 1970. Totally, free by the early seventies.

1965 Feb 23 Koroblin (I pt.) Oliver Woolcock, Paul Nunn
First free ascent in the 1970/71.

1965 Feb Gulle Gulle Groove (aid) Tony Howard, John Amatt, Alan Waterhouse, Tony Nicholls

Ungardened ascent, many pegs; reduced to one peg by Oliver Woolcock in the spring.

1965 May Clive's Route Clive Rowland

1965 May Oblomov (VS & AI) Paul Nunn, Tony Riley
Free by Jerry Peel, Chris Gibb, Steve Foster in August 1976.

1966 Feb Sergeyenna (A2) Bob Dearman, Dave Gill (alt)
The wall between Hergiani and Oblomov was probably more difficult to peg than climb free. Freed by Jerry Peel, Chris Gibb, Steve Foster in 1976.

1966 Feb Wailing Wall (S & A2) John Smith, Paul Nunn (alt)

So-called because it was done on the day of the birth of a child of one of the first ascensionists. The line followed what is now Queer Street until it was possible to traverse left to gain and finish up the easy upper section of Autobahn. The top pitch became The Body Line in 1983.

1960s The Nameless One (AI) Party unknown

Climbed free as White Gold by Chris Gore in 1982.

1970 Feb 14 Valentine (3pts.) Jeff Morgan, H Mares

Some aid. Nut on pitch one, two bolts and a thread above. Top pitch climbed free in 1981 by Jerry Moffatt with pre-clipped gear. John Woodward climbed the orthodox way in 1982.

1970 April 11 Sleepwalkers (5 pts.) Jeff Morgan, Keith Myhill

Some aid, nut on pitch one and pegs above. Climbed free on 6 June 1976 by Jim Moran, Simon Horrox.

1970 April Nostradamus (2 pts) Jeff Morgan, D J Lester

1970 May The Tropic of Cancer (6 pts.) Jeff Morgan, Tim Lewis

An earlier attempt made by Jeff Morgan with Bob Toogood reached the end of pitch 2. Morgan did pitch 3 with Dave Goodwin prior to the first full ascent. Some aid; free at last in the summer of 1980 by Ian Maisey and Johnny Woodward.

1970 Aug 9 The Last Laugh (2 pts.) Alan Sanderson, K Bassin-dale

Minor aided route, free by Tom Proctor, Chris Jackson on 7 August 1971 and renamed Tigon but they did not get the last laugh.

1971 Aug 1 42nd Street Tom Proctor, Chris Jackson

Originally graded HVS (and how!) Direct start by Al Evans, Z 'Black Fred' Dyslewicz on 22 May 1977.

1971 Aug 7 Queer Street Tom Proctor, Chris Jackson

Thin and strenuous. First section of Wailing Wall p1 free. Direct finish added by Gary Gibson, Ian Riddington 24 May 1984.

1971 Aug 7 Shake Chris Jackson, Tom Proctor

1971 Aug 7 Tigon/The Last Laugh Tom Proctor, Chris Jackson

First free ascent. The renaming, for some reason, was not accepted in the 1980 guidebook.

1970/71 Necrophilia John Yates

In CC Journal 1970/71. HVS. As for Rape to the first groove. Move out left onto the rib and climb a flaky groove to a stance in the girdle. Not in any guides.

1970/71 Nebro John Wilkinson, Chris Craggs

In CC Journal 1970/71. 60 ft. VS. Left of Koroblin. Not in any guides.

1973 March 24 Rasputin (I pt.) Jeff Morgan, Rab Carrington

1976 Pheasant Plucker Chris Jackson and party

1976 Sergeyenna Jerry Peel, Chris Gibb, Steve Foster

First free ascent

1976 April 15 Apocalypse Steve Bancroft, John Allen

Two or three in-situ peg runners. The reputation of an horrendous and intimidating flake lasted for several years. Originally graded E6.

1976 pre-May Mortlock's Arête Tom Proctor, Geoff Birtles

First free ascent. Pete Livesey and Pete Gomersall made the second ascent hot on their heels.

1976 May Herbaceous Border (2 pts) 'Creamer' Kellett, B Mayow

An atrocious route up the jungle at the left-hand end of Chee Tor.

1976 May 9 Freedom Fighter Rod Haslam, Chris Jackson

The first route on Chee Tor East

1976 May 13 Flying Circus Bob Conway, Chris Jackson

1976 May 13 Rusty Frog Chris Jackson, Bob Conway

1976 May 16 The Stripper Dave Sant, D Beaver

Originally called Tau.

1976 May 16 White Out (2 pts) Chris Jackson, Bob Conway, Rod Haslam

First free ascent by Simon Nadin, Richard Davies on 25 July 1983.

1976 June 6 Sleepwalkers Jim Moran, Simon Horrox

First free ascent

1976 July Ceramic Gabriel Regan, Mark Stokes

Water was passed up to the leader in a heat wave!

1976 Aug Oblomov Jerry Peel, Chris Gibb, Steve Foster

First Free Ascent

1976 pre-Aug White Life Tom Proctor, Ernie Marshall, Al Evans, Geoff Birtles

The hardest route on the crag at that time. It was limestone's answer to Green Death at Millstone Edge.

1976 Rape Tom Proctor, Ernie Marshall

First free ascent.

1976 Summer Rave On Geoff Birtles, Ernie Marshall, Al Evans

Birtles reached the crack from below it.

1976 Nov 1 Pleasant Dreams John Fleming

Named and climbed by Al Evans four days later while John was thinking of a name. Richard Davies added a direct start in 1984 (Advanced Warning).

1976 Nov 5 Match of the Day Jim Moran, Al Evans

1977 May 16 Cerberus (HVS 1 pt.) Bob Conway, D Beaver

Originally known as Second Helping. Climbed directly and free by Keith Sharples in April 1984 and renamed The Glorious Ninth after a spell of good weather.

1977 May 17 Sunny Gooch Street Al Evans, Jim Moran

1977 May 21 Highway 57 John Fleming

1977 Aug 4 Flycatcher Jim Moran, George Traish

Originally recorded as Flycatcher Wall in the New Routes Book in the YHA at Manchester.

1977 Aug 5 Meditation Jim Moran, George Traish

1978 April 15 Less Than Zero Jim Moran, Geoff Milburn, Simon Horrox

Now bolder and harder since the lost of a crucial hold and runner.

1978 Tec Chris Jackson, Bob Conway

This line was later claimed in error as Puppets.

1978 Uru Bob Conway, Chris Jackson

A line reaching Tec direct then finishing as for Oblomov.

1979 July Absent Friends Mark Stokes, Mike F Browell

Named after John Allen's departure to New Zealand.

1979 Aug 20 Dagenham Dave Gary Gibson, Dave Wilson

1980 Spring Blind Alleys Peter Livesey, Alex Livesey

1980 May 14 Two Sunspots Gary Gibson, B Holmes, T Bailey

Destined to become a classic of the Tor

1980 May Heart of Darkness John Fleming and party

1980 July The Golden Mile Peter Livesey, Dave Cobley

Alex, Pete's brother had accompanied Pete on his earlier attempts. An audacious lead and a con on Fawcett as Livesey had said that he was going to Blackpool. Many had failed on the route and it was later alleged to have at least one obviously chipped hold. Let those who insist on total metrication sort the name out!

1980 Summer Tropic of Cancer Ian Maisey, Johnny Woodward

First free ascent.

1981 June Pink Panther Ron Fawcett

1981 June Autobahn Ron Fawcett

The peg runner pulled out during an early repeat attempt by Chris Gore, acquiring a scary reputation for the route.

1981 July Splintered Perspex, Of Youth John Fleming and party

Splintered Perspex required a point of aid, eliminated by Fleming himself on the second ascent.

1982 May 3 Hatred Gary Gibson, Hazel Carnes

Probably first climbed, but not claimed, by Nick Colton in 1979.

1982 May Tequila Mockingbird Ron Fawcett

Two modern bolts were placed - the first on the Tor! The route was heralded as the hardest route of the time - possibly E6, 7b. Three days of attempts and many falls. A visiting french climber Jean-Pierre Bouvier red-pointed the route and tried to rename it Gandalf le Magicien! "Yo-yo is not free-climbing in France. Harder than Little Plum (1st pitch)". Jean-Pierre Bouvier. Now considered to be the French grade of F7c though still trad in nature.

1982 June Ceramic Extension Johnny Woodward, Dave Lee
Attention now turned to the bulging headwall offering a series of one-pitch routes (finishes) each with its own name.

1982 June White Gold Chris Gore, Dominic Lee

It replaced The Nameless One and became an instant classic. Re-equipped in 2011 and graded F7a.

1983 April 11 Otaix Chris Hardy, Quentin Fisher

1983 Spring Duel in the Sun Dave 'The General' Lee

A route with a desperate sting in the tail - seldom repeated.

1983 June 24 The Body Line Jim Moran, Geoff Milburn

First free ascent of the top pitch of the old aid route Wailing Wall.

1983 July 23 White Out Simon Nadin, Richard Davies

First free ascent.

1983 Aug 6 Midnight Summer Dream Gary Gibson, Adam Hudson

After a few big falls the bolt was placed.

1983 Aug 15 Suddenly Gary Gibson

1983 Aug 20 One Night Keith Sharples, Ian Riddington A top pitch to Suddenly with a name of its own.

1983 Sep 6 Approaching Gary Gibson, Adam Hudson

Part of a flurry of intense activity whilst completing the Peak 'New Climbs' Supplement.

1983 Sep 6 White Death Richard Davies

Climbed solo with a back-rope after a top-rope inspection!

1983 Too Tame for the Trouble Unknown

1984 April 10 Snap Dragon Gary Gibson

1984 April 13 Goal of the Month Gary Gibson

Solo.

1984 April The Glorious Ninth Keith Sharples

First free ascent of Cerberus/Second Helping, adding a direct finish.

1984 May 7 Fatty Manuel and the Paranoid Oysters Paul Mitchell

1984 May 20 Blanc de Blancs Keith Sharples, Tony Ryan

Named by Liz Sharples to reflect the 'white' theme on the crag.

1984 May 20 Kriklet's Cancer Paul Mitchell

It received a few rapid repeats before it sank back into obscurity behind the lichen.

1984 May 24 Queer Street Direct Finish Gary Gibson, Ian Riddington

Gibson warmed up by soloing *Queer Street*, one in the eye to those who doubted his ability.

1984 May **Ape Escape** Paul Clarke, Nigel Slater

1984 June 19 **Nobody's Hero** Gary Gibson

A much underrated line.

1984 June 29 **Advanced Warning, Changeling** Richard Davies Solo.

1984 July 3 **Eyes of Fire** Simon Nadin, Richard Davies

A wandering line with a chequered history. The second bolt on *Tequila* was clipped on the first ascent. *Dougie Hall* took a 45-foot wire-ripping fall while trying to make the second ascent, without clipping the bolt, landing face to face with his belayer, Ian Carr. It was bolted by Mark Pretty in 1988 and became instantly popular culminating in an on-sight flash by Mick Lovatt. Simon Nadin removed the extra bolts in the autumn.

1984 July 17 **The Freedom Trap** Simon Nadin, Richard Davies

1984 Sep **The Myrmidon** Keith Sharples

A devious bit of drilling to protect the route. Only a week after his fall on *Eyes of Fire*, *Dougie Hall* pulled a hold off just below the trees, and again just missed the ground. Perhaps it's time to try sport climbing in Yorkshire.

1984 **Dandelion** Chris Hardy, Judy Adams

1985 March 9 **Negative Earth** Doug Kerr, Neil Harrison

1985 March 17 **Switch** Doug Kerr, Neil Harrison

1985 April 1 **Laughing** Gary Gibson

Top-roped first. A bolt was needed.

1985 April 30 **Two Generations** Gary Gibson

1985 June 13 **A Widespread Lack of Imagination** Doug Kerr, Steve Boyden

1985 May 2 **What Aches?** Gary Gibson Solo.

1985 May **Boo** Ben Masterson

A much practised and originally sparsely-bolted route with a good runoff! A well-named companion to *Tequila Mockingbird*.

1986 May 1 **Lily Street** Gary Gibson

Remained cleaned and geared for one year prior to the first ascent.

1986 June **The Ogre** Chris Gore

The first clear-cut sport climb on the Tor and one that retains the magic F8a grade.

1986 July 6 **Next** Paul Mitchell

1986 July 13 **Scratch Your Eyes Out** Matt Ward, Gary Gibson

1986 July 13 **Shake Hands with the Octopus** Gary Gibson

1986 July 16 **Blind Spot** Gary Gibson, Matt Ward

1988 May 27 **No Bolts Please, We're British** Mark Pretty

Superseded by *Boobs* in 1996.

1988 June 12 **Books on the Bonfire** Dave Pegg, Lucian Cottle

The end of Dave's degree, no more education at last!

1989 May 4 **The Messiah** Dave Jones

A direct finish to *Approaching up the left arête of the Ceramic groove*.

1989 **Hooligans** Jon de Montjoye, Malcolm Taylor, Mike Watson

1991 May 26 **Doggy Style** Simon Cundy

Bolts removed shortly after. Also claimed as *Mahoopma* in 1994 by Tony Coutts who replaced the bolts.

1992 Aug 1 **Midnight at the Oasis** Alan James

1996 Spring **Theology** Andy Popp

Originally given 7b+. However, a handhold was pulled off on a repeat attempt by Lucien Cottle and the route has not received a subsequent ascent. The grade of 7c is an estimate.

1996 Summer **Boobs** Andy Popp

A superior line, reclaiming *No Bolts Please We're British* following the loss of a hold and with a superior finish.

1996 Summer **A Nasty Farming Accident** Andy Popp

1997 Oct 3 **Kumquat** John Hart

Bolted by Mark Pretty who lost interest. The first (and last?) sport route at Chee Tor East.

1998 July 11 **Basic Channel** Craig Smith

An obvious, but desperately technical and totally unprotectable line, 'solved' by the placement of bolts. 'These can't be clipped from *Eyes of Fire* therefore preserving the historical nature of this route.'

1998 Summer **Terrorcotta** Seb Grieve, Jez Portman

An excellent find.

1999 Aug 15 **Truffles** Keith Sharples

Chee Tor East, between *White Death* and *Freedom Fighter*, 7c.

2006 July **Rattle and Role** Ian Carr, Steve Clegg

2009 Aug **Mantrap, The Poverty Trap** Mark Pretty

2009 **The Freeman Trap** Paul Freeman

2010 **Igor** Mark Pretty

2010 Aug **The Dream Mile** Mark Pretty

2011 May 4 **Lom Attack, Seller Dweller, Grapple and Grope** Gary Gibson

2011 **Captain Ahab, Moby Dick** Mark Pretty

Chee Dale

1933 Eric Byne, Clifford Moyer

A short crack and two face routes on *Jericho Wall* near Chee Tor ascended by Eric Byne and Clifford Moyer.

1955 **The Stalk** Harold Draso, Gordon Mansell
Probably the first major route to be climbed in the River Wye area. 'At least one piton is advisable.' A first look at the mighty *Plum Buttress*.

1955/1956 Gordon Mansell

Also about this period Gordon Mansell, one of the permanent instructors from *Whitehall*, near *Buxton*, attempted to climb the 'Big Plum' in Chee Dale. Unfortunately the attempt ended in near disaster. The initial wall had been ascended to the great overhang without trouble, but when the first few pegs had been inserted under the overhang they all came out together and Gordon fell on to the wall below. Being a good second, his friend checked his fall and they abandoned the route.'

1960 **Stomach Traverse** Unknown

A 150-foot traverse was made to study *Plum Buttress*.

1960 Sept 17 **The Big Plum (S A3)** Graham West, Barry Roberts (alt)

Two golas and fifteen pitons were used on the roof pitch. 'This route ranks as the longest vertical route in the Peak District and is without doubt one of the most magnificent climbs to be found in Derbyshire'. Second ascent by Barry Webb, Charlie Curtis on 24 December 1960. Aid reduced to 1 pt. (as handhold) by Phil Burke, Al Evans, Rory Gregory in November 1979. First free ascent by Neil Foster in June 1983.

1960s **The Crack (A3)** First ascent unknown

First section free on 13 August 1989 by Ben Moon as *Masculine Power Trip*. Completed by Keith Sharples in 1994.

1960 **Whistling Crack** Jack Arrundale, Graham West

'One of the first free climbs to be done in Chee Dale.' A very obvious line at the end of *Swinging Wall* on *Moving Buttress*.

pre-1961 **Big Nig, Regrets Groove, Spanish John, Thin Thin Groove, Transit Groove** Barry Roberts, Graham West

pre-1961 **Blackleg Groove** Graham West, Jack Arrundale (alt)

pre-1961 **Burlesque** Jack Arrundale, Michael Roberts

pre-1961 **Calvi Corner** Barry Roberts, Jack Arrundale

pre-1961 **Cohesion Cracks** Graham West, Jack Arrundale, Jim Lancashire

pre-1961 **Dangleberry** Graham West, Brian Bamford

'One of the best of the free climbs. A beautiful piece of VS route finding up an impressive vertical wall, and dangling below a galaxy of overhangs!'

pre-1961 **Facade** Michael Roberts, F Mallard

pre-1961 **Fetish Cracks** John 'Tokyo' Seger, Marlene Lyons

Fetich Cracks in the original (West) guide.

pre-1961 **Firefly Crack, Uglier Still** Probably Graham West, Barry Roberts

pre-1961 **Franky Ferocious Heathenism, Odd Day Crack, , Odd Day Wall,** Graham West, Jack Arrundale

A first attack on *The Obelisk*.

pre-1961 **Harry the Horse, Seldom Seen, Soupbones Chimney, Upstate Red** Graham West

pre-1961 **Hot Horse Herbie** Barry Roberts

pre-1961 **Idolarty Wall** Graham West, Stan Wroe

pre-1961 **Little Isadore** Michael Roberts, Jim 'El Presidente' Lancashire

pre-1961 **Mindy's Route** Graham West, Barry Roberts (alt)

pre-1961 **More than Somewhat** Michael Roberts, Jack Arrundale

pre-1961 **Odd Day Crack, Odd Day Wall** Graham West, Jack Arrundale

Both of these routes did not appear in the 1981 Northern Limestone guidebook, despite their inclusion in Graham West's 1961 Guidebook. Astonishingly, *Odd Day Crack* was rediscovered in 1983 and claimed as *California Dreaming, E2 5c* by Richard Davies and Simon Nadin.

pre-1961 **Paganism** Stan Wroe, Michael Roberts

pre-1961 **Ragged Arête** Jack Arrundale, Jim Lancashire

pre-1961 **Romeo's End** Jack Arrundale, Michael Roberts

pre-1961 **Shaking Crack (AI)** Graham West, John 'Noddy' Hadfield

First free ascent by Jeremy Frost, Ernie Marshall in 1976.

pre-1961 **Succulent Corner** Michael Roberts, Graham West

pre-1961 **The Tendril** Barry Roberts, Jack Arrundale

pre-1961 **Tokyo Wall** Graham West, Barry Roberts

Named after one of the lads, John 'Tokyo' Seger, who was a ship's carpenter. Missing from the previous three guidebooks, the route was rediscovered from an old photograph of Jack Arrundale's.

pre-1961 **The Ugly Sister** Michael Roberts, Barry Roberts, Graham West

pre-1961 **The Weeper** Graham West, Barry Roberts

1961 **Dog's Day Route (AI)** Malc Baxter, Jim Heys

First free ascent Andy Woodward 1976.

