
Contributors

PETER ADDIS was with RAF Mountain Rescue in Scotland, Cyprus and North Wales. He has been on three Himalayan expeditions: to the Karakoram in 1961 (1st ascent of Etwar, c20,000ft, with Norman Ridley) and twice to Dhaulagiri IV (in 1965 and 1971). He is now retired from the Air Force and for the past 11 years has run a windsurfing school at Westhorpe Lake, Bucks.

GEORGE BAND was the youngest member of the 1953 Everest team. In 1955 he made the first ascent (with Joe Brown) of Kangchenjunga, and subsequently climbed in Peru and the Caucasus. More recently he climbed in Bhutan in 1991 and revisited the Everest and Kangchenjunga regions in 1993 and 1995. AC President 1987-89. Chairman of the Library Council from 1993.

MIKE BANKS is an author, photo-journalist, ex-Commando climbing instructor, Polar explorer specialising in Greenland, and Establishment renegade. He has been on many expeditions to the Greater Ranges including the first ascent, with Tom Patey, of Rakaposhi (7788m) in 1958. In 1994, aged 71, he gained the age record for climbing the Old Man of Hoy.

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JOSÉ LUIS BERMÚDEZ is a research fellow in the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Cambridge. He took up climbing too late and has been making up for lost time in the Alps, Himalaya and Caucasus. Co-author (with Audrey Salkeld) of *On the Edge of Europe: Mountaineering in the Caucasus*.

CHRIS BONINGTON (Sir Christian Bonington CBE) whose distinguished career is well known, celebrated his 61st year by making the first ascent of Drangnag-Ri (6801m) in April 1995. He has climbed all over the world, written 12 books and worked on television and radio. In the New Year Honours he received a knighthood for his services to mountaineering.

TREVOR BRAHAM is a company director. He has been on 14 expeditions to the Himalaya, Karakoram and Hindu Kush. He wrote *Himalayan Odyssey* and was Editor of the *Himalayan Journal* 1958-60 and of *Chronique Himalayenne* (SAC) 1976-86.

DR PETER CATTERALL is the Director of the Institute of Contemporary British History, an independent registered charity which exists to promote the recent past. Its work includes journals and books, conferences, research projects and witness seminars. Dr Catterall organised and led the Alpine Club's Witness Seminar on Kangchenjunga in June 1995.

CHRIS CHEESEMAN has recently given up working and is currently trying to be a doctor. In the past he has managed to blackmail former employers into giving him time off to go to India, Nepal and South America to climb obscure peaks. He has plenty of exciting ideas for further expeditions but no money.

DAVID COLLIER is a senior house officer at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London. Since completing his PhD in autonomic reflexes, his interests have shifted to the control of breathing. A backpacker by inclination, he climbed Mera Peak in 1993 and as leader of the research team on the 1994 British Mount Everest Medical Expedition, he spent eight weeks at Everest Base Camp.

ROB COLLISTER is a mountain guide, happily married with three children, who lives in North Wales. He regards himself as 'one of Fortune's favoured few' (in Churchill's phrase) who can earn a living doing what they love. His book of essays *Over the Hills and Far Away* was published in 1996.

SIMON CURRIN is a GP, now working in Wales, who graduated from St Bartholomew's Hospital in 1984. He has climbed in Europe and New Zealand, Gangotri and Nepal and is the founder of 'Medical Expeditions', a charitable company dedicated to research in all aspects of high-altitude medicine. He was leader of the British Mount Everest Medical Expedition 1994.

MICK FOWLER works for the Inland Revenue and, by contrast, likes to inject as much adventure and excitement as possible into his climbing ventures. He has climbed extensively in the UK and has been on 11 expeditions to peaks in Peru, Africa, India, Pakistan, Nepal and the (ex) USSR. His book *Vertical Pleasure* was published in 1995.

YEVGENIY GIPPENREITER was born in Moscow and has climbed in the Caucasus, Pamirs, Himalaya and Britain. He is a member of the UIAA Medical Commission and Vice-President of the Int Society for Mountain Medicine. He has written two books: *Acute and Chronic Hypoxia* (1977) and *Physiology of Man at High Altitude* (1987). In 1995 he climbed Fujiyama, Japan's highest mountain. Member of the Russian Nobility Assembly. Hon Member 1984.

LINDSAY GRIFFIN is a magazine editor/journalist living in North Wales. He pursues all aspects of climbing with undiminished enthusiasm but dwindling ability. Despite a love of exploratory visits to the Greater Ranges, he is drawn back to the Alps, especially the delightful northern Italian valleys where there still remains a wealth of little-known terrain.

ALISON JANE HARGREAVES combined professional climbing with bringing up two energetic children. She solo climbed the Six Alpine North Faces in 1993. In May 1995 she climbed the North Ridge of Everest and in August reached the summit of K2. She died with six others in a ferocious storm on the descent. Her book *A Hard Day's Summer* was published in 1994.

TONY HOWARD, a founder and executive of Troll Safety Equipment, led the first ascent of Norway's Troll Wall in 1965. He wrote the guide to Romsdal. Expeditions include Arctic Norway, Canada, S Georgia, Greenland and the desert mountains of Morocco, Algeria, Sudan, Ethiopia, Egypt, Oman, and Jordan where he wrote the guide to Wadi Rum.

