

Teasdale and Weardale Search and Rescue Team Newsletter December 2004

Call outs since AGM:

11th Nov, Darlington, Search for 83 year old male suffering from Alzheimers - missing from Care home. Last seen @ 1500hrs. Called out @ 2251hrs. Body of missing person found by the team at 0126hrs.

21st Nov, Whorton Lido, Called by Police to assist a Canoeist stuck in the water. Canoeist was unconscious. Upon arrival the female Canoeist was on shore and Police, Fire Brigade & Air Ambulance had arrived. Casualty kept in Hospital overnight suffering from fluid inhalation.

23rd Nov, Winstone Bridge, Barnard Castle police received report from passing driver of mid 20s female looking in a very distressed state standing on Winstone Bridge over the Tees river. The car driver turned his car round the female was nowhere to be seen. No persons reported missing by police. Nothing found. Search continued with the canoe group searching down to Gainford on the 24th. Again, Nothing found.

3rd Dec, A688 Between Raby Castle and Evenwood Gate. Team member arrived at RTA at 0830 after police, but before ambulance. They carried out primary survey and applied cervical collar to female driver of one of the vehicles involved in the accident. Handed over to county ambulance at 0839.

Youth Section

The Youth section now numbers eight members of school age, and 4 student members; we were very pleased to welcome two new members this month: Harriet and Jo.

Next year starts with the group planning their hoped for exchange visit to Iceland. We have a contact who wishes to make an exchange visit with his group – we now have to put together a funding application, start some fund raising and hopefully start packing (end of July??).

Wanted Newsletter Editor – applications to any committee member ASAP.

New Committee - 11th November 2004

Team leader: David Bartles-Smith, **Deputy team leaders:** Dave Clark, Steve Owers, Chris Roberts, **Treasurer** Dave Clark, **Training Officer:** Ian Findlay, **Group leaders:** Justin Hawgood, Peter Lovett, Ian Findlay, Andy Kerr, Stephen MARRS, **Equipment Officer (and MRC rep):** Adam Hearn, **Radios:** Martin Huitson, **Membres Reps:** Karen Fisher, Paul Renwick, Russel Warne, Paul Fell, **Associate Members Rep:** Paul Renwick, **Youth section officer:** Chris Roberts, **Medical officer:** Richard Warne, **Fundraising officer:** John Little, **Transport:** Anthony McAdam, **IT officer:** Richard Warne, **Sarda rep:** Des Toward, **NESRA reps :** Adam Hearn, Chris Roberts, DBS, **Police liaison officer:** Insp. Kevin Tuck, **Building officer:** Dennis MARRS.

Team member reps (Karen Fisher, Paul Renwick, Russel Warne, and Paul Fell) are on the committee to help good communication between the team members and the committee. If you have any ideas / suggestions / concerns etc. please speak to one of them. Other members of the committee will of course also take suggestions to committee and should also be considered approachable.

Emergency response and use of Blue Lights

The issue of driver training is under review and in the interim only team members who have Fire or Ambulance service training can drive under blues and two's. Those who have completed Police Training can drive under escort. Any driver can activate lights only whilst stationary to warn other road users of obstruction or roadside MR activity.

It is clear that we as a Team must have a definitive view on current Blue Light use. In a nutshell 4-5 day training annually to 15 plus drivers is not achievable. The committee are looking at alternative training options. Hopefully we will be able to move this unsatisfactory situation forward, but first and foremost we must protect ourselves. If you have any comments please let DBS know.

New Team Laptop: The team now has a laptop (donated from Siemens via Steven Carter (Tommy)). This laptop is now available for any team member on a loan basis to prepare training sessions, proposals for the committee, reports, etc. This Laptop will reside next to the training manuals in the upstairs training room. Any questions just ask Stephen MARRS.

Fund-raising: The team are starting this years fund-raising on the **8th of January** with a street collection in Durham 10.00-16.00. Please let John Little know (0191 377 2383 john.little@dunelm.org.uk) if you can help or just turn up on the day. Subject to license restrictions the more help from associate members, family and friends the better.

Why not have a New Year's resolution to put out another collection tin and empty your current tins? The average collection tin per month in a pub or outdoor shop raises over £4, a garage £5, a cafe £3 and a visitors center £2 -all much better than the cupboard – more details from John Little john.little@dunelm.org.uk or Chris Scott.

Congratulations to Ian Findlay and Chris Scott who are to be presented with their MRC long service awards.

MRC website: May be found at: <http://www.mountain.rescue.org.uk/> to get into the members area you'll need a password – ask a committee member for details.

Call-out procedure : A 'standby' message will be followed by either a 'Call-out' or 'stand-down'. The duty controller will try to give some indication of the nature of a developing incident and/or time of anticipated confirmation or otherwise. 'Call-out' pre-fixed by 'immediate' requires immediate response. Other call-outs will give an RV time. If you are responding please page or ring duty controller to advise of attendance.

The team mobile phone number is 077111 577 37

Recruitment program dates: On the **7th Jan** the team will issue a press release advertising our recruitment open evening on the **9th Feb**.

Applications from prospective members must be in by **20th Feb** to give time to process the applications before the navigation test on **5th March**. New recruits will join in the team exercise on the **20th March** and be assessed on basic fitness and attitude. An induction weekend is planned in **April** with a view to having the first candidates ready for A list in **Feb/Mar 2006**.

2005 Diary

Time & Date	Area	RV
0900, 16/01/05	Navigation Middleton Area	Kingsway C. NY947254
TBA, 18- 20/02/05	NERSA ex. Teesdale	Rescue Centre
0900, 20/03/05	River search / canoes B.C.	Rescue Centre
TBA, 16- 17/04/05	Induction w/e new "C" list	TBA
0900, 15/05/05	Crag/River High/Low F.	High Force – car park
TBA, 18-19/06/05	Hamsterley Forest w/end	The Grove NZ 066298
0900, 17/07/05	Pennine way west Durham	High Force – car park
August	No exercise	
TBA, 17-18/09/05	Urban search Durham C. w/e	TBA
0900, 16/10/05	Teesdale Reservoirs	Kelton Moss NY 936204
TBA, 19-20/11/05	Helicopter/night nav.	TBA
0900, 18/12/05	Burnhope Seat area	High Force – car park

All Wednesday evenings at the Rescue Centre

Date	Subject
05.01.05	The programme ahead – Navigation update!
19.01.05	Mike 1 – role play
02.02.05	The Role of the Group Leader
16.02.05	The Role of NESRA
02.03.05	Search Techniques in an Urban area
16.03.05	Canoe / white water – safety
30.03.05	Update First Aid / Cas. Care
13.04.05	Exercise – TBA
27.04.05	Exercise - TBA

Intermediate Wednesdays as
arranged

Programme is subject to land-owners approval. A and C list team members are reminded that they must attend at least 6 exercises through the course of the year. Members should advise the Training officer if unable to attend. Any queries should be directed to Ian Findlay (01833 622285).