1961 **Hot Dog (A2)** Graham West, Jack Taylor

First free ascent by Nick Colton, Johnny Woodward as *Hot Dogger* in June 1981.

1961 **Queer Dog Wall** Malc Baxter, Dave Crilley

The 'Dog' routes were named after the Baxter brothers' dog which somehow managed to reach the top of Chee Tor to meet them - no mean feat! The line of its ascent was never established. Malc Baxter recalls going from *Greenfield* to the *Sugarloaf Public House, Shude Hill*, in Manchester to meet members of the *Gritstone Club* on Friday nights. They would then pile into the back of a van and often dosed in barns in the fields behind *The Big Plum*.

1961 **Shazam (AI)** Keith Jones, E Finney, Brian Moore

Shazam caused some controversy later. Chris Jackson climbed it with three points of aid, renaming it *Lathe of Heaven*. Regan reinstated its original name on the grounds that it had not been climbed completely free and therefore did not merit a new name. Aid reduced to 1 pt. by Gabe Regan, Mick Dewsbury in 1976. First free ascent by Jerry Moffatt, M Davies in 1982.

1962 **Colon (Aid)** Keith Jones, E Finney, Brian Moore

At least one peg. Freed by about 1970.

1962 **Sham (AI)** Keith Jones, E Finney, Brian Moore

Somewhere in the region of what was eventually to become *Clarion Call*.

1962 **Pasteurized (AI)** Keith Jones, E Finney, Brian Moore

1963 May **Contortion (A3)** Bob Dearman

The second peeled off when several pitons came out, and he failed to complete the climb. Freed on 28 August 1990 by Keith Sharples to become *Jug Jockey*.

1963 **Avernus (A3)** Bob Dearman

The first aid attack on *Two Tier Buttress*. 15 pegs and 8 bolts. The A2 pitch 1 free by Gabe Regan in 1976 and renamed *Isolate*.

1964 July 12 **The Red Spider (A2)** Tony Howard, A Waterhouse, J

Knight

*First free ascent by Gabe Regan, Jim Moran, John Regan in 1975.***1964 Aug 29 Victoria (VS & A2)** Tony Howard, Tony Nicholls, John Amatt*First free ascent Keith Myhill, K Hawley in 1971.***1964 Aug 30 The Big Splash (A3)** Tony Howard, Tony Nicholls
*13 pegs, many upside down!***1964 Sept 12 The Chicken Run** Tony Howard, Tony Nicholls, John Amatt*A superb new route opens up Two Tier Buttress to traditional methods.***1964 Sept 12 Rob's Dilemma** Tony Howard, Rob Holt**1964 Sept 12 Schickster Groove (4pts)** John Amatt, Tony Nicholls**1964 Sept 12 The Trap** Tony Howard, Tony Nicholls**1964 Sept 13 Tika** Tony Howard, Rob Holt**1964 Sept 13 The Black Edge (2 pts.)** Tony Howard, John Amatt*'The limestone cliffs of Derbyshire are now bustling with activity, as the closing date for the production of the proposed new volumes dealing with limestone climbs in the Peak District draws near.' First free ascent in 1976 by Dave Knighton.***1964 Nov The Black Flake Finish (1pt)** Clive Rowland, Paul Nunn*Nunn cleaned the pitch before Rowland led it.***1964 Nov Thoth (VS & A1)** Paul Nunn, Oliver Woolcock (alt)*Pitch 2 was freed by Paul Nunn, Mike Richardson in February 1965.***1964 Dec 20 Sirplum (some aid)** Bob Dearman, R D Brown
*Second pitch only. 'Five pitons were used... most being for running belays.' A major route destined to become a classic.' R D Brown, J A Hartley added the first pitch on 13 March 1965. Soloed by Jeff Morgan in 1969.***1964** Joe Brown was active in the dale though no new routes were recorded.**1965 March 11 Darl (A2)** Paul Nunn, Oliver Woolcock*'21 pegs and a bolt plus some slings. Pitch 1 free by Gabe Regan in 1976. Pitch 2 free by Kim Carrigan, Jerry Moffatt in 1981.***1965 July 5 The Spider (HS & A3)** Brian Moore, Peter Townsend (alt)*Although there were slight variations in line, the Prow was led with one point for aid in 1987 by Andy Pollitt, and completely free-climbed in 2004 by Kristian Clemmow.***1965 Autumn The Sting (2 pts.)** Peter Bagnell, D Gibbinson**1965 Nov Wobble (S & A1)** Ted Rodgers, B Samuels*First free ascent by Chris Plant, Dave Lee as Shock the Monkey in 1982.***1965 Nov Quake (VS & A1)** Tony Howard, A Waterhouse*Aid reduced to 2 pts. by Keith Myhill, Tom Proctor in 1970. First free ascent by Jim Moran in 1976.***1965 Nov Tremble (VS & A1)** J Finnigan, P Kershaw*First free ascent by Jim Moran and Geoff Milburn in 1983 as The Roaring Forties.***1965 Nov Shivering Crack (S & A1)** Paul Braithwaite, N Rodgers*First free ascent by Chris Plant, Dave Lee as Priming the Pump in 1982.***1965 Nov Oscillation (1 pt.)** B Hodgkinson, R Holland (alt)*First free ascent by Keith Myhill, Tom Proctor in 1970.***1965 Nov Swinging Wall (VS & A1)** Tony Howard, A Waterhouse*First free ascent by Bob Whittaker and N Smith in 1969.***mid-1960s Arachnothera (VS & A2)** Tony Howard, R Holt*First free ascent by Jim Campbell, Chris Addy, Mike Horlov on 24 April 1976.***mid-1960s Aranea Wall (A2)** Tony Howard, A Waterhouse. J Knight*First free ascent by Richard Davies in August 1984 as Future Paradox.***mid-1960s The Black Widow** Tony Howard*Also claimed by Paul Nunn, W Ward in August 1966. First free ascent by Jim Campbell, Con Carey, Chris Addy in 1976.***mid-1960s Puffing Billy** Tony Howard, John Amatt*Several other routes were also done on The Sidings.***mid-1960s The Storm (A3)** Tony Howard, Tony Nicholls*First free ascent by Daniel Lee as Rock Umbrella in 1982.***1966 Jan Vibration (VS & A1)** B Samuels, Ted Rodgers*Aid reduced to 1 pt. by Tom Proctor, Keith Myhill in 1970. First free ascent by Jim Moran, Geoff Milburn in 1976.***1966 Jan Wedgeway (S & A2)** Ted Rodgers, B Samuels*First free ascent by Gabe Regan, John Regan in 1974 as Freeway.***1966 March Sans Identity** John Smith, Paul Nunn, (alt)**1966 March The Slab (A3)** Brian Moore, Jim Ballard*6 bolts and 9 pitons. Climbed free in 1994 by Keith Sharples as Nemesis.***1966 April Chagrin (1 pt.)** Paul Nunn, John Smith**1966 April Monoton** Paul Nunn, John Smith**1966 May Cetswayo** Paul Nunn, Ian Hartle**1966 May Shaka (1 pt.)** Paul Nunn, John Betts*First free ascent Brian Cropper in 1976.***1966 June Sarin** Paul Nunn, Trevor Briggs**1968 Sept Aplomb** Jeff Morgan, Bob Toogood**1968 Sept Two Tier Girdle (HVS & A2)** Jeff Morgan, Brian Moore, Bob Toogood, Bruce Andrews.**pre-1969 Ateles (A2)** Unknown*Aid reduced to one point on 21 May 1988 by Keith Sharples called Bedevilment.**First Free Ascent on 11 June 1988 by Chris Hampner.***pre-1969 Erudition (A2)** Unknown*First free ascent by Dave Lee in 1982 as Hungry Eyes.***pre-1969 Little Miss Muffet (A2)** Unknown*First free ascent by Dave Lee, M Raine in June 1983 as The Open Secret. This route has been up and down the grades more than the spider.***pre-1969 Nettle Rash (S & A3)** Unknown*First free ascent by Gabe Regan, Jim Moran in August 1976 as No Light.***pre-1969 Quasimodo (S & A3)** Unknown**pre-1969 Santiano (A3)** Unknown
*First free ascent by Tom Proctor, Chris Gore in June 1979. Tom and Chris gave the route E3 5c, it was more like E5 6a. Retrobolted in 2014.***pre-1969 Shaking Crack (S, A1)** Unknown*First free ascent by Jeremy Frost, Ernie Marshall, in 1976.***pre-1969 The Web (A3)** Unknown**1969 June 29 Monumental Alabaster (A3)** P Abbott, J Maltby, R Buckley*The first nine metres were free climbed by Mark Pretty 1989 September 10 and called Arnold's Armbalster. This lasted all of 13 days until Sean Myles stepped in to complete the first free ascent and Monumental Armbalster was born.***1969 Aug 17 & 24 Moving Buttress Girdle (A1 & VS)**

Ted Rogers, N Derson

*Aid reduced considerably in 1976 by Jim Campbell, Bob Whittaker. Freed in 1980**by Johnny Woodward, G Smith.***1969 Aug 17 Two Tier Girdle (HVS & A2)** Jeff Morgan, Brian Moore, Bob Toogood, Bruce Andrews*Freed in 1996 and 1997 by Ian Dunn.***1969 Aug 31 Red Rooster (A2)** Brian Moore, Jim Ballard (alt)*Free-climbed by Gabe Regan, Al Evans as Mad Dogs and Englishmen in 1976.***1969 Swinging Wall** Bob Whittaker, N Smith*First free ascent by Bill Tweedale in 1970.***1960s Thor's Hammer (some aid)** Dave Marshall, Les Gillott*Climbed free 17 May 1970 by Bill Tweedale, J Greenwood.***1970 Jan 4 Coldfinger (2 pts.)** Jeff Morgan, Bob Toogood*First free ascent by Jim Campbell in 1976. Wrongly called Goldfinger for many years.***1970 Feb Orange Sunshine (A2)** Bob Dearman, Dave Riley*Pitch 1 free by Jerry Moffatt in 1984.***1970 Feb Spider Direct (A2)** Bob Dearman, Dave Riley*Although there were slight variations in line, the Prow including this direct finish was led with one point for aid in 1987 by Andy Pollitt, and completely free-climbed in 2004 by Kristian Clemmow.***1970 May 17 Thor's Hammer** Bill Tweedale, J Greenwood*First free ascent - although this has also been attributed to Tom Proctor, Keith Myhill.***1970 Sept 27 Orchrist (2 pts.)** Dave Irons, R J F Bennett (alt)**1970 Oscillation** Keith Myhill, Tom Proctor*First free ascent.***1971 Osiris (HVS & A2)** John Loy, Ernie Marshall*7 pegs, 4 bolts. The bolts were placed by rather cunning methods. First free ascent by Simon Nadin in 1986 as Curse of the Mummy.***1971 Ra (A1)** G 'Spike' Armstrong*6 pegs used as aid. First free ascent by Jim Reading in 1976.***1971 Victoria** Keith Myhill, K Hawley*First free ascent.***1973 Oct 14 The Little Curver (1 pt.)** Bob Whittaker, R Brockwell, John Fleming*Brockwell was on holiday from the U.S.A.***1974 Cry of Despair (A3)** Martin Kaye, Pete Brayshaw*1 bolt, 17 pegs, 3 nuts - climbed by mistake for Contortion! First free ascent by Chris Hardy on 23 September 1990.***1974 Freeway** Gabe Regan, John Regan*First free ascent of Wedgeway. 'It was Gabe's first new route at the age of 16 and the only reason that he did it was that he went up to bag some in-situ gear - and then kept on going.'***1974 Tosser's Toil** Martin Kaye, Bob Crocker**1975 The Red Spider** Gabe Regan, Jim Moran, John Regan*First free ascent. The start of the big onslaught.***1976 March 14 Ra** Jim Reading*First free ascent.***1976 March 21 Vibration** Jim Moran, Geoff Milburn*First free ascent.***1976 March 26 Goldfinger** Jim Campbell, Bob Whittaker*First free ascent of Coldfinger, which had become known as Goldfinger by mistake.***1976 April 24 Arachnothera** Jim Campbell, Chris Addy, Mike Horlov*First free ascent. Stolen from Gabe Regan because he had a fear of spiders. Bolted along with a direct finish in 1996.***1976 April 24 The Black Widow** Jim Campbell, Con Carey, Chris

Addy

*First free ascent.***1976 pre-May Rock Follies** Al Evans**1976 pre-May Seismic, Nathan Detroit, Big Butch, Waldo Winchester, Nicely Nicely Jones, Rampant, The Sky** Brian Griffiths, Rod Brown**1976 May 2 Old Man's Gambit** Chris Jackson, Dave Sant, Rod Haslam**1976 May 7 Little Girl Eater** Dave Knighton**1976 May 8 Naiaid** Chris Jackson, Dave Sant, Rod Haslam**1976 May 10 The Black Edge** Dave Knighton*First free ascent. Dave Knighton had told a large team that he had found a new crag in Chee Dale. They duly arrived and wandered along to The Cuttings where there was a short pause. Tut Braithwaite and Alex McIntyre turned up and Tut greeted them with "Hey up youth, what you doing?" "Nothing, just looking"**was the reply. As soon as the coast was clear Knighton was asked where the new crag was situated. "We're here" came the prompt reply. Black Nick (Nick Colton) was not amused and prepared to attack Knighton who could not understand the irate response of the locals. Much to the embarrassment of the team in later years several routes were climbed and recorded.***1976 May 16 Cropper's Scoop** Willy Todd, Nick Colton, Brian Cropper, Nadim Siddiqui**1976 May 16 Crow's Nest** Nick Colton**1976 May 16 Cowslip** Nick Colton, Brian Cropper, Nadim Siddiqui**1976 May 16 Finnieston Ferry** Willy Todd, Nick Colton**1976 May 16 Honking Corner** Nick Colton*Solo.***1976 May 16 Three Tree Slab** Nick Colton*Solo.***1976 May Peggy Sue** Geoff Birtles, Al Evans**1976 May Plumblin Finish** Al Evans, Geoff Birtles**1976 June 22 Machineries of Joy** Al Evans, Dave Knighton**1976 June 27 The Spiders from Mars (1 pt.)** Chris Jackson, Rod Haslam*The route was later freed by Neil Molnar, Julian Taylor in 1983. A fine modern attack on what had previously been peggers' territory. Became Zippy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars in 1995.***1976 June Isolate** Gabe Regan, Al Evans*First free ascent of Avernus pitch 1. Renaming here an advantage to both peggers and free climbers.***1976 July 3 Mad Dogs and Englishmen** Gabe Regan, Al Evans*First free ascent of Red Rooster, whose bolt(s) was/were chopped by the team.***1976 July 31 Shazam (1 pt.)** Gabe Regan, Mick Dewsbury*An almost free ascent of the old aid route. First free ascent by Jerry Moffatt in 1982.***1976 July 31 Autonomon** Gabe Regan, Mick Dewsbury**1976 Aug 1 Malnutrition** Gabe Regan, Dave Morgan, Jim Reading**1976 Aug 4 Darl (1 pt.)** Gabe Regan, Al Evans*A major breakthrough which created the hardest route in the dale, although a peg was used on the top pitch. One of the first routes thought to be worth 6b.**Second ascent by Ron Fawcett on 3 July 1977.***1976 Aug No Light** Gabe Regan, Jim Moran*First free ascent of Nettle Rash. Called No Lite in the New Routes Book at Man-*

chester YHA.

1976 Aug **First Light** Gabe Regan, John Regan, Jim Moran
Called *First Lite* in the *New Routes Book* at Manchester YHA.

1976 Summer **Rain Dance** Al Evans

The first lift did not have routes for a long time owing to the proximity of passing trains, and the likelihood of dislodging stones on to the track. Al Evans was one of the first to take advantage (!) of the fact that the trains had stopped running for some time.

1976 Sept 9 **The Decapitator** Dave Knighton, Duncan Sperry

1976 Oct 10 **Max Wall (I rest pt.)** Gabe Regan, Jim Moran

Free-climbed by Gary Gibson, D Williams in 1979 after top-rope inspection.

1976 **The Black Hole** Nick Colton, Willy Todd, Brian Cropper, Dave Knighton

1976 **Blood Lust** Bob Conway

1976 **Brandy Bottle Bates** Brian Griffiths, Rod Brown

1976 **Dog's Day Route** Andy Woodward

First free ascent.

1976 **Moving Buttress Girdle** Jim Campbell, Bob Whittaker

Almost free.

1976 **Quake** Jim Moran

First free ascent.

1976 **Shaking Crack** Jeremy Frost, Ernie Marshall

First free ascent.

1976 **Soft Shoe, Vibrator, Dynamic, Osculation** Brian Griffiths, Rod Brown

Osculate means to kiss or have three or more points in contact!

1977 April 11 **Black Max** Jim Moran, L Holmes

1977 June 25 **Sun Dance** A Shaw, Brian Cropper

1977 July 2 **Fire Dance** Loz Francomb, Brian Cropper

1977 July 3 **Firefly** Loz Francomb, Brian Cropper

1977 July 3 **Sleepers** Brian Cropper

1977 Summer **Six Five Special (A3)** Harry Ighley and party

Start at the eastern end of Chee Tor Tunnel - finish at the other end! Perhaps this now qualifies as a speleological excursion

1977 Sept 18 **Lethal Dose** Loz Francomb, Mike Harrison, Brian Cropper

1977 **Black Momma, Massa** Bob Conway, Chris Jackson

1977 **Rastus** Chris Jackson, Bob Conway

1978 April 6 **The Seventh Veil** A Shaw, Nadim Siddiqui

1978 April 19 **Disraeli Gears** Dave Knighton, John Tout

Named after the famous album by Cream.

1978 April 18 **The Hoochie Koo** Dave Knighton, John Tout

1978 Oct 21 **Fawty Towers** Jim Moran, Geoff Milburn

1979 April 8 **Phase Contrast** Gary Gibson, Dave Williams

1979 April 8 **Smash, Bang Wallop** Gary Gibson, Dave Williams

Direct start by Richard Davies on 8 August 1984.

1979 June **Santiano** Tom Proctor, Chris Gore

The first of the big aid roof climbs to be freed.

1979 July **F. Pig** Paul Mitchell

The name of 'Fuck Pig' was editorially removed (after a census of opinion) in the 1982 Northern Limestone guide. Some people do have good taste.

1979 July **Z.G.S.** Paul Mitchell

The route name was censored in 1980, but Zebedee was happily later cured of syphilis. It was a phoney route name anyway!

1979 July **New Enemies** Paul Mitchell

Solo, next to rope.