JOHN HUNT (Lord Hunt of Llanfairwaterdine) has had a highly distinguished career in the army, the public service and as a mountaineer. He led the 1953 Everest expedition, and his classic book *The Ascent of Everest* was reissued with a newly-written Prologue in 1993. In 1994 he was a recipient (with two others) of the newly-established and prestigious King Albert I Memorial Award.

HARISH KAPADIA is a cloth merchant by profession. He has climbed and trekked in the Himalaya since 1960, with ascents up to 6800m. He is Honorary Editor of the *Himalayan Journal* and compiler of the *HC Newsletter*. In 1993 he was awarded the IMF's Gold Medal.

PAUL KNOTT is currently completing a doctorate at Manchester Business School. Since 1990 he has led expeditions to most regions of Russia and Central Asia and delights in finding obscure ranges to visit. He also enjoys climbing in the Yukon and Alaska where big mountains and soft snow provide a different kind of adventure.

JOHANNA MERZ took up mountaineering rather late in life. She has climbed in the Mont Blanc massif, the Pennine Alps, Bregaglia, Bernina, Ortler, Apennines, Dauphiné and Norway, as well as trekking in India, Nepal and Sikkim. Asst Editor 1988-91, Editor from 1992.

TIM NOBLE is a senior teacher in a Wiltshire Community School. In 30 years of mountaineering he has been happiest climbing and exploring in remote corners of the Arctic and the Himalaya. His book *Great VS Climbs in the Lake District* was published by David & Charles in 1989.

BILL O'CONNOR is a UIAGM mountain and ski guide who spends much of his time climbing and guiding abroad, with more than 30 summer Alpine seasons and 23 Himalayan expeditions in the bag. A one-time guidebook editor for the AC, he is the author of several books including a soon-to-be-published volume on the Lake District where he lives.

SIR EDWARD PECK GCMG was in the Diplomatic Service until 1975 and climbed in the Alps, Turkey, Kulu, Borneo and East Africa. Since retirement he has trekked in Nepal, Bhutan and Patagonia.

ANDREW POLLARD is a research fellow in paediatric infectious diseases at St Mary's Hospital, London. He started climbing and studying high-altitude research as a medical student with Barts Alpine Club and has made first British ascents of Jaonli (Garhwal) and Chamlang (E Nepal). He reached 8600m on Everest's SE ridge during the British Mount Everest Medical Expedition 1994.

JONATHAN PRATT worked for several years as a mining engineer in the USA. Since 1986 he has climbed in N and S America, New Zealand and Africa and has taken part in 11 Himalayan expeditions. He has climbed Everest and made first British ascents of Hidden Peak (Gasherbrum I) and Makalu. In 1993 he made the first complete British ascent (including safe return) of K2. He is the only Briton to have climbed the world's two highest mountains.

MARKO PREZELJ trained as a chemical engineer but now works as a climbing instructor. Aged 30, he climbed Cho Oyu by a new route on the N face in 1988 and Kangchenjunga South by a new route, Alpine style, in 1991. In 1992 he made the first ascent of Menlungtse main summit, Alpine style, by the E face. He has made many ascents in the Alps and is a keen photographer.

SIMON RICHARDSON is a petroleum engineer based in Aberdeen. Experience gained climbing in the Alps, Andes, Himalaya and Alaska is put to good use most winter weekends whilst exploring and climbing in the Scottish Highlands.

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C A RUSSELL, who formerly worked with a City bank, devotes much of his time to mountaineering and related activities. He has climbed in many regions of the Alps, in the Pyrenees, East Africa, North America and the Himalaya.

BILL RUTHVEN has been Honorary Secretary of the Mount Everest Foundation since 1985. A keen traveller and photographer, he finds that MEF work now takes up at least 100% of his time, but remembers that in another life he was once an aeronautical engineer.

AUDREY SALKELD has made a special study of the history of Mount Everest, organising exhibitions and contributing research to several films and major written works. Her own books include *The Mystery of Mallory and Irvine* (with Tom Holzel) and *People in High Places*, describing travels to Everest and Mustang. She has translated works by Reinhold Messner and Kurt Diemberger.

ARUN SAMANT is a consulting structural engineer living in Bombay. He is Honorary Secretary of the Himalayan Club and has made 11 first ascents including White Peak (6102m) in Garhwal, Sondhi (6480m) in Eastern Karakoram and Num Themga (6024m) in Spiti. He has contributed many climbing and technical articles to magazines and Himalayan Journals.

DOUG SCOTT CBE is a leading high-altitude and big-wall climber, who has pioneered new routes on many of the world's most difficult mountains. Through his Specialist Trekking Co-operative, he helps the Sherpas and Tamangs he has used on previous expeditions in Nepal to improve their conditions of labour. AC Vice-President 1992-93. BMC Vice-President from 1994.

VLADIMIR SHATAEV was born in Moscow and has climbed in the Pamirs, Caucasus, Tien Shan, Kamchatka, Himalaya, Southern Alps, Alaska, Rockies (USA), Mongolian Altai, and the European Alps. In 1995, aged 58, he climbed Everest (the second oldest to do so). He has climbed all the seven-thousanders of the ex-USSR. Gen Secretary of the Mountaineering Federation of Russia. Author of *Degrees of Difficulty* (The Mountaineers, 1987).

TONY STREATHER (Lt Col H R A Streater OBE) started mountaineering on Tirich Mir while serving in Pakistan. Later he climbed on K2, Haramosh, Malubiting, and Everest in 1976. When he reached the summit of Kangchenjunga in 1955 he became the first person to have climbed two 25,000ft peaks. AC President 1990-92.

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