1979 Aug 18 **Sparta in his Eyes** Gary Gibson, Jon Walker

1979 Aug 19 **Time (I pt.)** Paul Cropper, Brian Cropper, Ant (Hulk)

Heavyside

First free ascent by Gary Gibson on 6 October 1979 as *Crime*.

1979 Aug 18 **Sprint Start** Jon Walker, Gary Gibson

1979 Aug **Stolen Fruit (I rest pt.)** Chris Jackson, Bob Conway

way

1979 Aug **Monopedagogue** Bob Conway, Chris Jackson

1979 Oct 6 **Crime** Gary Gibson

Solo with hanging rope. First free ascent of *Time*. (Note that the rope was not placed there by others as a dire form of punishment!)

1979 **Anarchism** Gary Gibson

Solo.

1979 **The Defector** Mike Warwick, D Beaver

1979 **Disgusted of Tunbridge Wells, Ezekiel Stool, Jelly Fingers, Whitebeam, A Laugh a Minute, The Bee's Knees, Augustus Carp, Soft Shoe Direct Finish, Maxi, Orgasmus Maximus, Dirty Max, Big Daddy** Chris Jackson, Bob Conway

1979 **Escort Crack** Chris Jackson, Bob Conway, Giles Barker

1979 **Fey (I rest pt.)** Bob Conway, Chris Jackson

Climbed free on the fourth ascent by Jeremy Frost.

1979 **Hot Dog Overhang** Dave Greenald

1979 **The Little Prune** Dave Edwards, Chris Jackson

1979 **Rue Morgue (I rest pt.)** Chris Jackson, Bob Conway

First free ascent Chris Jackson some time later.

1979 **Shapeshifter** Giles Barker, Chris Jackson, Bob Conway

1979 **Thin Lizzy** Bob Conway, Chris Jackson, Giles Barker

1979 **Ugly** Gary Gibson, Dave Williams

1979 **Vandal, The Gobbler, Fibrin, Red Nosed Pollination**

Blues Bob Conway, Chris Jackson

1970s **The Plum Buttress Superindirect.** S.U.M.C. members

1980 July 28 **Moving Buttress Girdle** Johnny Woodward, G

Smith

First free ascent.

1980 July **Spizz Energy** Ron Fawcett

An obscure line wholly ignored for a long time. Direct start added in August 1986.

1981 Jan **Losers or Conquerors (A4)** Doug Scott, Steve

Punshon

A desperate and rather serious route between *Contortion* and *Monumental Alabaster* which was done without resorting to bolts. The roof was eventually

climbed with a combination of knife-blades and sky-hooks.

1981 pre-May **Dirty Double Crossers (A4)** Doug Scott, Steve

Punshon

1981 July **Carcass** Chris Craggs, Graham Parkes

Possibly the line of *Unwanted Reputation* by Simon Nadin, Richard Davies in 1983.

1981 July **Countdown** Ron Fawcett

First of a new breed of routes in the dale.

1981 July **Darl** Kim Carrigan, Jerry Moffatt

Top pitch free on pre-clipped gear.

1981 July **Running on Empty** Ron Fawcett

Solo.

1981 Aug **Hot Dogger** Nick Colton, Johnny Woodward

First free ascent of *Hot Dog*.

1981 Sept 9 **Subterfuge** Gary Gibson

1981 **Coca Chalone** Gary Gibson

After a two-year ceasefire the battle restarted in earnest.

1982 April 27 **Scratch Race** Gary Gibson, Derek Beestestone

1982 April 28 **Ninth Life** Johnny Woodward

Previously attempted by Jerry Moffatt who fell from the final moves and 'decked out', fortunately without serious injury.

1982 May 4 **Trick Show (I pt.)** Gary Gibson

Free-climbed by Matt Boyer in 1984, but the pitch was not completed.

1982 May 8 **The Eye Line** Gary Gibson

Solo. Previously recorded as *Goodbye Belgrano* another inspired bit of route naming guaranteed to raise standards!

1982 May 8 **Eye Shadows** Gary Gibson, Derek Beestestone

Previously known as *F. Argentina*, in its censored form, which most other climbers accepted was in bad taste.

1982 May 9 **Max Factor** Gary Gibson, Phil Gibson, Hazel Carnes

1982 May 9 **Ofal** Phil Gibson, Gary Gibson

1982 May 11 **Multiplex** Gary Gibson, Phil Wilson

The first modern bolt in the dale was placed in *The Long Wall*.

1982 May 15 **Chain of Command** Gary Gibson, Phil Gibson

1982 May 16 **Brief Camouflage** Gary Gibson

Retrobolted by Gary Gibson in 1998.

1982 May 16 **No Laughs** Gary Gibson

1982 May 27 **Bad Blood** Gary Gibson, Phil Gibson

1982 May 27 **Epidavros** Gary Gibson

Retrobolted by Gary Gibson in 1998.

1982 May 28 **Bloodworm** Gary Gibson

1982 May 29 **The Cruel Sea** Gary Gibson

Originally finishing up what is now *The Third Order*. The described finish was climbed with that route.

1982 May **Fame but no Fortune** Simon Nadin, Richard Davies

1982 May **Raisin Roof** Dominic Lee, Daniel Lee

1982 May **Rock Umbrella** Daniel Lee

Even more confusing, this IS the actual free version of *The Storm*.

1982 May **The Storm** Jerry Moffatt

Confusingly this was NOT a free ascent of the old aid route.

1982 May **Stuffed Badger** Jerry Moffatt

Named after the stuffed badger in the (now closed) cafe at Wormhill.

1982 June 2 **Une Crime Passionnel** Gary Gibson

The beginning of a long-standing association with *The Cornice*. Old golas provide a solution to allow blank bits of rock to be climbed.

1982 June 4 **Barney** Gary Gibson

Solo.

1982 June 8 **Melting Point** Gary Gibson, Phil Gibson

1982 June 20 **Steel on Steel** Gary Gibson

The second modern bolt in the dale was inserted on the *Second Lift*. Rebolted and retrobolted by Gary Gibson in 1997.

1982 June **Wot a Waste** Chris Gore

1982 July 1 **Socialism** Ian Jones, Neil Mcadie

1982 July 11 **Protest and Survive** Nadim Siddiqui, Jim Moran,

Geoff Milburn, Jim Campbell

1982 Aug 19 **Ethical Nightmare** Simon Nadin

Solo after top-roping

1982 Aug **Ape Index** Chris Gore

1982 Aug **The Dukes of Hazard** Paul Cropper, Nadim Siddiqui, C Smith, D Campbell

The route was later claimed as *Dukes of Hazard County* by Keith Sharples on 8 August 1985. He wrongly believed that the first ascensionists had traversed off right, below the crux.

1982 Sept 12 **Nettle Wine** Paul Cropper, Nadim 'Big Sid' Siddiqui, Jim Campbell, Rehan 'Little Sid' Siddiqui

1982 Sept **Hungry Eyes** Dave Lee, Adam Haynes

A free version of *Erudition*. The two pegs were replaced by bolts in 1995. One bolt beside a good nut placement was immediately chopped.

1982 Sept **Priming the Pump** Chris Plant, Dave Lee

A free version of *Shivering Crack*.

1982 Sept **Shock the Monkey** Chris Plant, Dave Lee, P

Smithurst

A free version of *Wobble*.

1982 Oct 2 **A Farewell to Arms** Nadim Siddiqui, D Campbell,

Paul Cropper

1982 Oct 3 **A Touch Too Much** Paul Cropper, Nadim Siddiqui, D

Campbell

1982 Oct 9 **The Dukes of Hazzard** Paul Cropper, Nadim Sid-

diqui, D Campbell

1982 Oct 10 **I Drink Therefore I Am** Nadim Siddiqui, Paul Crop-

per

Later the route was accidentally soloed on-sight by Graham Hoey when he failed to tie on properly and only discovered this when his rope began to leave his harness as he topped-out. Gulp!

1982 **Muscae Volitantes** Paul Mitchell

Latin for 'Flying Flies' and another name for floaters in the eyes.

1982 **Shazam** Jerry Moffatt, M Davies First free ascent.

1983 March 5 **The Immunity Syndrome** Richard Davies, Simon Nadin

1983 March 5 **The Roaring Forties** Jim Moran, Geoff Milburn

First free ascent of *Tremble* on the Geoff Milburn's 40th birthday.

1983 March 13 **Thrills and Spills** Jim Moran, Geoff Milburn

The pegs were later removed.

1983 May 10 **Chemical Weapons** Gary Gibson

Solo. Retrobolted and direct finish added by Gary Gibson on 7 July 1998.

1983 May 24 **Close Control, Philadelphia** Gary Gibson

Solo.

1983 June 4 **Fragile Earth** Dave Lee, Mark Pretty

1983 June 5 **Terra Incognita** Dave Lee, Mark Pretty

1983 June 6 **Summer Wine** Dave Lee, Neil Foster, Tim Freeman

1983 June 14 **The European Female** Gary Gibson, Adam Hud-

son

Retrobolted by Gary Gibson 'by popular demand.'

1983 June 14 **Tomorrow's Dream** Simon Nadin, Richard Davies

Originally graded E3 5c!

1983 June 26 **The Big Plum** Neil Foster

First free ascent. Phil Burke had freed the overhang in November 1979 at 6a (a fine effort), but a hold came off and he needed an aid point to re-climb it.

1983 June 27 **The Max Works** Gary Gibson

1983 June 27 **Pain and Pleasure** Simon Nadin, Richard Davies

1983 June **Eddie's First** Paul Mitchell

Also Eddy's which was probably correct.

- 1983 June **Perverted Mind** Paul Mitchell, Alec Burns, Andy Barker, Steve Wright
The original route name Slobbering Pervert was censored by the Editor for some reason! Strangely 13 years on the original name still doesn't seem to enhance the route.
- 1983 July 1 **The Open Secret** Dave Lee, M Raine
A free version of Little Miss Muffett.
- 1983 July 9 **The Spiders from Mars** Neil Molnar, Julian Taylor
First free ascent. The route was transformed into Zippy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars in 1995 when a bolted direct start was added and the upper gear replaced by Seb Grieve.
- 1983 Aug 14 **Pink** Bob Conway, Chris Jackson
The first route on Pink Wall, now called Railway Buttress.
- 1983 Aug 20 **Clarion Call** Gary Gibson
Climbed with five bolt runners which were quickly removed by Paul Mitchell. 'The whole idea of the route was to stir up a hornet's nest of controversy, hence the name.' Led without by Nick Dixon in July 1984. The bolts were replaced over several years by a number of different people, firstly Jon de Montjoye in 1989, Chris Wright the year after, and Malc Taylor in 1991. Headpoint solo by Seb Grieve.
- 1983 Aug 21 **Banana Republic** Chris Jackson, John Hall
- 1983 Aug 21 **Balanced Ballistics** Gary Gibson
Solo. Retorolted by Gary Gibson in 1998.
- 1983 Aug **Bad Blood Direct** Ron Fawcett
- 1983 Aug **Voyage to Nowhere** Bob Conway, Chris Jackson
- 1983 Sept 4 **Martial Music** Gary Gibson, Andy Popp, Adam Hudson
Climbed moving into Clarion Call. Climbed direct by Gary Gibson unseeded on 3rd August 1984.
- 1983 Sept 8 **War Memorial** Gary Gibson, Adam Hudson
- 1983 Sept 11 **Tour de France (1 rest pt.)** Gary Gibson, Adam Hudson
Climbed free on the same day by John Codling, Phil Gibson.
- 1983 Sept **The Black Adder** Brian 'Boris' Hannon, John Stevenson
- 1983 Sept **Hunter House Bust** John Stevenson, Brian 'Boris' Hannon
- 1983 Nov 13 **Afterlife** Richard Davies, Simon Nadin
After top-roping.
- 1983 Dec 31 **Dirty Deeds** Simon Nadin, Richard Davies
- 1984 March 15 **Incandescent Courage** Richard Davies
Solo after top-roping.
- 1984 March 17 **The Flight of Icarus** Simon Nadin, Richard Davies
A superb find which gave a bold route on an ignored wall.
- 1984 April 14 **Hyperactive, Glory Road** Richard Davies
Solo.
- 1984 April 16 **Suicide's Reprieve** Richard Davies
Solo after top-roping.
- 1984 April 19 **Hyperon** Richard Davies
Solo.
- 1984 April 22 **Pulsar** Richard Davies
Solo after top-roping.
- 1984 April **Up the Creek** Neil Foster, Alan Rouse, Richard Hazsko
- 1984 May 7 **Orange Sunshine** Jerry Moffatt

First pitch free only.

- 1984 May **In Merittville** Chris Jackson, Bob Conway
- 1984 June 10 **Suryanamasker** Keith Sharples, Matt Boyer
Named after a Yoga pose adopted by Liz Sharples while watching the first ascent.
- 1984 June 11 **Magician's Enemy** Richard Davies
Solo.
- 1984 June 14 **Nerefaun** Richard Davies
Solo.
- 1984 June **Gander Meat** Chris Gore
The variation finish was climbed by Dougie Hall in mistake for the original.
- 1984 July 6 **Armistice Day** Gary Gibson
- 1984 July 10 **Up the River Without a Paddle** Gary Gibson
For some strange and unexplained reason Ken Wilson (the self-appointed vociferous champion of the anti-bolt movement) held the rope.
- 1984 July 25 **Basic Logic** Richard Davies
Solo.
- 1984 July 25 **Journey's End** Richard Davies
Solo.
- 1984 Aug 8 **Local Vortex** Richard Davies
Solo.
- 1984 Aug 22 **Future Paradox** Richard Davies
Solo. First free ascent of Aranea Wall.
- 1984 Aug 26 **High Society** Keith Sharples, Graham Hoey
This Long Wall route was later retorolted.
- 1984 **Big Store** Gary Gibson
- 1984 **General Incompetence** Dougie Hall
'Mistakenly climbed by Hall who thought that it had already been climbed by Dave Lee (known as 'The General'). In fact Lee had tried the route on many occasions but had failed just below the second peg.'
- 1985 Feb 15 **Rinky Dinky** Doug Kerr, Paul Harrison
- 1985 March 9 **Subversive** Doug Kerr, Paul Harrison
- 1985 March 20 **Led up the Garden Path** Doug Kerr
- 1985 March 22 **Lust in the Dust, Spring is Here** Jim Rubery, Dave Gregory
- 1985 April 21 **Too Jugless for Douglas** Gary Gibson
The name refers to Doug Kerr who had reputedly tried to make an earlier ascent.
- 1985 April 22 **The Incredible Pierre** Gary Gibson
- 1985 April 27 **Flash Harry** Gary Gibson, M Jones
- 1985 May 4 **The Third Order** Gary Gibson
Led with a left finish up what is now The Cruel Sea.
- 1985 May 7 **Open Gate** Gary Gibson
- 1985 May 10 **Cosmopolitan** Gary Gibson
- 1985 May 24 **Lunatic Fringe, Visible Void** Richard Davies
Solo.
- 1985 May 31 **Max 'is Wall** Keith Sharples, Graham Hoey
Very popular with the bolt. After the bolt was removed by Richard Davies the route was ignored. Dr Hoey's suggested route name of Maxwell Boltsman was felt by Sharples to be too cryptic for those climbers without a PhD in Chemistry!
- 1985 June 9 **Max Head Room** Gary Gibson
Retorolted in July 1999, Gary Gibson.
- 1985 June 9 **Value Added Max** Gary Gibson, John Codling (alt)
The last two pitches were climbed along with the original route on 13th August by Gary Gibson, Phil Gibson.
- 1985 June 10 **Max A Million** Gary Gibson
A route suited to a large ape index.

- 1985 June 10 **Max Pact** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
- 1985 June 13 **Case Adjourned** Gary Gibson
- 1985 June 13 **The Max Museum** Gary Gibson, Richard Davies
Sport climbing reaches Riverside Buttress.
- 1985 June 16 **Cabbage Disease** Gary Gibson
Sport climbing reaches Waterline Buttress.
- 1985 June 20 **Nip in Nippon** Gary Gibson
Solo.
- 1985 July 11 **A Bigger Max** Gary Gibson
Attempted with a big splash prior to success!
- 1985 July 17 **A Cure for Arapiles** Gary Gibson, Adam Hudson
- 1985 July **The Price of Fame** Mark Liptrot
- 1985 Aug 5 **Max to the Wall, Micromax** Gary Gibson
- 1985 Aug 9 **Dinosaurs Don't Max** Gary Gibson
- 1985 Aug 13 **Max's Mum, Maxative, Tyrannosaurus Max** Gary Gibson
Solo.
- 1985 Aug 17 **Down Some Lazy River** Keith Sharples, Gary Gibson
Solo.
- 1985 Aug 17 **Systems Malfunction** Gary Gibson
- 1985 Aug 29 **Billericay Dicky, Clever Trevor** Gary Gibson
Solo.
- 1985 Aug 29 **Osher, Osher, Osher** Gary Gibson
- 1985 Sept 1 **Reasons To Be Cheerful** Gary Gibson
- 1985 Sept 1 **Quality Control** Gary Gibson
One bolt was placed.
- 1985 Sept **Spirit of the Age** Mark Liptrot
- 1985 Dec 28 **Split Infinity** Richard Davies
Solo.
- 1986 April 30 **The "too small for the tall" Wall** Gary Gibson
- 1986 May 2 **Forgotten Dream** Richard Davies
- 1986 May 3 **Dream Thief** Richard Davies
- 1986 May 15 **Why Me?** Gary Gibson
- 1986 May 19 **Some Coincidence** Gary Gibson
- 1986 May 31 **The Corniceman** Gary Gibson
- 1986 June 18 **Witch in Stitch** Gary Gibson
- 1986 June 24 **Mandy** Mark Pretty
- 1986 June 28 **Little Roo** Mark Pretty
- 1986 June **Behaviour of Fish** Simon Nadin, Richard Davies
- 1986 July 4 **The Sea is a Brown Paper Bag** Simon Nadin
A superb find. Simon had the Upper Tier to himself for a time.
- 1986 July 6 **Next** Paul Mitchell
- 1986 July 6 **Unleashing the Wild Physique** Mark Pretty
- 1986 July 9 **Big Zipper** Gary Gibson
- 1986 July 13 **Turbo-Charged Monster Mouse** Richard Davies, Simon Nadin
Davies returned to a conventional leading style but with a bolt on Rhubarb Buttress. Originally climbed with one bolt, one peg and a thread. Retorolted in 1998 by Gary Gibson.
- 1986 July 13 **The Tier-drop Explodes** Simon Nadin
Originally climbed with three bolts. Retorolted/retorolted in 1998 by Ian Dunne.
- 1986 July 13 **Zebedee Visits the Clinic** Paul Mitchell, Mark Pretty
- 1986 July 15 **Um Bongo** Chris Wright, Ian French, Mark Pretty, Paul Mitchell
- 1986 July 16 **Monster Mouse Resurgent** Richard Davies, Simon Nadin
Retro-bolted 1999 by Ian Dunn.
- 1986 July 17 **The Curse of the Mummy** Simon Nadin
A free version of the top pitch of Osiris.
- 1986 July 17 **Disjointed Might** Richard Davies, Simon Nadin
- 1986 July 19 **Blue Arsed Fly** Paul Mitchell
- 1986 July 20 **Old Man River** Gary Gibson, Matt Ward
- 1986 July 22 **Snails of the Riverbank** Gary Gibson
- 1986 July 23 **After the Goldfish** Gary Gibson, Mark Pretty
- 1986 July **The Naive and Sentimental Lover** Mark Pretty
- 1986 Aug 10 **Mystical Attainment** Richard Davies, Simon Nadin
- 1986 Aug 10 **Seven Pounds Overweight** Simon Nadin, Richard Davies
- 1986 Aug 30 **Yuk** Richard Davies
- 1986 Sept 23 **Eros Goes to Durham** Martin Farrar, Paul Vale
- 1986 **The Great Escape** S Ralph
Solo.
- 1980-1986 **A Sign of the Times** Unknown
- 1987 Feb 14 **My Secret Life** Gary Gibson
- 1987 March 29 **Little Big Climb** Gary Gibson
Bolts placed in Topley Buttress.
- 1987 March 29 **Philadelphia direct** Gary Gibson
- 1987 March 31 **McKenzie Frenzy** Martin Farrar, D Pearson
- 1987 April 25 **Over the Rainbow Trout** Gary Gibson
Sport climbing reaches the Embankment.
- 1987 April 25 **Mind of a Turbot** Gary Gibson
- 1987 April 26 **Baffled by Waterwings** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
Solo.
- 1987 April 26 **Learning to Swim** Gary Gibson
- 1987 April 27 **Crank it Up** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
Originally climbed with one bolt. Retorolted/retorolted in 1997 by Gary Gibson.
- 1987 April 27 **Sturgeon in the Cupboard** Gary Gibson
- 1987 April 28 **Secret Gudgeon Society** Gary Gibson, Mark Ellwell
- 1987 April 30 **As Loose as This?** Gary Gibson
Sport climbing reaches Runyon's Corner. Originally climbed with two bolts, an in-situ wire and a thread. Retorolted in 1995 by Gary Gibson.
- 1987 May 8 **Gonads** Simon Nadin
When first climbed the grade was E8 7a but now it's a mere f8a+!
- 1987 May 9 **Barefoot in a Pool of Sharks, The Life of a Stick-leback** Gary Gibson
Retorolted by Gary Gibson July, 1999.
- 1987 May 9 **The Cruise Brothers** Martin Farrar, S Brown
- 1987 May 9 **Elephant Talk** Dave Pegg
Originally led with two bolts. Retorolted/retorolted with a minor variation in 1997 by Gary Gibson.
- 1987 May 15 **The Wilderness Years** Gary Gibson
One rest point. Modern bolts are placed on Plum Buttress. Unrepeated for many years. First free ascent unknown. Retorolted and repeated by Kristian Clemmow in 2004.
- 1987 May 20 **The Zander Welfare Club** Gary Gibson
- 1987 May 21 **Breathless** Dave Pegg
Two bolts but still not a sport route. It was an excellent route up one of the best remaining "tradable" bits of rock in the dale. Lost holds shortly after the first

ascent. It now stands neglected.

1987 May **Hot Panties** Mike Annesley

Sport climbing reaches Long Wall.

1987 May **Smutt** Alan Williams

The first desperate offering from Williams.

1987 July 7 **Beef It** Mark Pretty

'You can crimp it and crank it, but you can't outflank it. If you want to beat it BEEF IT!' Mark Pretty

1987 July 7 **No Hiding Place** Chris Wright

1987 July 11 **Skid Marks** Chris Hardy, Chris Dent (both led)

Both ascensionists believed that route had already been led, unfortunately for the route's owner.

1987 July 14 **The Barracuda Bass Sound** Gary Gibson

1987 July 15 **Bream in Black** Pete Oxley

1987 July 16 **In the Drink** Gary Gibson, Pete Oxley

1987 July 22 **Breamtime** Gary Gibson, John Codling

1987 Aug 2 **The Spider (lpt)** Andy Pollitt, Rory Gregory

An audacious assault attempting to free-climb the very prod of Plum Buttress.

Climbed free with a slight change in line by Kristian Clemmow in 2004.

1987 Aug 8 **Powerplay** Richard Davies (solo)

1987 Sept 8 **Short Sharp Shock** Dave Pegg

Another bolt route to lose holds and favour.

1987 Sept 10 **Sloe Gin** Neil Foster, Rory Gregory

An excellent and audacious find.

1987 Oct 24 **Platonic Desire** Bill Birch, Rick Gibbon, J Woodhead

1988 May 8 **The World According to Tommy Trout** Mark

Liptrot, John Welford

1988 May 21 **Bedevelopment (lpt)** Keith Sharples, Andy Cave

The aid point was soon eliminated by Chris Hamper to leave Name That Tuna.

1988 June 9 **Bored of the Lies** Mark Pretty

1988 June 11 **Name That Tuna** Chris Hamper

A free version of Bedevilmint, which in turn was a nearly free version of Ateles.

1988 June 13 **Powerplant** Chris Plant

The first (albeit 'baby') 8a on the Cornice. A must for those aspiring to the dizzy heights of the 'eighth grade.'

1988 June 14 **This is the Sea** Mark Pretty

1988 June 25 **That was the River** Chris Hamper

Mark Pretty had come close to making the first ascent but breaking a hold near the top led to his failure. Hamper felt that Pretty had essentially completed the climb and was loathe to claim the route, though he eventually did.

1988 June 29 **Major Incontinence** Dave Pegg

1988 July 18 **Night of the Guppy** Gary Gibson

1988 July 23 **Stone the Loach** Gary Gibson

First flashed ascent by Simon Nadin.

1988 Aug 28 **Nogads** Martin Crocker

1988 Aug 28 **Home from Home** Martin Crocker

A direct finish was added by Simon Cundy on 21 September 1989.

1988 Sept **Aberration** Simon Nadin

Once again Nadin was the only one to spot the potential of the wall.

1988 **Gob on the Mountain** Martin Crocker

1989 May 13 **The Eve Syndrome** Malc Taylor, Jon de Montjoye

1989 May 15 **The Man Who Fell To Earth** Keith Sharples, Nigel Slater

Only one bolt was placed. This protected the loose lower wall. Subsequently retro-bolted by others.

1989 June **Further Adventures in Greendale** Keith Shar-

ples, Alan Doig

A more direct start was added by Keith Sharples, Bill Gregory 4th July 1989.

1989 July 11 **Four Door Dostoyevsky** Sean Myles

The first F8a+ on the Cornice.

1989 July 18 **Jungle Rock** Keith Sharples

1989 July 18 **The Lockless Monster** John Hart

1989 Aug 2 **Brothers in Arms** Keith Sharples, Chris Hardy

1989 Aug 2 **Kiss Me Hardy** Chris Hardy

1989 Aug 2 **Michael Foot Jam** Chris Plant

1989 Aug 4 **A Bit of Nooky** Mark Pretty

1989 Aug 13 **Masculine Power Trip** Ben Moon

Free ascent of the first section of The Crack, previously A3. The route was taken to where it should have finished in the first place by Keith Sharples in 1994.

1989 Aug 18 **Forehead Trombones** Malc Taylor, Matt Szabo

First flashed ascent by Ben Masterson.

1989 Aug 19 **A Basic Power Problem** Richard Davies, P Smith

1989 Aug 21 **Mescaline Power Trip** Mark Pretty

1989 Aug 22 **Feminine Ego Trip** Malc Taylor

1989 Aug 24 **Flowers in the Dirt** Keith Sharples, Alan Doig, Bill

Gregory

1989 Aug 31 **The Fat Ginger Cat** Malc Taylor, Jon de Montjoye

Sport climbing reached Rhubarb Buttress. Rebolted in 1998 by Gary Gibson.

1989 Aug **Me Tarzan** Allen Williams

An old Gibson project.

1989 Aug **Skin-flick** Allen Williams

The second route to carry the Williams tag. Desperate moves on tiny holds.

1989 Aug **Thrash Your Woodie** Simon Lee, Stuart Bolton

The mid-height peg was stripped by Chris Hardy in a fall which left him flat on his back, inches away from a protruding tree stump. Rebolted in 1998 by Gary Gibson.

1989 Sept 2 **A Touch of Class** Chris Hardy, Chris Addy

1989 Sept 2 **Cordless Madness** Nigel Slater, Rosie Brown, Alan

Doig

Chris Hardy inspected the line a few weeks earlier and dismissed it as 'a complete bag'. How wrong can someone be? The original bolt hangers were about as thick as a baked bean tin and were obtained cheaply in Spain by Slater.

1989 Sept 2 **Fishing Without a Licence** Alan Doig, Mike Ratcliffe

Mike cleaned and prepared the route only to repeatedly fail to make the first ascent. He finally admitted defeat and handed over the lead.

1989 Sept 3 **Too Pumpy for Grumpy** Nigel Slater, Rosie Brown, Alan Doig

1989 Sept 4 **Taylor Made** Malc Taylor

1989 Sept 10 **Arnold's Armbalaster** Mark Pretty

Free-climbed the first nine metres of Monumental Alabaster at 8a. This route lasted all of 13 days and was subsequently superseded by Monumental Armbalaster.

1989 Sept 10 **Fatal Attraction** Keith Sharples, Phil Burke, Rory Gregory

1989 Sept 10 **Ophelia's Lob-elia** Paul Mitchell

Bad bolts, above the river on poor rock. I wonder why this one never became a classic!

1989 Sept 14 **Daylight Robbery** Chris Hardy

Named after the 'Buxton Poachers' who stole a sack full of climbing gear and

photographic equipment from the base of the route. Described as E4 6a and impossible to fall off by Chris Plant.

1989 Sept 17 **Wise Up! Sucker...** Simon Cundy

1989 Sept 21 **Home From Home Direct** Simon Cundy

1989 Sept 23 **Monumental Armbalaster** Sean Myles

First free ascent of Monumental Armbalaster. One of the most outstanding lines in the Peak. Originally cleaned and bolted by 'BIG RON' the first nine metres had been free-climbed 13 days earlier by Mark Pretty. The second ascent was somewhat rapid, Simon Nadin taking only 2 hours. Malc Taylor tried for the third ascent but kept failing at the very last move. Little did he know that the day after his failed attempt the route would become wet and would stay so for another five years!

1989 Sept 24 **Pushed to the Hilt** Simon Cundy

1989 Oct 1 **The Rainmaker** John Welford

1989 Oct 4 **The Day of the Long Knives** Keith Sharples, Alan Doig

'Sharples finally found a route to really sort them out.' Thus the unflashable route was duly completed and duly flashed the following day by an apogetic Malc Taylor.

1989 Oct 7 **Whose Line is it Anyway?** Jon de Montjoye, Neil Foster

Both led.

1989 Oct 8 **Trampled Underfoot** Chris Hardy, George Gilmore

The route received ten ascents in the same day. 'Some routes such as Trampled Underfoot had their first half dozen repeats within an hour of the first ascent. Indeed it was not uncommon to find a gathering waiting patiently (or more often impatiently) to repeat a route not yet in existence.'

1989 Oct 13 **Crowd Control** Keith Sharples

1989 Oct 13 **Hawaii Five-O** Malc Taylor, Jon de Montjoye

With gear strewn the length of the crag he vainly attempted to cajole his reluctant belayer to follow the pitches. The hapless de Montjoye was eventually persuaded to strip the gear amidst much whimpering.

1989 Oct 14 **Ali** Malc Taylor

Taylor climbed to a junction with Tour de France, then reversed the 'route'. It was extended to the belay on The Egyptian Bizarre by Chris Wright in October 1990 and seconded by Chris Wright!

1989 Oct 14 **Blood Transfusion** Chris Hardy

'... eventually solved after numerous bone-crunching descents back to earth.'

1989 Oct 16 **The Monday Club** Chris Hardy

1989 Oct 23 **The Egyptian Bizarre** Jon de Montjoye

Named at a time when 'Egyptians' were a novelty.

1989 Dec 31 **Decade to Decayed** Simon Cundy

1989 **Boring** Seb Grieve

1990s **Meat and Two Veg/Foie Gras/Dope** Unknown

A route with a chequered past. Claimed falsely, climbed but not claimed, then eventually climbed and claimed by Tony Coultts in 1995.

1990 March 23 **Limited Edition** Paul Fearn, Steve Fearn, Eugene Baston, Robby Saint

1990 March 31 **I Love My Pigeon, A Duck called Deborah** Paul Fearn

1990 March 31 **Kick the Bucket** Paul Fearn, Eugene Baston

Accidentally bolted in 1995. The bolts have been crudely chopped.

1990 April 7 **Kill the Bill** Chris Wright

1990 May 12 **Atlantic Realm, Child Lock** Chris Wright

1990 May 16 **A Man Called Horse** Seb Grieve

The first sport climb on Moving Buttress.

1990 May 17 **Backstreet Vogue** Keith Sharples, Chris Wright

Both led. First confirmed ascent.

1990 May 20 **The Bride and Groom** Chris Wright

1990 May 22 **Cabbage Disease, direct start** Keith Sharples

The whole route was reclinbed without using the chipped hold by Keith Sharples on 4 June 1990.

1990 May 22 **Child's Play** Chris Wright

1990 May 23 **Another Brick in the Wall** Keith Sharples

Some beautiful cementing retained the crucial hold in its rightful place.

1990 June 4 **Rolling Stone** Keith Sharples

1990 July 3 **Big Jesus Trashcan** Simon Cundy, Tony Coultts

1990 July 26 **Theoria** John Hart

First climbed from part way up the tree at F8a+ but subsequently climbed by Ben Moon from the ground at a slightly harder F8a+.

1990 Aug 5 **Titter Ye Not** Lucien Cottle

1990 Aug 11 **Mike's Bike and the Collar-bone Experience** Lucien Cottle, Chris Wright

1990 Aug 28 **The Jug Jockey** Keith Sharples

The first route to breach the massive roofs of the Cornice and a pointer to the future. First free ascent of Contortion (A3).

1990 Sept 1 **R'n P** John Hart

Named after John Hart's children - Rosie and Peter.

1990 Sept 9 **Rapid City** Dougie Hall

Being unable to remain in contact with the sloper at 15 metres has been the downfall of many a climber.

1990 Sept 23 **Cry of Despair (Free)** Chris Hardy

The cry has been heard many times as climbers fall from the final 'easy' moves!

1990 Oct 2 **Oh No! It's the Wall to Wall Birthday Party** Chris Wright

1990 **Entrée** Chris Gore

1991 April 5 **Kill Your Television** Tony Coultts

1991 May 2 **Fizzy** Tony Coultts

Sport climbing reaches The Sidings.

1991 May 14 **Speedmetal Bedmashin'** Tony Coultts, James Duncan

1991 May 18 **Maxwell House** Chris Wright

1991 June 13 **Reward** Simon Cundy, Paul Deardon

1991 June 20 **Never to Look Back** Gary Gibson, Neville Barker

1991 June **Loco Motif** Gary Gibson

1991 June 22 **Wye Train, The Railway Children** Gary Gibson

The Railway Children was originally climbed with two bolts and one peg. Rebolted by Gary Gibson in 1997.

1991 June 23 **Rouge Total** Gary Gibson, John Codling

1991 June 25 **Casamance** Gary Gibson

1991 June 25 **Macumba** Gary Gibson, Neville Barker

1991 June 29 **One Track Mind** Gary Gibson, Neville Barker

1991 June 29 **Tunnel Vision** Gary Gibson

Originally climbed with three bolts. Rebolted in 1997 by Gary Gibson.

1991 June 30 **Double Topley** Gary Gibson

1991 July 10 **Rough Justice** Keith Sharples

1991 July 16 **The Trainee** Gary Gibson

1991 July 17 **Rusty Lee, The Black and White Minstrel**

Show Gary Gibson

1991 July 20 **Nighthawks at the Diner** Chris Rudd, Nigel Pos-

tlethwaite
 1991 July 28 **Shred Your Stick** Simon Lee
 1991 July **Sibser** First ascent unknown
'Simon's bolts, somebody else's route' name given to it by Al James for the Rockfax guide. Simon Cundy bolted the line but when he returned to climb it the route was plastered with chalk from several ascents.
 1991 Aug 4 **Ghee Force** Simon Lee
 1991 Sept 1 **Last Eggs Before the MI** John Hart
Originally graded 8a. Tony Mitchell made the third ascent on-sight!
 1991 Sept 5 **Silence of the Clams** Gary Gibson, Doug Kerr
 1991 Sept 14 **Let the Max Increase** Gary Gibson
A free version of The Big Splash.
 1991 Sept 21 **Roof Warrior** Keith Sharples
A tremendous line of considerable quality.
 1991 Sept 28 **The Max they Love to Hate** Gary Gibson
This follows almost the same line as the unprotected Dream Thief, in effect a retrobolting of that route; a questionable practice.
 1991 Nov 7 **Maxing Around** Gary Gibson
 1992 Aug 12 **Something Fishy** Danny Brooks, Andy Popp
 1992 **Laurels for Hardy** Chris Hardy
A short lived route owing to the effects of gravity. Reascended in 1998.
 1993 May 22 **There's Life in the Old Log Yet** Mark Pretty
 1993 July **Mouldwarp Wall** Andy Popp
 1994 April **Toys for the Boys** Chris Gore
 1994 May 8 **The Dukes of Earl Gray** Keith Sharples
 1994 June **Hupsters** Tony Coutts, Ed Morgan
 1994 July **Dizzy** Tony Coutts
 1994 July 10 **Nemesis** Keith Sharples
Once again the Cornice had dried out and Sharples was the first to take advantage, producing another fine addition to one of the Peak's best crags. Later that year Sharples was seen picking his jaw up off the floor, having just watched Nick Sellers flash his route.
 1994 July 28 **Streamline** Mike Lea
 1994 Aug **Super Orchic** Tony Coutts, Ed Morgan
 1994 Aug 7 **Gardeners' Question Time** Seb Grieve
 1994 Aug 7 **Wright On** Chris Wright
 1994 Aug 21 **K3** Seb Grieve
It took Seb three years to climb the route and when he finally succeeded he said, "It's got to be called K3, as it's much harder to climb than K2". Since Seb has never set foot in the Himalaya, this is quite an unusual statement. During the time that elapsed from bolting the route to its final completion, approximately 90% of the sport climbing population of Sheffield belayed Seb at one time or another.
 1994 Sept **Succubus** Seb Grieve
 1994 **Masculine Power Trip** Keith Sharples
The upper section only.
 1995 May **Dope** Tony Coutts
 1995 May 27 **Spank Me Senseless with a Wet Herring** R Murray
 1995 June **Hamish** Tony Coutts
Named in memory of a pet dog! Rebolted in 1998.
 1995 June 6 **Humiliation, Get Down and Bark, Bitch** M Oliver
 1995 June 27 **Lightweight** Chris Wright
 1995 July 2 **Sharp Practice** Keith Sharples

1995 July 4 **42** John Hart
The old man of the dale, managed to climb f8b (!) in his 42nd year of existence. An outstanding effort for the old fart. [The uncensored wind of change is upon us!]
 1995 Aug 8 **Old Man River Direct Finish** Mark Pretty
 1995 Aug 28 **Wright to Left** Chris Wright
One of the longer routes on the Cornice and unlikely to see a second ascent for some time as it goes Against the Grain... which was its original name, but was changed owing to popular demand.
 1995 Aug **Zippy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars** Seb Grieve
A fully bolted version of The Spiders from Mars with a new (direct) start to the left.
 1995 Sept 1 **De Vine** Ruth Jenkins
The hardest new route climbed by a woman in Britain for many years, initially given f8a/8a+. In 2006 Karin Magog climbed Stolen at Kilnsey, at f8b which currently holds the title.
 1995 Oct 14 **All Fall Down** Gary Gibson
 1995 Oct 14 **All Made Up, The Siberian Hamster** Gary Gibson, Nadim Siddiqui
Gary returns to the dale after several years absence.
 1995 Oct 21 **Overclapped** Gary Gibson
 1995 Oct 22 **The Jury's Out, Underslapped** Gary Gibson, Jim Burton, Nadim Siddiqui
 1995 Oct 22 **Open Verdict** Gary Gibson, Nadim Siddiqui
 1995 Oct 28 **Community Service** Gary Gibson
 1995 Oct 28 **Unnamed** Jim Burton, Nadim Siddiqui, Gary Gibson
 1995 Oct 29 **No Intent** Gary Gibson, Jim Burton, Nadim Siddiqui
 1995 Nov 26 **Megabyte** Bill Birch, Rick Gibbon
 1995 Nov 30 **Micro-chip, Modem** Bill Birch, Rick Gibbon
 1995 Dec 3 **C.D. Romp** Rick Gibbon, Bill Birch
 1995 Dec 22 **The Arapahoe Connection** Bill Birch, Rick Gibbon
 1995 Dec 22 **Hard Drive** Rick Gibbon, Bill Birch
 1996 Feb 27 **Windows 95, Falling Icons** Rick Gibbon, Bill Birch
 1996 Feb 28 **Gopherspace, Waste Bin, She got the Bosch, I got the Drill** Bill Birch, Rick Gibbon
 1996 March 9 **The Hacker** Bill Birch, Rick Gibbon
 1996 March 9 **E-mail** Rick Gibbon, Bill Birch
 1996 April 16 **Surfing the Net** Rick Gibbon, Bill Birch
Both pitches were led on-sight. Gibbon took a massive flyer on pitch two when a hold came off.
 1996 May 18 **Strawberry Kiss** Alasdair Hannah, Ian Dunne
Both led.
 1996 June 2 **For the Prosecution** Gary Gibson
 1996 June 2 **Witness This** Gary Gibson, Howard Lancashire
 1996 June 5 **In the Defence, Megaflogged** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
 1996 June 15 **Prawnography** Ian Dunne, Alasdair Hannah
 1996 June **Arachnathera (Direct Finish)** Brian Sullivan and friends (John Hartley, Barbara Murray?)
 1996 July 6 **I Had a Black Shirt** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
 1996 July 6 **Stax a Time** Gary Gibson
 1996 July 15 **Stogumber Club** Richie Patterson

1996 July 18 **Gooseberry Pillar** Simon Jones, David Simmonite
 1996 July 19 **Minos** Chris Wright
 1996 July **Beelzebub** Seb Grieve
 1996 July **Love Amongst the Butterflies** Seb Grieve
 1996 Aug 4 **Berried, Orange Free State** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
 1996 Aug 4 **Black Rights** Gary Gibson
 1996 Aug 10 **Some Things Change** Gary Gibson
 1996 Aug 10 **Steaming Strides** Gary Gibson, Nadim Siddiqui
 1996 Aug 11 **Nookie Bear, Columnus** Gary Gibson
 1996 Aug 15 **Cathedral Taste** Gary Gibson, Rehan Siddiqui
 1996 Aug 21 **Lucky Finger** Gary Gibson
 1996 Aug 26 **In the Stox** Gary Gibson, Roy Thomas
 1996 Aug 26 **Thundertrapped** Gary Gibson
 1996 Aug **Big Boned Backside Melon, Fresh Jive** Tony Coutts
 1996 Sept 8 **Anoraks and Trainspotters** Nadim 'Sid' Siddiqui, Rehan 'Little Sid' Siddiqui
 1996 Sept 15 **Micro-nerd** Nadim 'Sid' Siddiqui, Rehan 'Little Sid' Siddiqui
 1996 Sept 18 **Defrag** Nadim 'Sid' Siddiqui, Colin Struthers
 1996 Oct 5 **Ernie** Andy Theaker, Nadim 'Sid' Siddiqui, Colin Struthers
 1996 Oct 28 **Meterol** Chris Wright
 1996 **Runyonectomy** Unknown
 1996 **A Bout de Soufflé** Ian Dunn, Alasdair Hannah, John Hartley
A French alternative to Breathless on some of the best remaining rock in the dale.
 1997 July 16 **Traverse of Two Tier Buttress (pitch 6)** Ian Dunne, Alasdair Hannah
Both led. The first free ascent but done from right to left.
 1997 July 24 **Steam Train** Gary Gibson
 1997 Sept 16 **Ouijboard** Dave Cross, Carl Dawson
 1997 **Buster** Steve McClure
 1998 May 17 **Far From the Madding Crowd** Alasdair Hannah
A re-ascent of Chris Hardy's route Laurels for Hardy which lost a lot of holds shortly after it was ascended in 1992.
 1998 May 30 **Light Ideas, Long Dead Train, Sravandrabelago-la** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson held rope
 1998 June 7 **Good Vibrations** Nadim 'Sid' Siddiqui, Brian Cropper, Colin Struthers
 1998 June 12 **Fishlock, Harmonious Harmonica** Gary Gibson
Hazel Gibson belayed
Harmonious Harmonica was originally f6c+ before the loss of a hold.
 1998 June 12 **Kakaho, Symmetrical Systems** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
 1998 June 14 **Love is a Swallow** Steve Barker, Nadim 'Sid' Siddiqui, Brian Cropper (alt)
 1998 June 21 **Feel the Beat** Nadim 'Sid' Siddiqui, Brian Cropper
Both led.
 1998 June 27 **Stung, Snail Mail, Tonic** Gary Gibson
Hazel Gibson belayed
 1998 June 28 **Chill Out** Nadim 'Sid' Siddiqui, Brian Cropper
Both led.
 1998 July **Badged Stuffer** Craig Smith

1998 July **Esmeralda** Mike Lea
First free ascent of Quasimodo. One on Gary's hit list. Whether Mike's success gave Gary 'the hump' is not known.
 1998 July 5 **Loco-Motion** Nadim 'Sid' Siddiqui, Brian Cropper
 1998 July 7 **Chemical Weapons (new version), Fallout Zone, Feline Fine, Gaseous Exchange, The Garlic Twist, Rhubarb, Rhubarb, Rhubarb** Gary Gibson, Dave Law
 1998 July 11 **Cry Havoc, Custard Pie in Yer Eye, The Way of the Gone Wives** Gary Gibson, Simon Rice, Tim Gallagher
 1998 July 11 **Semolina Sunday** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson held rope
 1998 July 12 **Rave On** Brian Cropper, Nadim 'Sid' Siddiqui
The bolt on the ledge was added after the first ascent.
 1998 July 14 **Lady's Fingers** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson held rope
Gary's neighbouring route, European Female retrobolted this same day.
 1998 July 19 **Every Breath You Take** Nadim 'Sid' Siddiqui, Brian Cropper
Both led.
 1998 July 19 **For the Good of the Cause** Brian Cropper, Nadim 'Sid' Siddiqui
Both led.
 1998 July 23 **Pipistrelle** Brian Cropper, Nadim 'Sid' Siddiqui
Both led.
 1998 July 23 **Lamprey on Ice, Red Snapper Meets the Dogfish** Gary Gibson (belayed by Hazel Gibson)
 1998 July 26 **Eye Catching Cod Piece** Nadim 'Sid' Siddiqui, Brian Cropper
Both led.
 1998 Aug 1 **Close to the Edge** Nadim 'Sid' Siddiqui, Brian Cropper
Both led.
 1998 Sep 13 **Emission Control** Nadim 'Sid' Siddiqui, Jim Burton
Both led.
 1998 Dec **Run Ragged** Graham Hoey
Soloed on-sight, in the rain with a copy of the old guidebook in his teeth, wearing floppy boots, binoculars and a rucksack, while doing a final check for the 1999 guidebook!
 1999 June 26 **Back to Basics, Fish-U-Like, Goblin' Women, Personal Voyage,** Gary Gibson
 1999 July 11 **A Vision of Loveliness** Ian Dunn
 1999 July 11 **Alternative start to Case Adjourned** Chris Addy
Bolted in 1998 but never claimed. This is the first recorded ascent.
 1999 July 28 **Garfish Serenade, Kiss the Mackerel, Minnows as Substitute for White Bait** Gary Gibson (belayed by Hazel Gibson)
 1999 July 31 **Name that Tuna direct, Pepsi Max** Gary Gibson
 1999 July **Barefoot in a Pool of Sharks (with direct finish)** Gary Gibson
 1999 Aug 7 **Kiss My Arcy** Gary Gibson
 1999 Aug 8 **The Balancing Act** Gary Gibson
 1999 Aug 14 **Jackson's Brownd Off, Waffle, Rising Sap,** Gary Gibson
 1999 Aug 21 **County Time** Gary and Hazel Gibson

1999 Aug 22 **The Inbetweeners, Tippers** Gary Gibson
 1999 Aug 28 **Evidently Chickentown, Smelting Point** Gary Gibson, Roy Thomas
 1999 Sept 8 **Pour Dill** Gary Gibson
 1999 Sept 12 **Just Pullet** Gary Gibson, Phil Gibson
 2000 July 7 **The Orange Order** Gary Gibson
 2000 July 29 **Demystified** Gary Gibson
 2001 July 7 **Loco** Gary Gibson
 2001 July 21 **Spazz Energy** Gary Gibson, Gordon Jenkin
 2001 July 26 **The Burqa King** Gary Gibson
 2001 Aug 4 **Mega Bites** Gary Gibson
 2001 Aug 5 **War Locks** Gary Gibson
 2001 Aug 7 **Birthday Boy** Gary Gibson
 2001 Aug 14 **Poultry in Motion** Gary Gibson
 2001 Sept 22 **My Dog Dill** Gary Gibson
 2002 April 19 **Automaton, Your Rotten Thoughts** Gary Gibson
 2002 June 11 **Maximum Potential,** Gary Gibson
 2002 June 16 **Cock a Hoop** Gary Gibson, Jim Burton
 2002 June 19 **Bursting Out, Sub Terra** Gary Gibson
 2002 June 20 **Cockerel Cry** Gary Gibson, Nick Colton, Ian McClellan
 2002 June 22 **Mix and Match** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
 2002 June 23 **Rooster in the Hen House** Gary Gibson, Jim Burton
 2002 **Blockhead** Chris Wright
 2002 June 15 **Hardcore Junkie** Alistair Hannah
 2003 June **Kali Yuga** Rupert Davies
 2003 **Snatch** Kristian Clemmow
 2004 **The Spider** Kristian Clemmow
Free at last, with a slight change in line.
 2004 June 15 **Total Rock** Clive Edmunds
 2005 **Somehow Super** Steve McClure
 2006 May **Superstring** Rupert Davies
The last route to be added to Vista Buttress before the bolts were removed.
 2006 **Chug, Chug, Chug, The Runaway Train, Came Down the Track** Gary Gibson
 2007 May 3 **32** Christian Klemmow
 2007 **A Soldier's Diary, Nerd the Absurd** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
 2007 **Byte Size, She Mail** Gary Gibson
 2009 **No Mail** Gary Gibson
 2009 **Burning Rails, One Track Offensive, Puffing, Sidetrack, Steaming, Wobbly Wheels** Gary Gibson
 2010 July **Dirty Old Man** Mark Pretty
 2010 Aug 14 **Bricktop** Kristian Clemmow
 2010 Oct 17 **Go Cat** Christian Klemmow
 2010 Dec 27 **Honorary Slate** Mark Pretty
 2011 Jan 19 **Bombardier, Chapter and Verse, Percy's World, The Snap** Gary Gibson
 2011 April 29 **The Fifth Amendment, Guilty, The Plea, Roberts Roberts, Slappy, Happy, Chappy** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
 2011 March **Dogfight** Mark Pretty
 2011 April **Damson in Distress** Mark Pretty
 2011 April **Scooby Snack** Paul Freeman, Mark Pretty

Also recorded as Scooby Snacks

2011 May 12 **Gran Techo** Kristian Clemmow
 2011 June 6 **Techno Prisoners** Bob Hickish
 2011 June **Crankus Maximus, Easy Rider, Glaswegian Kiss** Mark Pretty
 2011 Sep 4 **K5** Christian Klemmow
 2011 Sept 8 **K2** Steve McClure
 2011 Sept 19 **Clematis** Kristian Clemmow
 2011 Sept **Mrs Brown** Mark Pretty
 2012 April 16 **Luck be the Magic Number, Tip Dollar** Gary Gibson
 2012 May 6 **Giants, The Massive** Gary Gibson, Nick Taylor, Tim Parkinson
 2012 June 25 **Mosquito, Sign my Name, Tetse** Gary Gibson
Solo.
 2012 July 11 **A Bit Lippy** Mark Pretty
 2012 July 15 **Liposuction** Mark Pretty
 2012 July 22 **A Bit on the Side** Paul Freeman, Mark Pretty
 2012 July 25 **Less of your Lip** Mark Pretty
 2012 August **Chip off the Old Block** Christian Klemmow
Just to push the grade up!
 2012 Sept 16 **Reboot** Mark Pretty
 2012 Dec 30 **Cat Lick, Turkey Lurking** Gary Gibson
 2013 Jan 5 **Cupid Sails, Piccalilli Circus** Gary Gibson
 2013 April 15 **Binge Drinker, Dusty Lusty, There is no Lust** Gary Gibson
Solo.
 2013 April 20 **The Invisibles, Voidless** Gary Gibson
 2013 May **Gigantic** Mark Pretty
 2013 Aug 18 **Hunger Strike** Mark Pretty
 2013 Aug 18 **Titanic** Christian Klemmow
 2013 Aug 22 **Big News Manmouh** Christian Klemmow
Reclimbed by Klemmow as half the cliff had disappered since Crocker's 1988 E5.
 2013 Sept 1 **Flow** Rupert Davies
 2013 Sep 5 **North Atlantic Drift** Christian Klemmow
 2013 Sep 30 **Gobstopper** Mark Pretty
 2014 May 18 **Dog Dirt** Christian Klemmow
 2014 Aug 24 **Shake the Tail, Wag the Dog** Gary Gibson, Ian Carr, Andy Birtwistle

Chee Dale Bouldering

Pedigree Chum Paul Smitton, 2010
Finest Pedigree Steve McClure, 2010



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Conies Dale

Big Fat Conie	Haydn Jones, 2014
Beak Forest	Ned Feehall, 2011
Conie Ferrino	Dave Parry, 2012
Conie Island Elephant	Ned Feehall, 2011
Conie Lamiche	Jon Fullwood, 2011
Conie Lamprecht	Ned Feehall, 2011
Conie Musselbrook	Ned Feehall, 2011
Conie Pepperoni	Ned Feehall, 2011
Conie Simpson	Ned Feehall, 2011
Conie Toutts	Ned Feehall, 2011
Conie Whitehouse	Dave Parry, 2012
Conie Yeboah	Dave Carrington, 2012

Smalldale Quarry

1985 Play it Again Sam, Scott's Wall, Shae, Shanacie	Senan Hennassy
<i>Shanacie (E2 5b) was bolted in 2002. Shae (E1 5b) was superseded by Shame on You in 2002.</i>	
1985 Eeonefivebee, Friend 15, Stainsby Girls	Chris Jackson
<i>Stainsby Girls (E4 6b, 3 bolts) was climbed direct and bolted in 1995. Friend 15 (E2 5b) was bolted in 2002.</i>	
1985 Diddyogger, Little Lady, The Ubiquitous	Bill Wintrip
1985 Crooked, First Offence, Going Straight	Bob Conway
<i>Going Straight (E3 6a), First Offence (E4 6a) were bolted in 2002.</i>	
1985 Socket Set	Roy Small
1985 Last Exit Going South	L Naylor
1985 Lost Contact	Bill Wintrip, Neil Foster
<i>E4 6b (2 bolts), fully bolted in 2002?</i>	
1985 Can Boys	Neil Foster
<i>E5 6b (3 bolts), fully bolted in 2002?</i>	
1993 June 23 Soggy Biscuits	Simon Lee, Simon Marsh
1995 Sept 10 Bedlam, Getafix, Reservoir Frogs, Squakietawkie	Gary Gibson, Jim Burton
1995 Sept 13 When Reason Sleeps	Gary Gibson
1995 Sept 16 Lies and Deception	Gary Gibson, Jim Burton
1995 Sept 16 Soft Centre	Jim Burton, Gary Gibson, Nadim Siddiqui
1995 Sept 19 The Crystal Maze, Obelix	Gary Gibson
1995 Sept 19 The Quartz Tricycle	Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
1995 Oct 1 The Ladybird Killers, Six Bee or Not Six Bee, Stainsby Girls Direct	Gary Gibson, Jim Burton
1995 Oct 8 Virtual Insanity	Nadim Siddiqui, Gary Gibson
1996 June 16 Comedy Club	Gary Gibson
<i>Solo.</i>	
1996 June 16 Terry and June	Gary Gibson
1996 June 18 Hollow Inside	Gary Gibson
1997 Bolt 45	Jim Campbell, Keith Aston, Harry Venables
1997 Bosch Spice	Keith Ashton, Jim Campbell, Harry Venables
2002 April 3 Learn the Lingo, Mr Love Pants	Gary Gibson

2002 April 21 Double Wammy, Open Season, 'owd Biddy Flogger, Riding the Bullet	Gary Gibson, Nick Taylor, Andy Beaumont
2002 Sept 18 Friezian, Lady Luck, Upminster Kid, Shame on You	Gary Gibson, Nick Taylor
2002 Sept 21 Single Malt	Nick Taylor
2002 Sept 22 Just Passing Through, Sock It To 'em, Triple Sec	Gary Gibson, Nick Taylor
2002 Sept 22 Too Fat to Tag	Nick Taylor, Gary Gibson
2002 Sept 29 Stone the Crows, Fringe Meeting	Gary Gibson, Nick Taylor
2003 Aug 14 More Chatterly Teeth, Single Decker	Gary Gibson, Jim Burton
2007 July 8 The Awesome Foursome	Gary Gibson, Mark Richardson, Ian Milward
2007 July 28 To Bee a Star	Gary Gibson
2007 July 29 Summat Owtanowt	Gary Gibson
2007 July 31 Can't Girls?	Gary Gibson, John Perry
2007 Aug 2 Bee Movie, Bish, Bash, Bosch, Killer Bee	Gary Gibson
2007 Aug 4 Can'tgetmyfix, Tawk the Squawk	Gary Gibson
2007 Aug 4 Floggin' a Dead Horse,	Gary Gibson, Ian Milward
2008 June 23 Beastality, Noisy Neighbours	Gary Gibson
2008 July 4 Eight till Late	Gary Gibson, Nick Taylor
2011 Dec 28 Blockheads	Gary Gibson
2012 March 6 More for Four, Fix on the Mix	Gary Gibson
2012 March 25 Anorexic Text, Fat Cat, Greet the Tweet, Slim Jim, Too thin to Chin,	Gary Gibson

Lover's Leap

1979 Oct 6 Clotted Cream, Devon Teas	Gary Gibson (solo)
<i>Not knowing of Gary's ascent, Devon Teas was bolted and led by Nadim Siddiqui in 1997 and called Little Brown Men.</i>	
1997 June The Age of Unreason, Chain Reaction, Gimme Shelter, Idiot Nation, Jihad, Little Brown Men, Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus, We are not Alone	Nadim Siddiqui
1997 June Infantada	Colin Struthers, Nadim Siddiqui, Dave Simmonite
1997 June Savage Girth	Dave Simmonite, Nadim Siddiqui
1997 Sept 8 Here, Mercury Dripping	Gary Gibson, Mark Elwell, Nadim Siddiqui
1997 Oct 22 Nice Melons	Gary Gibson (solo)
1997 Oct 26 Jewfish	Gary Gibson, Nadim Siddiqui
1997 Oct 26 And the Roof Fell in, It's Uranus, Last Man First	Gary Gibson
2006 Sept 4 Banarama, The Grape and Rye	Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson

Deep Dale

1960 Early Routes on the Rim and Windy Slab	Jack Arrundale, et al
<i>The earliest development in the valley was very much the work of Jack Arrundale, together with fellow members of the Manchester Gritstone Climbing Club, Graham West, Mike Blackwell and Barry Roberts. Most of the easier lines on The Rim and Windy Slab were climbed at this time. According to Arrundale the routes were all given names later by West, who published the first guide to limestone rock climbing in the Peak District area in 1961. Jack Arrundale helped to persuade West that despite their modest height, these routes were well worthy of inclusion in the guide-book. West wrote that Arrundale came to like Deep Dale so much that the rest of us nearly had to ask permission to climb on 'his' crag! At this time there were no routes recorded in the Upper Dale, regarded as too loose and serious. However, an ancient peg in situ near Goalie Wag is an indication of some exploration by persons unknown, probably in the early 70's. The following routes were all climbed by combinations of Arrundale, West, Blackwell and Roberts:</i>	
1960 A Reet Treat, Aramis, Big Ear's Crack, Blueberry Tower, Brutal Brutus, By-Pass, D'Artagnan, Early Bird Wall, Egg an' Onion Crack, First Day Tower, Floating Rib, Gentleman Jim, Porthos, Ramblers Arête, Right Slab, Second Day Crack, Windy Slab	Jack Arrundale et al
1960 Eaglet Corner, Apple Pie Buttress	Jack Arrundale et al
<i>Eaglet Corner and Apple Pie Buttress are no longer described. Eaglet Corner was a Diff corner just right of Early Bird Wall. It was relegated to a descent route in the 1969 BMC Northern Limestone guidebook. Apple Pie Buttress was Severe and was described as vegetated and scarcely worthy of inclusion in the 1969 guidebook. It appears to have followed a similar line to that now taken by Getting into Ivy.</i>	
1960 Easy Chimney	Jack Arrundale et al
<i>Relegated to a descent in the 1969 BMC Northern Limestone guidebook.</i>	
1960 Ostrich's Throat	Jack Arrundale et al
<i>Jack Arrundale was supposedly called "Ostrich" because he was reputed to be able to hold a half-pint glass sideways in his mouth. He explained however, that the name was acquired after spending a couple of hours sheltering from rain beneath boulders in the Chew Valley during which he initially amused, but then increasingly irritated his companions with a series of lengthy "round the houses" jokes — all about ostriches! He does acknowledge being able to perform the described feat as a party-piece though. However, it states in west's guidebook that the route was named 'not after the rubbish which goes down an ostrich's throat, but after the rubbish which has gone up this one!'</i>	
1960 Third Day Tower (AI)	Jack Arrundale et al
<i>First free ascent in 1969.</i>	
1960 Thunder Buttress Route	Jack Arrundale et al
<i>Written off as not being worthwhile in the 1969 guidebook.</i>	
1960 Thunder Chimney	Jack Arrundale et al
<i>Written off as not being worthwhile in the 1969 guidebook.</i>	
1967 Thunder Wall	Bob Dearman
<i>Aid reduced to one point of aid by Bob Conway and Chris Jackson in 1979. Climbed free in 1983 by Dave Lee.</i>	
1960s A Reet Treat Direct start, Lazy Day	Unknown
1960s Jack Frost	Tony Howard
1969 to 1980 Ash Gash, Fox Hole Groove, Queer Tree Groove	Unknown

1977 Bill's Crack, Half Way Crack, Parrot Crack Stroll Way	Phil Burke
1977 The Primrose Path	Graham Warren, M Kaye
1977 Second Lesson	Jonny Woodward
<i>Originally graded a miserly HVS, this was probably the hardest route in the Dale at the time.</i>	
1978 Lost Chimney, Maid Marion, Robin Hood, Town Hall Clerk	Graham Warren
<i>Town Hall Clerk is now overgrown and no longer described.</i>	
1978 Nancy Boy	Graham Warren, Susan Russell
1978 Tourist Groove	Graham Warren
1979 A Poke in the Eye with a Sharp Stick, A Private Cosmos, Alexander Beetle, Classical Gas, Congealed Chimney, Holiday Home for Pets Pie Company, Knee Trembler, Vulture's Crutch	Chris Jackson, Bob Conway
<i>A new surge of development in the Dale, prior to the preparation of the new Northern Limestone guide.</i>	
1979 Ben's Groove, Emmaline, Happy Humphrey, Little Weed, Old Nick	Bob Conway, Chris Jackson
<i>Old Nick had some aid.</i>	
1979 Megsy	Bob Conway
1979 Midge Dance, Tom's Off Day Route	Tom Proctor, Chris Jackson
<i>Not an off day for Tom this visit! The hardest route in the Dale at the time, and still an intimidating lead.</i>	
1979 Touch and Go	Chris Jackson, Tom Proctor
1980 Antidote	Jonny Woodward, Ian Maisey
<i>A return visit to the Dale, again to give arguably its hardest route at the time.</i>	
1982 Deep Throat	Mark Kemball
1982 March The Abbey Habit	Mark Kemball, Dave Abbey
1982 March Deep Thought	Dave Abbey, S Hughes, Mark Kemball
1982 March Hazy Day	R Jarratt, J Marks, S Finch, Mark Kemball
1982 March Scent of Spring	S Finch, Mark Kemball, R Jarratt
1983 April Thunder Wall	Dave Lee
<i>First free ascent.</i>	
1983 June 24 Old Nick	Simon Nadin, Richard Davies
<i>First free ascent.</i>	
1985 June 28 Blue Adept Doggy's Roof, Fignment of Imagination, Forging the Chain	Richard Davies
<i>Solo after top-roped ascents.</i>	
1985 June 29 Out Of Touch	Richard Davies
<i>Solo after top-roped ascent. The route was later claimed in 1988 by Malcolm Taylor and Bob Higginbotham as Technicolour Tuck-in, and by Gary Gibson in 1995 as Popsy.</i>	
1985 June 29 Rated X	Richard Davies
<i>Solo after top-roped ascent.</i>	
1985 June 29 The Fop	Mike Richardson, Brian Griffiths
1985 July 1 One Night Stand	Doug Kerr, Ian Wyatt
1986 July 1 Zowie Pop	Ian Wyatt, Doug Kerr
1985 Sept 29 Too Mellow to Bellow	Paul Mitchell
1985 Gam	Andy Barker, Chris Ellis, Ian Taylor
1985 Polymath	Phil Swainson, Mike Richardson
1988 June 5 Setting Free the Bears, Water Method Man	Darren Hawkins, Bob Higginbotham
1995 April 15 Bob Slopes, The Beast, The Edge of Donny-	

brooks, Instrumentally Yours Gary Gibson
The first sport routes in the valley.

1995 June 27 **Thirsty Work** Gary Gibson
1995 April 29 **Face the Blueberry** Dave Hoyle, Andrew Milne
1995 April 29 **Getting into Ivy** Andrew Milne, Dave Hoyle
1997 April 6 **Alan's Secret Drum Frenzy, Egg Bag, Bag Egg** Nick Taylor
On-sight

1997 April 9 **Pay and Dismay** Nick Taylor
Climbed on-sight. The Peak District National Park introduces its controversial parking scheme, opposed by the BMC. Tiny diggers begin to eradicate parking spaces throughout the Peak.

1997 April 12 **The English Impatient** Gary Gibson
1997 April 16 **Bearing All, Larium** Gary Gibson, Nadim Siddiqui
1997 April 16 **Bearly** Gary Gibson, Neville Barker, Nadim Siddiqui
1997 April 18 **Bear Faced Cheek, The Bear Necessities** Gary Gibson, Nadim Siddiqui, Colin Struthers
1997 April 22 **Bear It All** Gary Gibson, Neville Barker
1997 May 3 **Valley of the Birds** Gary Gibson
1997 May 4 **Costa Del Soul** Gary Gibson
1997 May 4 **Pillar Torque** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
1997 May 6 **Quiet, Shhh, Hush** Gary Gibson
1997 May 10 **The Bird Cage** Gary Gibson
1997 May 18 **Stowaway** Nick Taylor, Lesley Burgess, A. Caterpillar
Climbed on-sight with a caterpillar stowaway in Lesley's boot which did not survive the ascent.

1997 May 24 **Toby, King of Wardlow Mires** Nick Taylor
On-sight. Named after the unique, old, over-weight, bearded, cross-eyed, bad-tempered but charming Monarch of all Derbyshire dogs, formerly resident at the highly recommended Three Stags Head public house.

1997 July 18 **Pauline's Date with Deryck Guyler** Nick Taylor, Alan Taylor
On-sight

1997 July 18 **Viv Stanshall** Nick Taylor
On-sight

1997 Aug 22 **Candy Wreath, Garden Shades, Isolation Personified** Keith Ashton
Solo.

1997 Aug 22 **Linbo** Malc Seal, Keith Ashton, Harry Venables, Jim Campbell
1997 Aug 22 **Shades of Distinction** Keith Ashton, Malc Seal, Jim Campbell, Harry Venables
1997 Oct 12 **The Mosquito Coast** Gary Gibson
1997 **Get It Wired, Palestine** Nadim Siddiqui
1999 Feb 22 **Worm War** Nick Taylor
1999 Feb 27 **Snails on Strike** Nick Taylor
1999 Feb 28 **Lesley's Tower** Nick Taylor, Lesley Burgess
On-sight

1999 March 13 **Admit You're Little** Nick Taylor
1999 March 13 **Apple Scrumping** Nick Taylor, Matt Silcox, Andy Beaumont
On-sight

1999 March 13 **Chalk Boycott** Nick Taylor, Andy Beaumont, Matt "Ethical" Silcox
Chalk-free!

1999 March 13 **Ha'penny Tray** Nick Taylor
On-sight & solo.

1999 March 13 **Welfare Orange** Nick Taylor, Andy Beaumont
On-sight

1999 March 14 **Future Selves, Three and In** Nick Taylor, Andy Beaumont
Future Selves was climbed on-sight

1999 March 19 **Penny Bubbly** Nick Taylor
On-sight & solo.

1999 March 20 **Coltsfoot Stick, Sweet Sweet Bulbs** Nick Taylor, Keith Bolton
Coltsfoot Stick was climbed on-sight

1999 March 27 **Half Raped Wall, Goalie Wag, Sheep Paddle** Nick Taylor, Andy Beaumont
On-sight

1999 March 29 **Ain't Built for Goin' Naked** Nick Taylor
1999 Apr 25 **Dog-Calming Influence of Maltesers II** Nick Taylor
Climbed on-sight; the original version was on Trespassers Slab in Ashwood Dale Quarry, now demolished. The phenomenon can still be demonstrated with the scrap-yard dogs residing near the entrance.

1999 May 15 **Just Say No** Tim Parkinson, Nick Taylor
1999 May 15 **Yus Yus** Nick Taylor, Tim Parkinson
1999 May 26 **The Hair Bear Bunch** Nick Taylor, Andy Beaumont
1999 June 1 **Nicodemus** Nick Taylor
On-sight

1999 June 18 **The Krab on Your Sac Says Weth** Nick Taylor
1998 July 20 **Made You Look, You Dirty Duck** Nick Taylor
Roped solo

1999 July 20 **Quiet, Sshh, Hush - Direct Finish** Nick Taylor, Shaun McLaughlin
On-sight

1999 July 30 **Clackers Broke My Glasses** Nick Taylor
On-sight

1999 July **Unquenched** Gary Gibson
1999 Sept 14 **My Brain is Up to No Good** Nick Taylor
Roped solo

2000 June 28 **Rubber-Tummy** Nick Taylor, Alan Taylor
2003 Oct **Pow Wow** Tom Briggs

Deep Dale Bouldering

Badger, Badger, Badger Dan Varian, 2011
Bewilderness Dan Varian, 2011
Dandelion Mind Dan Varian, 2011

Craig-y-Biceps

1979 Oct 6 **Blubber Blackout, Brunei, Burning Rubber, Phaseout, Tontine** Gary Gibson
Solo. Not in guide and largely superseded by newer routes. Burning Rubber, Blubber Blackout was recorded as simply Burning Rubber in the 1987 BMC Peak Limestone Stoney guidebook. It was an E3 5c climbing into a vegetated sentry box with an awkward exit, situated at the left-hand end of the cliff. Phaseout was a hanging corner 4m right of Burning Rubber.

1982 July 12 **The Main Motor Mile** Gary Gibson
1983 Sept 19 **Much Monkey Magic** Gary Gibson
1987 Oct 2 **Mesmerized** Gary Gibson
1988 May 11 **Meandering Peace Meal** Gary Gibson
1988 Oct **Duelling Biceps** Colin Binks, Chris Craggs, Graham Parkes
1991 April 24 **A Wild Man from Way Back When** Gary Gibson
1991 May 4 **J.N.L.O.E., The Philandering Sons of Magic Women** Gary Gibson
1991 May 20 **Blazed but Amazed, Otto di Catania** Gary Gibson
1991 May 23 **Mega Midgebite Massacre, You Know UFOs** Neville Barker, Gary Gibson
1995 June 14 **Laughing at the Rain** Gary Gibson
1995 June 15 **Euphoric, Wet Yer Whistle** Gary Gibson
1995 Summer **Pingham's Route** Paul Ingham
1998 May 25 **A Woman in Wellingtons** Gary Gibson
2010 April 18 **Fantastic, Held her Head, She didn't Ken, Suck yer Thumb, Traumatic** Gary Gibson
2010 April 21 **Check out, Ecstatic, Napped a Nod, New Nomad, Pneumatic** Gary Gibson
2011 Summer **E.T., Pinging in the Rain** Mark Pretty

Staden Quarry

1966 April **Solo** John Smith
Solo presumably.

1966 July **Fiat** Paul Nunn, M Rowe
1966 Aug **Suscipiat** Paul Nunn, W Ward, John Smith
Started direct at a later date

1969 July **Amatarasu (1 pt)** Keith Bridgess, C Banner
Free by the time the 1980 BMC Northern Limestone guidebook was published.

1969 **Baang, Charas (4pts), Fixation (1 pt)** Bob Dearman, Keith Bridgess
Baang was mistakenly claimed later by The Woodward brothers in 1974. Joint Effort was free by the time the 1980 BMC Northern Limestone guidebook was published. Fixation was climbed free in 1978. Charas was climbed free in 1977.

1969 July 8 **Charas (4 pts)** Bob Dearman, Keith Bridgess
4 slings for aid and 1 protection piton.

1969 **Joint Effort (2 pts)** Bob Deaman, Mike White
1 pt aid according to CC New Climbs 1970.

1969 July 1 **Investal** Jeff Morgan, Keith Bridgess
1969 July **The Nails (1 pt)** Paul Nunn, Roger Olliphant
CC New Climbs 1970 says September. 1 nut for aid, 1 peg for protection. 'Climb the groove with difficulty past a chinese-puzzle hold. A sling was used to hold this together'. Free by the time the 1980 BMC Northern Limestone guidebook was published.

1970 Feb **Wooden Leg** Tom Proctor, Keith Myhill, Chris Jackson
Originally given HVS (4 peg runners). Lost between guidebooks as a part of the route was temporarily incorporated into Fiat. When the original line of Fiat was reinstated, Wooden Leg was forgotten. Reclimbed and claimed as Herald Vitesse by Gary Gibson in 2010 thinking it to be a new line. Rediscovered during research for this list in 2015.

1974 **Bimbo the Exploding Lorry Driver Gulch Eliminate, Rupert Bear Goes Hiking, Frozen Assets, The Orange Throated Gunk, Outer Plasmic Membrane (The Wry-Necked Gunk)** Jonny Woodward, Andy Woodward
Outer Plastic Membrane was their original name for The Wry-Necked Gunk, but was in fact an existing route called Baang climbed in 1969. Frozen Assets was later claimed by Giles Barker as The Solo Man's Ploy in 1978.

1976 April **Captain Reliable** Phil Burke, George Cooper
Phil and George were members of the Buxton based Eldon Pothole Club. Many members/associates were very capable climbers including Al Rouse, Rab Carrington, Paul Nunn, Bob Toogood, Geoff Morgan, Brian Hall, Keith Myhill and Tim Lewis. "We had a loose knit group we called the Piranha Caving Club and used to go up to Yorkshire for weekends and often meet up with John Sheard & Pete Livesey, caving one day, heavy drinking at night and climbing the next day. The only person who refused to go underground was Rab! Happy Days!" Phil Burke 2015. "Captain Reliable" was Phil's reference to Myhill's inability to turn up either on time or even at all. Burke and Myhill climbed together for about 3 years until Myhill's serious fall from Green Death more or less ended his climbing career. At the time he was an established climber who added a number of new routes, most notably the first ascent of Fernhill at Cratcliffe. The route was rumoured to have been also claimed as Clank, but this was an alternative name Burke had thought of using. Clank was a nickname of Bob Dearman because of his aid climbing exploits.

1976 **A Game of Chess, Hammer into Anvil,** Jonny Woodward, Andy Woodward
 1976 **Beau Jest** Bob Higginbottom
Named by Al Evans in 1986 when he also claimed the first ascent. Evans named it as a tongue in cheek tribute to Johnny Woodward's ground breaking similarly-named Froggatt route, viewed within the context of the quality of Woodward's earlier routes at Staden.
 1977 **Charas** Steve Worthington, Jim Worthington, Giles Barker
First free ascent
 1977 **Solar Wall, Sun Crack** Giles Barker, Alex Hildred
 1978 May 24 **Xenophobia** Gary Gibson
Solo.
 1978 Dec 13 **Emergency, Titanic Reaction** Gary Gibson
Solo.
 1978 Dec 13 **Princess of the Streets** Gary Gibson, Derek Beetlestone
 1978 **Fixation, Solar Plexus** Giles Barker, Alex Hildred
First free ascent of Fixation.
 1978 **Ground Zero Man, Halcyon Drift, One Step from Earth** Chris Jackson, Malc Batterbsy
 1978 **The Solo Man's Ploy** Giles Barker
Solo. The Solo Man's Ploy had already been claimed as Frozen Assets. Confusion over the routes in The Solo Area led to Giles' route appearing in the 1987 BMC Peak Limestone Stoney guidebook in its place.
 1978 **Welcome to Hard Times** Tony Freeman, Pete Bradshaw, Giles Barker
 1979 March 20 **Somebody's Trademark** Gary Gibson
Solo. Named after a peg left behind by a previous aided ascent by person(s) unknown.
 1979 June 28 **Liquid Courage** Gary Gibson, Derek Beetlestone
 1979 Aug 12 **Bicycle Repair Man** Mark Walton, Gary Gibson, Phil Wilson
 1979 Aug 12 **Telescopic Demand** Phil Wilson, Mark Walton, Gary Gibson
Direct start added in 1981 by Gary Gibson.
 1979 Aug 12 **Wipe Out** Gary Gibson, Mark Walton, Phil Wilson
Direct start added in 1994 by Bill Birch.
 1979 Aug 16 **Great Expectations, Nice 'n' Sleazy, Waterloo Road,** Gary Gibson
Solo.
 1979 Sept 23 **Boomerang, Generosity Exists, Giant Staircase, The Heron** Dave Gregory, Jim Rubery
 1979 Sept 23 **Friendly Local** Jim Rubery, Dave Gregory
 1979 Sept 30 **Kellogs are on Strike** Dave Gregory, Jim Rubery
 1979 Sept 30 **Broken Hammer, Rising Potential, Throwback** A Ward, C Darley
 1979 Sept 30 **Pig Sick** Jim Rubery, Dave Gregory, A Ward
 1979 Oct 6 **Parapege, Roman Numeral X** Gary Gibson, Dave Williams
 1979 **Diaphragm** Dave Gregory, Jim Rubery
 1980 March 30 **Silent Manoeuvres** Gary Gibson, Derek Beetlestone
 1980 May 11 **Cross Purposes** Gary Gibson, Phil Gibson
 1981 March 25 **Mozaic Piece, Telescopic Demand Direct** Gary Gibson, Derek Beetlestone
Mozaic Piece had a bolt runner.
 1981 March 25 **My Tulpa** Gary Gibson, Hazel Carnes

1981 March 26 **Mozaic Piece** Gary Gibson
Unroped solo, eliminating the bolt. Direct start added in 1985 by Gary Gibson.
 1981 April 4 **X Certs** Gary Gibson
 1981 June **Cathy's Clown** Phil Burke, George Cooper
 1983 April **Welcome to Hard Times direct** Paul Stidever, R Beadle
 1983 May 15 **Swan Song** Richard Davies, Simon Nadin
 1983 May 20 **Action Potential** Simon Nadin, Richard Davies
 1983 Sept 12 **Psychological Warfare** Richard Davies Solo.
 1985 May 3 **Mozaic Piece direct** Gary Gibson Solo.
 1986 Aug 20 **Private Grippid** Richard Davies
 1988 May 5 **Sound as a Trout** Ian Dunn, Claudie Dunn, Graham Cole
 1988 Sept 11 **Liquid Courage alt finish** Simon Cundy, Steve Wigmore
 1980s **Insidious Iceberg** Unknown
Appeared undated and with no first ascent details in the 1987 BMC Peak Limestone Stoney guidebook.
 1991 July 9 **One Second, 96 Smears** Gary Gibson
 1994 **Badlands, Clowning, Soft Times, Wipe Out Direct** Bill Birch, Rick Gibbon
 1994 **Extra Effort** Bill Birch, Rick Hyde
 1995 **Bladerunner** Percy Bishton, Ian Loombe
Mentioned in the text as the left-hand side of a striking arête on a prominent pinnacle to the right of Joint Effort Wall at E2 5b.
 1997 **Sunai** Bruce Goodwin, Alan Goodwin
 2008 July 4 **If Nine Were Ten** Gary Gibson, Nick Taylor
 2010 May 28 **Emblem Embargo, Oh Solo Mio, Solar Groove, Stig of the Dump** Gary Gibson
Solo.
 2010 May 28 **Down She Goes, Flying Solo, The Soloist, Top Gear** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
 2010 June 18 **Boxed In, Box number 7, Conspiracy Theory, Don't Forget the Freezezone, Down to the Armpits, Hell Driver, Herald Vitesse, Monochlor, One Foot in the Cave, Salactol, Thinking outside the Box, Traffic Cops** Gary Gibson
Unbeknownst to Gary, Herald Vitesse had been climbed previously as Wooden Leg (with peg protection) in 1970.
 2010 June 18 **Boxing Clever, Corniche, Dead Parrot Sketch, Forbidden Rib, Little Boxes on a Hillside, Locks, Box and Barrel, Ministry of Silly Walks, Open the Box, Slap on the Pyro, X-Box,** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
Gary's busiest day's new routing to date!
 2010 June 28 **Don't Look Back, Hit the Deck but Don't Run, The Romans are Coming, Snap, Crackle, Pop, You're Closer than you Think!** Gary Gibson
Solo.
 2010 July 5 **Cocoa Pops, Fruit and Fibre, Special K** Gary Gibson
 2010 July 19 **Black Jack, Three Card Trick** Gary Gibson
 2010 Aug 28 **Tyred Out** Gary Gibson
 2010 Sept 22 **Cheat, Complete Psychosis, Psycho Flake, Psycho Symmetry** Gary Gibson
 2010 Sept 22 **Psycho Babble** Gary Gibson
Solo

2010 Nov 6 **Curb Your Passion, Hard Shoulder to Cry On, Je ne Comprendre Pas, Middle Laner** Gary Gibson
 2010 Nov 6 **Get Your Clarks on, Slipping Blocks** Gary Gibson
Solo.
 2014 April 9 **Distant Thunder,** Martin Kocsis

Staden Lower Quarry

1966 July **Indictment** John Smith, Paul Nunn (alt)
 1966 July **Leper's Groove** Paul Nunn, John Smith
 1966 Aug **Ephemeral Groove** Paul Nunn, John Smith
 1966 Aug **The Marmorizer** John Smith, Paul Nunn
 1978 **Soft Mick (1pt), Route One** Mike Horlov, Bob Dearman
 1982 Aug 18 **Restive Being** Richard Davies, Simon Nadin
 1982 Aug 18 **Soft Mick** Simon Nadin, Richard Davies
First free ascent.
 1982 Aug 30 **Silent Fear** Simon Nadin, Richard Davies
 1983 April 3 **Invisible Limits** Simon Nadin, Richard Davies
 1983 April 12 **Bandobras Took** Simon Nadin, Richard Davies
 1983 April 12 **Death's Retreat** Richard Davies, Simon Nadin
 1983 June 8 **Leningrad** Gary Gibson
Solo.
 1983 July 17 **Before the Storm** Simon Nadin, Richard Davies
 1983 July 27 **Levant** Richard Davies
Solo.
 1983 Aug 1 **Taxing Times** Richard Davies, Simon Nadin
 1983 Aug 16 **Progression** Richard Davies, Simon Nadin

Lover's Leap

1960s **Several** Unknown
That routes had been climbed on the right wall is referred to in the 1969 BMC Northern Limestone guidebook. During his visits in 1997 Nick Taylor noticed a crack with an old peg in it 4m right of Moss Marathon. He climbed it and described it as "HVS 5a, crudely cleaned, possibly chipped, crack leading to a groove/corner containing a peg".
 1979 Sept 11 **Down in the Sewer, Z.C.T.** Gary Gibson
Solo.
 1997 April 9 **Moss Marathon** Nick Taylor
On-sight. Originally E1 5c. Nick described his first ascent as "technical moves up the steep wall lead to a halfway ledge 2 inches deep in beautiful velvety moss. Climb past this without disturbing it into a still tricky upper crackline". Bolted in 2011.
 2011 May **My Wife Led up to This** Paul Freeman
 2011 May **My Life Led up to this** Mark Pretty
 2011 May 19 **Rat's Rally, The Falling** Gary Gibson
 2011 June 2 **Mozy Marathon** Gary Gibson
 2011 July 25 **Flushed Out, Blocked Flue** Gary Gibson

Harpur Hill

- 1960s **The Seven Deadly Virtues (aid)** Graham West, Barry Roberts
- 1966 Spring **Avarice** Bob Dearman, Dave Gill, Dave Goodwin, Ian Hartle
- 1966 Aug 28 **Seven Deadly Sins** Bob Toogood, Bob Dearman
- 1966 Nov **Lust** Bob Dearman and party
- 1966 **Jam Butty Mines Crack** Chris Trotter, P Townroe
- 1967 Summer **Seven Deadly Sins** T Morris
First free ascent.
- 1960s **Bluto, Crazy Pinnacle Face, Envy, Gluttony, Greensleeves, Inception, One Deadly Variant,, Popeye, Pride, Two Cave Gully, Zebedee, Z Victor I** Unknown
- 1979 **Slob Team Special** Clive Jones
- 1986 **Positive Discrimination** Ian Warhurst, Malc Baxter, Barry Duckworth
- 1986 May **Cats 23** Malc Baxter, Keith Ashton, Barry Duckworth
- 1986 May **Tricycle Man** Barry Duckworth, Ian Warhurst, Malc Baxter
- 1986 June **Diamond Wall** Barry Duckworth, Ian Warhurst, Malc Baxter
- 1986 June **Face Value** Harry Venables, Malc Baxter
- 1986 June **Just the Ticket** Malc Baxter, Keith Ashton, Barry Duckworth
- 1986 June **Malaïdo** Malc Baxter, Ado Garlick
- 1986 June **Malaise** Malc Baxter, Keith Ashton, Barry Duckworth
- 1986 June **Narrow Gauge, Wide Gauge, Railroaded** Barry Duckworth, Ian Warhurst, Malc Baxter
- 1986 July **Bonedigger** Barry Duckworth, Malc Baxter
- 1986 July **College Crack** Harry Venables, Ado Garlick
- 1986 July **Frantic Manoeuvres** Barry Duckworth
- 1986 July **Merry Pheasant** Malc Baxter, Barry Duckworth, Ian Warhurst
- 1986 July **Permutation Wall** Barry Duckworth, Malc Baxter
- 1986 July **Thirty Nine and a Half Steps** Malc Baxter
- 1986 July **Upthutch** Malc Baxter, Barry Duckworth
- 1994 **99p Special, Apollo Creed, Barney Rubble, Breakfast at Safeways, Coral Seas, Food for Sport, Fred Flintstone, Orca, Rocky Variations, Great White, Hissin' Sid, Senile Delinquents, Yabba Dabba Doo** Bill Birch, Nadim Siddiqui
Both led.
- 1994 **Cairn, Full Frontal, Ratline, Stealth** Nadim Siddiqui, Bill Birch
- 1994 **El Camino Real** Bill Birch, Nadim Siddiqui
Originally climbed as a sport route. Without bolts by Gary Gibson 1998.
- 1994 **Luddite Thought Police** Nadim Siddiqui, Bill Birch
Originally as a sport route, without bolts by Gary Gibson 1998.
- 1994 **Penal Servitude** Nadim Siddiqui, Bill Birch
Originally as a sport route. Without bolts 1998 Gary Gibson
- 1994 **Power of Soul** Nadim Siddiqui, Bill Birch, Jim Burton
- 1994 **Slippery Bill** Rick Hyde, Bill Birch Both led.
- 1994 **Trial and Error** Nadim Siddiqui, Bill Birch
Extended in 2012 by Gary Gibson.
- 1998 Aug 2 **A Dip in Turquoise Nonsense, Grit Arête, Snake**

- Eyes, Strangled at Birth** Gary Gibson, Paul Harrison
- 1998 Aug 9 **Avarice Allsorts** Gary Gibson, Dave Law
- 1998 Aug 9 **Figure of Law** Gary Gibson
- 1998 Aug 12 **Four Telling Tales, The Prophecy, The Talisman, Yogi Bare** Gary Gibson
- 1998 Aug 15 **Bag of Bones, Sack of Stones** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
- 1998 Aug 15 **Cool Danny, Nostalgia, Mouse Hunt, Thang Thing, Thing Thang** Gary Gibson
- 1998 Aug 16 **The Exclusion Zone, The Oracle, Screaming Wheels** Gary Gibson
- 1998 Sept 9 **Different Season, Viagra Falls** Gary Gibson
- 1998 Oct 8 **Dementia Normale** Gary Gibson
Solo.
- 1998 Oct 10 **The Indian Cottage, Sara Laughs** Gary Gibson
- 1998 Oct 12 **Apt Pupil, Quartz Initial** Gary Gibson
- 1998 Oct 14 **Calcite Claws, From Cradle to Grave, Pappadum Groove** Gary Gibson
- 1998 Oct 18 **In the Gravy, The Light** Gary Gibson
- 1999 April 3 **The Iron Curtain, No Man's Land** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
- 1999 April 29 **Unilateral Thinking** Gary Gibson Andy Gronowski
- 1999 April 29 **All Souped Up** Gary Gibson
Solo.
- 1999 April 30 **Collateral Damage, So Veneer** Gary Gibson
Collateral Damage also claimed later as Pell Mell by Nick Taylor 05/04/2013.
- 1999 July 3 **Aloo Gobi, Glas Double** Gary Gibson
- 1999 Oct 2 **Grow Fins** Nick Taylor, Sean McLaughlin
On-sight
- 2000 Feb 12 **Pachucho Cadaver** Nick Taylor
- 2000 Feb 12 **Clackers Sprained my Knackers** Nick Taylor
Solo.
- 2000 June 19 **E For Friction, That Ball Love** Nick Taylor, Sean McLaughlin
- 2001 July 1 **Over the Hill, The End, The Last Straw** Gary Gibson, Gordon Jenkin
- 2001 July 3 **Getting the Groove, Ta Jim** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
- 2001 July 9 **A Nip in the Air, Geisha Grooves, Nagasaki Grooves 2** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
- 2001 July 9 **The Jap's Eyes are on You, Outside Tokyo, The Rising Sun, Saweno Gancho, Sumo** Gary Gibson
- 2001 July 23 **Smartie People are Happy People, Candy Store** Gordon Jenkin, Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
- 2001 July 23 **Bolts R Us, The Candyman, Flossy's Slab,** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson, Gordon Jenkin
- 2001 July 23 **Tempting Children, Would you Like a Sweetie?** Gary Gibson, Gordon Jenkin
- 2001 July 25 **Always Break the Rules, Getting the Groove, Mine Anarchy, Only Ken's Anarchy Will Do, Overbored, Snap Decision** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson, Nadim Siddiqui
- 2001 July 30 **Sing for Your Dinner, Suck on This, Toy Story** Gary Gibson
- 2001 Aug 10 **Jelly Tots, Kamikaze Clone, Riding Shogun, Tiny Tots** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson

- 2001 Aug 20 **A Bit of Totty, Teeny Tots** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
- 2001 Sept 20 **Setting Son, Top Totty** Gary Gibson
Solo.
- 2001 Sept 22 **Christian Salvage Man, For Haven's Sake, Gone for a Tim Burton, Ichabod, The Sanctuarian, Sleepy Hollow, Which Depp-Artment** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
- 2001 Sept 28 **The Hollow Man, Downtown, Safe Haven, What Lies Beneath** Gary Gibson
- 2001 Oct 28 **Clay Man, Dog Canute** Nick Taylor, Alan Taylor
- 2001 Nov 10 **Leben Tod** Nick Taylor, Alan Taylor
Originally a trad route at E1 5c.
- 2001 Nov 17 **Atomic Tommy Cooper** Nick Taylor
- 2002 Jan 12 **The Golden Goose, Hong Kong Fewy** Gary Gibson
Solo.
- 2002 Feb 2 **Clackers Strained my Knackers** Nick Taylor
Solo.
- 2002 Feb 3 **Duelling Trousers, Screaming Target** Nick Taylor
- 2002 Feb 3 **Boneman Connection, Fist to Fist is Done** Nick Taylor, Alan Taylor
- 2002 Feb 9 **Scientist** Nick Taylor
- 2002 Feb 16 **That Ball, Love, Sons of the Desert, Whose is Casey?** Nick Taylor, Alan Taylor
Whose is Casey? was originally a trad route at E1 5b.
- 2002 May 16 **By Caesarean, Expecting, Induction Program, New Arrivals** Gary Gibson
Solo.
- 2002 July 7 **Assault and Battery, The Naked Spur, The Misfits** Gary Gibson, Jim Burton
- 2002 July 14 **Haven or Hell, The Height Below** Gary Gibson, Jim Burton
- 2002 July 17 **Gathering Darkness, Omega 13, A Trip on the Dark Side** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
- 2002 July 17 **The Dark Half** Gary Gibson
- 2002 July 17 **Feel My Presence** Gary Gibson, Jim Burton
- 2002 May 2 **Mikey Dread** Nick Taylor, Tim Parkinson
- 2002 July 21 **Ear to Ear, George Stark Calling, The Mouth Waters, Stark Disbelief** Gary Gibson, Pete Clarke
- 2002 July 24 **The Coming of the Sparrows, In Stark Contrast** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
- 2002 July 24 **Fool's Stuffing, Later that Night, Pillar of Wisdom** Gary Gibson
- 2002 July 25 **Automatic Writing, Graveyard Blues, Hairline, Over the Deadline** Gary Gibson
- 2002 Aug 3 **Dr Lazarus, Endsville, Gornignak, Invasion of the Creepazoid, People Will Talk, Wild Olives** Gary Gibson, Nick Taylor
- 2002 Aug 3 **The Parting of the Lips** Gary Gibson *Solo.*
- 2002 Aug 11 **Inconsiderate Blinking, Take Flight** Gary Gibson, Nick Taylor
- 2002 Aug 31 **Ken Dodd's Dad's Dog's Dead** Nick Taylor, Alan Taylor
- 2002 Sept 1 **Uncreased** Gary Gibson, Nick Taylor
- 2002 Sept 28 **Atomic Tommy Cooper, Yardcore** Nick Taylor
- 2003 April 5 **Hey Diddle Diddle** Nick Taylor, Alan Taylor
- 2006 June 6 **Bleingassen, The Omen** Gary Gibson, Nick Taylor, Tim Parkinson
- 2006 June 10 **Flakey Pastry, I am the Law, Plate of Scones, Sincerely Yours** Gary Gibson
- 2006 June 15 **Do Little, Playground Bully, The Sweat Shop, Tot-ti for England** Gary Gibson
Solo.
- 2006 June 29 **Full Set, I'm in the Sin Bin, Supernatural** Gary Gibson
- 2006 June 29 **Argy Bargy** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
- 2006 July 8 **Coyote Club, Making Plans for Nidge, Set Fred Free, Wilky's Revenge** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
- 2006 July 8 **Helzapoppin', Swain's World** Gary Gibson
- 2006 July 11 **The Bullet, Fuji Fantastic** Gary Gibson
- 2006 July 11 **Jokoharma** Gary Gibson
Solo.
- 2006 July 11 **Pity the Graffiti** Gary Gibson, Paul Harrison
- 2006 July 12 **What's the Paint?** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
- 2006 July 12 **Right Said Fred, Sin City** Gary Gibson
- 2006 July 29 **Prefect Day, White Wind** Gary Gibson Hazel Gibson, Gordon Jenkin
- 2006 July 29 **Moontalk** Gary Gibson, Gordon Jenkin, Nick Taylor
- 2006 July 29 **Carvery, The Gypsy Kings, Profitless, Strap a Doc to Me, , The Wrong Unconquerable** Gary Gibson, Mark Richardson, Nick Taylor, Gordon Jenkin
- 2007 Aug 10 **Doh, Longevity, Long Time No See, Long Walk off a Short Pier** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
- 2007 Aug 10 **Addit Pillar, Flexor Hallucis Longus, The Long Walk** Gary Gibson
- 2007 Aug 24 **Addit and Scarper, Addit Enough, Easy on the Gas, The Pillar Talk, The Pillar Walk, Regulo Mark 6, You've Addit** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
- 2007 Oct 4 **Belonging, So Long Farewell, Tooooo Long** Gary Gibson
- 2007 Nov 9 **My Bed's Downstairs, Sleeping Sickness, Sleep On It** Gary Gibson
- 2007 **A Comedy of Played Errors ,A Merchant Played in Venice, Did Romeo Play, Edge Play, Groovy Player, Hard Player, Hamlet Prince of Players, I'm not a Player, Play Doh, William's Plays Shakespeare, With Juliet** Bill Birch, Peter Cowie
- 2008 June 24 **In My Darkest Hour, Over Easy, Premature, Picture This** Gary Gibson
Solo.
- 2008 July 4 **Tenth Heaven** Gary Gibson, Nick Taylor
- 2008 Aug 17 **Dodgem Central, Lap Times, Long Playa, Life's a Drag, Quads, Speed Freak** Gary Gibson, Yvonne Jones, Gordon Jenkin
- 2008 Aug 17 **Trick Cyclist** Gary Gibson, Gordon Jenkin
- 2008 Aug 17 **Brands Hatched** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson, Yvonne Jones, Gordon Jenkin
- 2008 Aug 17 **Speed Trials** Gary Gibson
- 2008 Aug 23 **Checkedered Flag, Penelope Pit Stop, Pole Position, The Silver Stone** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson

- 2008 Aug 29 **Balance of Probabilities, Faces in the Mirror, Get Peddling** Gary Gibson
- 2008 Sept 16 **Skid Pan Alley, TT Special, The Whacky Races** Gary Gibson
Solo.
- 2008 Dec 6 **The Hex, Ripsaw, Playground Attraction, Terror of the Tower** Gary Gibson
- 2008 Dec 10 **Flog the Lume, Helter Skelterer, Spinball Wizard** Gary Gibson
- 2009 Jan 7 **More Pool You, Pool Hand Fluke** Gary Gibson
- 2009 April 17 **Jelly Beans** Gary Gibson
Solo.
- 2009 May 31 **I Predict a Roti** Gary Gibson, Keith Bridgens, Simon Golden
- 2009 June 14 **Angleterre** Gary Gibson, Dan Jenkin
- 2009 June 14 **Danny Cool, Duma Key** Gary Gibson
- 2009 June 14 **Slowly, Slowly Catch a Monkey** Gary Gibson, Keith Bridgens, Gordon Jenkin
- 2009 Aug 8 **Arteaclism, Thank You Grooves, Wallaclism** Gary Gibson
Solo.
- 2009 Dec 5 **Can't Pin it on Me, Meshrug a My Shoulders** Gary Gibson
- 2009 Dec 9 **In Isolation, Shang-Hai, Strange Concept** Gary Gibson

- 2010 March 6 **Endeth, Ending Now, The End is Nigh, Euroman Endeth, This is the End** Gary Gibson
Solo.
- 2010 March 7 **Flight of the Finches, Tapenard, Under the Lifeline, Will it Never End,** Gary Gibson
- 2011 March 8 **Ask Mr. T. for Tea, Ghost Writer, Will They?** Gary Gibson
- 2011 April 10 **Slab de Lune** Gary Gibson
- 2011 July 4 **Bonny Helena, Galaxy Quest, Silently Sprung** Gary Gibson
- 2014 April 21 **Beat Retreat, Couples Retreat, FLT, Gullied, The Gully Folk, MLT, No Retreat, Shardlowcore, VLC** Gary Gibson, Gordon Jenkin, Andy Birtwistle
- 2014 April 22 **Retreaty** Gary Gibson
- 2014 April 27 **Bust yer Gut, Cart the Wheel, Clean Team, Mean Team, Slip yer Foot** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
- 2014 May 17 **Pigeon Couped** Gary Gibson
- 2014 June 14 **The Butch Master, Combien de Siècles, Fin de Siècle, Irrational, Jamma yer Hut, Let it Go, Retro Rockets, Unfinished Business** Gary Gibson, Hazel Gibson
- 2014 July 15 **Beep Beep, Running for Cover, The Run Off** Gary Gibson, Andy Birtwistle, Keith Lonsdale

Aldery Cliff

- 1959 May - June **The Arête, Ash Tree Arête, Ash Tree Slab Climb, The Cardinal, Carmen, Carmen Jones, Central Arête, Clothesline, Girdle Traverse, Jackdaws Gully, Mitre Crack, Nettleash, Spider, Surface Plate (HS & AI), Sycamore Crack, Terrace Wall**
All these routes by members of the North Staffordshire M.C., GR Fildes, AT Braddock and members of the Stockport Potholders and Climbing Club
The crag was 'discovered' by several routes by members of the North Staffordshire M.C. It had clearly attracted the attentions of climbers in the past, with one route (Clothesline) showing signs of having been already climbed. They passed details on to G R Fildes et al. 'By July the crag boasted over 20 routes'. Only 15 of these were described in detail in West's 1961 guidebook. A T Braddock was described as N Braddock in the 1970 BMC guidebook. Carmen Jones was later claimed as In the Shadows by Gary Gibson on 26/06/1978.
- 1960s **Cooper's Peg Route (AI)** John? Cooper
First free ascent by A Evans in 1977 thereafter known simply as Cooper's Route.
- 1960s **Hidden Corner, Sans Nom** Unknown
- 1960s **Surface Plate**
First free Ascent. Many subsequent claims.
- 1964 **Bouncing Crack (A2)** E Ward, John Loy, Don Morrison
A mystery. Appeared for the first time in the first ascent list in the 1987 BMC guidebook, but it wasn't described in the guidebook.
- 1960s **The Bishop, Sans Nom, Central Gully, Broken Toe, Right Arête** Unknown
- 1969 June 15 **Blind Faith** Roger Treglown, Godfrey Holden (AL)
- 1973 Summer **Deceptor** P Ashton, Barry Duckworth
- 1974 **Jackorner, Therianthropic, Timber, Rentaghost** John Woodhouse, Andrew 'Sam' Sansom, Graham Hoey
- 1977 Nov **November Wall** J Holt, I Barber, K Yates
- 1977 **Cooper's Peg Route** Al Evans
First free ascent. Became known as Cooper's Route subsequently.
- 1977 **The Fly** J Holt, I Barber, K Yates
- 1978 **Janbaloo** P Barber, R Shaw
Thoroughly cleaned and probably first climbed as High Relief by Gary Gibson, Ralph Hewitt, Derek Beetlestone on 27 June 1978.
- 1978 **Bender** Unknown
- 1979 March 14 **Burst** Gary Gibson
Solo.
- 1979 March 20 **The Clone of Jeremiah, Nazi Baby** Gary Gibson
- 1979 March 20 **Shot By Both sides, Symphonic Crack** Gary Gibson
Solo. Shot By Both Sides is a Severe alternative start up a crack 3 ft to the left, joining Symphonic Crack 10 ft from the top, also by Gary, the same day (not in the script).
- 1979 March 30 **Anti-Digestant** Gary Gibson, Derek Beetlestone (alt)
- 1979 March 30 **Lethanol** Gary Gibson
Solo.
- 1979 Dec 13 **Yukio** Gary Gibson
Solo.
- 1979 Dec 16 **A Question of Palance** Gary Gibson
Solo.
- 1979 **Black Country Rock** Unknown
- 1979 **Jeremy's Jungular Jaunt** Unknown
Probably first climbed by Gary Gibson on 30 March 1979 as Turmoil.

- 1981 **Formic** R Shaw, A Jackson
- 1981 **Venom** R Shaw, A Jackson
- 1985 **Sword and Stone, The High Crusade** Richard Davies
On-sight solo.
- 1985 Aug 1 **The Actress** Richard Davies
- 1986 **Chance in a Marillion** Duncan Lee, Gary Thornhill
- 1988 Oct 11 **Grey Teddy** Al Evans, Andrea Evans
Not in the guide. It appears to be a squeezed in line between The Bender and Burst with little new climbing.
- 1988 Nov **Happy Days** Al Evans, Andrea Evans, Al Adshhead
Not in the guide. It was an eliminate squeezed inbetween Terrace Wall and A Question of Palance with little new climbing.
- 1990 April **Yellow Blanket** Al Evans
Solo. Reclaimed in 2013 as A Pig in the Middle.
- 2012 June 7 **Carmel** Len Cole, Steve Clark
- 2012 **Best Forgotten Groove** Charlie Perrin, Rick Gibbon
- 2012 **The Constant Gardener** Charlie Perrin, Rick Gibbon
- 2012 **Perrin's Arête** Charlie Perrin, Rick Gibbon
- 2012 **Carmen Miranda** Rick Gibbon, Charlie Perrin
- 2013 **Hard Labour** Dave Williams, Graham Wolstencroft
- 2014 May 5 **Sibling** Dave Williams, Elizabeth Jackson
- 2014 **Lizzie** Dave Williams

A wide-angle landscape photograph of a green valley with a winding road. In the foreground, a person in a red jacket is climbing a rocky ridge. The background shows rolling green hills with scattered rock formations under a bright sky.

THE CASTLETON AREA

WINNATS PASS / CAVE DALE / BRADWELL DALE +++

Jon Winter high above Winnats Pass on the lofty Matterhorn Ridge, VD. Photo: Ian Parnell.

Winnats Pass

Pre-1910	Elbow Ridge	James W Puttrell, Henry Bishop
Pre-1910	Matterhorn Ridge	James W Puttrell, Henry Bishop
1930s	Various developments by DC Yeomans, Douglas and L Travis	
1960s	Cave Wall	Unknown
1969 Jan	Ginger Man	Keith Myhill, D Kitchen
1969 Feb	Pint of Blood (6 pts)	Rev R Brownridge, T Mercer
Climbed free by Dave Mithen in 1974.		
1969 July 12	Kaiser Bill	Tom Proctor, Keith Myhill
Had been pegged previously.		
1969 July 13	Aphrodisiac Jacket	R Buckley, P Abbot, Les? Bonnington
Climbed free in 1988 by Simon Lee.		
1969 July	The Warrior (Al)	S Chadwick, R Buckley, L Bonnington (alt)
Took the right-hand wall of The Shield, pegging then free-climbing up to a cave (belay). It then stepped right and pulled over the edge to 'mantel on grass'.		
1970s	Bolt Route (A2)	Unknown
Climbed free in 1985 by Craig Smith.		
1970s	Matterhorn Face	Unknown
1974	Pint of Blood	Dave P Mithen, Andy Crawley
First free ascent.		
1985	Rite of Way	Al Rouse, T Richardson
Attempted over 5 days.		
1985	Do Up Your Flies	Craig Smith
First free ascent of Bolt Route.		
1988 Aug	Forgive My Trespasses	Simon Lee, John Myers
1988 Sept 08	Womb with a View	Simon Lee, Geraldine Taylor
First free ascent of Aphrodisiac Jacket		
1988 Nov 27	Berlin Wall	Simon Lee, Paul Evans

Cave Dale

1898 Xmas **Dargai Crack**, James W Puttrell
Solo. Currently graded VS 4c.
The second ascent was made by Henry Bishop, CD (Douglas) Yeomans in 1903.

'So we went to the Peak Hotel and ate a sumptuous lunch, after which our inexorable leader drove us out, full of meat and sloth, back to "Dargai". It is a climb that few men would attempt un-roped. My acquaintance with its rickety joints and deceptive holds was made in a shower of fine rain that rendered it more slippery than ever; wet limestone is abominable stuff... Midway in the final pitch a sapling sprouts from the cliff. Now according to the laws, written and unwritten, of the climber's art, this harmless vegetable must on no account be touched. But it is right in the way, and to make the difficulty of avoiding it greater its lithe trunk offers the only accessible hold for several feet. It would be "a touch beyond the reach of art" to leave it alone, so we fling scruples to the winds and push our way through the foliage up to the cliff's brow, where the gratified proprietor of the "Dargai" shakes each arrival by the hand.

I know only one finer climb on mountain limestone, and that is far away in Somerset...'

E.A. Baker. *Moors, Crags and Caves of the High Peak* - 1903

'In the districts partly covered by this book there are a number of climbs on mountain limestone, some being very well known. The writer is satisfied that mountain limestone is beyond the border line of safety as that is understood by all the best and most experienced climbers; therefore mention of these climbs is omitted. The Dargai Crack for instance, is appreciably more dangerous than the Devil's Kitchen. Most climbers prefer difficulty without danger (by which one does not mean difficulty without exposure), but the limestone climbs are in large measure dangerous without being difficult, and frequently the only opportunity for the exercise of skill is afforded by the necessity of using loose holds safely, a proceeding rather edifying than pleasurable. It is safe to assume that all holds on mountain limestone are loose. There are nevertheless a few limestone climbs that are reasonably safe to the ordinary person; it is not proposed to specify'

John Laycock, *Some Gritstone Climbs — 1913*"

Pre-1910	Cave Crack ,	James W Puttrell
Trad	Puttrell's Arête, Puttrell's Crack ,	
Presumably James W Puttrell although the routes didn't appear until the 1967 guidebook.		
Pre-1934	Moaning Groove	Eric Byne, Clifford Moyer
Some pegs used. First free ascent Malc Baxter, Jim Heys in 1961		
1961	Jailer's Crack	Graham West, unseconded
1961	Jailer's Groove	Malc Baxter, unseconded
1979	Piton Route	Roger Payne
First Free Ascent		
1961	Scabby Buttress	Malc Baxter, Jim Heys
1961	Spinal Finale	Malc Baxter, Jim Heys
1961	Sycamore Crack ,	Malc Baxter, Jim Heys
1961	The Watchtower (4 pts)	Graham West, Malc Baxter
1961	The White Mane	Malc Baxter, Jim Heys
1961	White Ridge Crawl	Malc Baxter, Jim Heys
1969 Nov 30	Desolation Row	N Elliott, J Green
'A VS whose location was apparently impossible to find from its description. Consequently it never made it into a guidebook. It was a two pitch, 140 foot route so presumably can only have been on The Watchtower. The description is: (i) 70 ft. From trees at the left-hand side of the buttress traverse across the right wall until below the 3 ft overhang. From here go straight over the overhang. Peg runner 6 ft above. Move right to belay in slings. (ii) 70 ft. Move up right on small dubious holds. Keep moving diagonally right to the base of a steep groove. From here go directly to the top.'		
Recently discovered to have been on a buttress 40 yds left of the Castle.		
1969 Nov	Percy Thrower	Al Evans, Barry Chisholm
A Severe climb in the vicinity of The Keep. It climbed over an undercut and up a wall to a hawthorn bush, finishing on rocky grass. Never made a guidebook and now probably part of the rockfall.		
1984 June 9	Dobbin	Doug Kerr
Solo.		
1984 June 10	Dancing the Hard Bargain	Doug Kerr, Steve Adderley, Pete Moulam, Simon Homfrey
1984 June 10	Belvedere	Doug Kerr, Steve Adderley, Simon Homfrey, Pete Moulam
1984	A Friendly Chat with a Hungry Ghost	Paul Mitchell
1985	All Along the Watchtower	Steve Mayers

Eldon Hole

1989 July 4 **Independence Day** Malc Taylor, Stewart Dale

Bradwell Dale

1930 **Some early routes by Monty Granger.**
1959 - 1961 **Several routes done by Malc Baxter and the Manchester Gritstone climbers.**
1965 **Many of the easier routes by Len Millsom, B Shirley.**
1963 - 1969 **Angled Buttress, Cave Crack, Hanging Gardens, Mignon** Malc Baxter, Ernie Jones
First free ascent of Cave Crack.
1963 - 1969 **Cave Walk, Rattan** Malc Baxter, Barry Duckworth

Almost certainly later claimed as Leper on 26/04/1987 by Ian Clarke.

1980s **Phone Home** Mike Browell, Bob Bradley
Climbed between 1982, when the film E.T. was released and 1987 when the BMC guidebook was published.

1987 May 26th **Mundgripe** Andy Barker.
1988 Apr 5th **Mr Lewis's Blasting Company** Simon Cundy
1988 Sept **Monkey on Juice** Tony Coutts, D Goodwin
2014 Aug **Sheep Shifter** Jon Fullwood

Peak Cavern

Pre-1961 **Graham West and J Taylor attempted an aid climb over the massive cave roof.**

An unsuccessful attempt on the superb weakness just left of the cavern entrance. Probably the line free climbed in 2011 as Ring of Fire.

'We drilled our way up the overhanging side wall of the cave to the roof proper, and then followed this round until the crack line was reached. At this point we abandoned the route for the following reasons: First was that up to the farthest point we had reached we had only been able to place three pitons, and as there was a hundred feet or so to go and not a chance of more than one or two pegs being used, we rejected the idea of spending days drilling up the wall. Originally of course we had thought that it could be done with pitons, but our hopes never materialized. The second reason was that when the crack line was reached, the condition of the rock deteriorated a great deal, being in the form of a thick broken skin of loose rock over the solid underbelly. It was too expansive to knock away, and we considered it too dangerous to climb over. If a piece had broken off it would have swept us off the wall with the action of a gigantic guillotine. The last reason was the impending threat of prosecution by the owners of the cave.'

There was a second attempt in 1961 by Graham West, Malc Baxter and C Weston.

1981 **Original Aid Route** Ian Buster Wright, Rob Harrison
"Ian Buster Wright and Rob Harrison took five months to bolt the first ascent of Peak Cavern's 350 foot entrance, using some 250 bolts at a cost subsidised by Troll in excess of £100... The pair finally made a complete ascent witnessed by a B.B.C. television crew. However, part of the agreement is that they must remove all the hangers to prevent any further ascents. Apart from being the longest roof climb ever, it is the longest line of continuous bolts placed".
High Magazine Issue 2."

2007 - 2008 **The Roof** Dave Williams, Robbie Shoane and Geoff Middlehurst

Equipped and climbed over two years.

2011 Oct **Ring of Fire** Dave Macleod, Alan Cassidy
2011 - 2012 **Violin Solo** Dave Williams, Jack Williams and Geoff Middlehurst
Equipped and climbed over two years.