
Contributors

GEORGE BAND was the youngest member of the 1953 Everest team. He subsequently made the first ascent (with Joe Brown) of Kangchenjunga, and climbed in Peru and the Caucasus. In 1985 he climbed the Old Man of Hoy; in 1991 Ngum Tang Gang III (5640m) in Bhutan. AC President 1987-89.

PHILIP BARTLETT lives in West Yorkshire. He prefers exploratory mountaineering to rock climbing as he gets older and his arms get weaker. In 1992 he explored the Lemon mountains in East Greenland.

CHRIS BONINGTON CBE crowned his distinguished career in 1985 by reaching the summit of Everest at the age of 50. He continues climbing and writing at undiminished pace. His latest book *Sea, Ice and Rock* was published in 1992.

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.

HAMISH BROWN is a travel writer based in Scotland, when not wandering worldwide or making extended visits to Morocco. His latest book *From the Pennines to the Highlands. A Walking Route through the Scottish Borders* was published in 1992.

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DAVID COX is a retired Oxford don. He climbed regularly in the UK and the Alps between 1954 and 1958 and was on Machapuchare (Nepal) in 1957. AJ Editor 1962-67, President 1970-72.

ADRIAN DRAGOS DEFTA has climbed in the Carpathians, the Caucasus, the Pyrenees, N Wales and Yorkshire. He has worked towards the successful revival of the Romanian Alpine Club and is a member of the BMC. He is currently studying in Britain.

KURT DIEMBERGER, whose climbing career spans over 30 years, made first ascents of two 8000ers: Broad Peak (1957) and Dhaulagiri (1960). He is an acclaimed mountain photographer and film-maker and has written two volumes of autobiography. His latest book *The Endless Knot* was published in 1989.

MARK DIGGINS has been a mountain guide for 11 years, mostly working at the International School of Mountaineering at Leysin, Switzerland. He is currently Training Officer to the British Association of Mountain Guides. He has climbed in N and S America, Africa and the Himalaya.

MAL DUFF was born in 1953 in the foothills of Mount Kenya. He has been a professional mountaineer since 1981 and has been on 24 expeditions to the greater ranges. He is married and lives occasionally in Scotland.

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CHARLES EVANS is a neurosurgeon who was Deputy Leader on Everest in 1953; with Tom Bourdillon, he made the first ascent of the South Summit. He was also on Cho Oyu in 1952, on Kangchenjunga, as leader, in 1955 and explored widely in Central Nepal and the Everest region.

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ALFRED GREGORY, FBIPP, Hon FRPS, was the official photographer on the 1953 Everest expedition and helped place the highest camp at 27,900ft. He now runs a highly successful travel company. His book of photographs *Alfred Gregory's Everest* was published in 1993.

JIM GREGSON is a teacher of Art. He has climbed in the Alps almost every year since 1972, and in recent years has taken up Nordic-style ski touring and ski mountaineering.

LINDSAY GRIFFIN, after a lengthy alpine apprenticeship, has concentrated on remote ascents in the greater ranges, including 42 Himalayan peaks. He intends to continue until increasing age, unfitness, accidents and a long-suffering wife call a halt to these activities.

J G R HARDING is a solicitor, but was formerly in the Colonial Service in South Arabia. He has climbed extensively in Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia.

SIR EDMUND HILLARY, ONZ, KBE, beekeeper, climber, author, lecturer. First to reach the summit of Mt Everest with Sherpa Tenzing on May 29th 1953. First to take vehicles overland to the South Pole in January 1958. Builder of schools and hospitals for the Sherpas and enthusiastic environmentalist. Honorary Member 1983.

RUPERT HOARE works as a geophysicist for LASMO and spends nearly all his holidays mountaineering or ski touring. He is currently based in Jakarta where the volcanoes of Java provide a poor substitute for the snowy peaks of the Alps.

LUKE HUGHES is a furniture designer with limited annual holiday – hence a lively interest in lightweight trips to East Greenland. Other ascents include the N face of the Eiger and to within 300m of the summit of Everest.

JOHN HUNT (Lord Hunt of Llanfair Waterdine) 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 *The Ascent of Everest* was reissued with a newly-written Prologue in 1993.

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 started climbing at Bath University. He has climbed in the Alps, the Altai, the Tien Shan and the Caucasus and plans to return to the intriguing countries of the former Soviet Union.

GEORGE LOWE OBE is a teacher who climbed with Ed Hillary in New Zealand, and subsequently in the Garhwal, on Cho Oyu, on Everest in 1953, on Makalu, and on the 3-year Trans-Antarctic expedition. He is Chairman of Hillary's Himalayan Trust in the UK.

KEITH MILNE is a geologist and has been on expeditions to Peru and the Himalaya to climb new routes. He has also climbed in Britain, USA (including Yosemite), Australia, New Zealand and the Alps.

Since Everest **JAN MORRIS** has published some 30 books, including works on Wales, Venice, Oxford, Manhattan, Sydney, Hong Kong and the British Empire, besides two autobiographical volumes and a novel. She lives in Wales and is an honorary fellow of the University College of Wales.

HAMISH NICOL, a Warwickshire GP, has been climbing for over 40 years in Great Britain, the Alps, Kenya and New Zealand. He advocated the admission of women to the Climbers' Club during his presidency – a victory for common sense.

PAUL NUNN PhD lectures in economic history at Sheffield. He has climbed for 30 years in the Alps, Caucasus and Baffin Island and taken part in 13 Himalayan expeditions. His book *At the Sharp End* was published in 1988. AC Vice President 1989–90.

BILL O'CONNOR, writer and photographer, has 28 Alpine seasons and 19 expeditions to the Nepal Himalaya under his harness. He currently runs his own adventure travel company and his books include *The Trekking Peaks of Nepal* and *Adventure Travel Nepal*.

T A H PEACOCKE, now 85, started climbing in 1929 with the OUMC. During the Second World War he trained Lovat Scouts as mountain troops, in Britain, in Canada, and finally in the Apennines. In 1968 he climbed Mount Cook.

SIR EDWARD PECK GCMG was in the Diplomatic Service until 1975 and climbed in the Alps, Turkey, Kulu, Borneo and E Africa. Since retirement he has trekked in Nepal and Bhutan and has climbed the Paine Grande in Patagonia by a new route.

ANDREW POLLARD is a junior children's physician in Birmingham. He made the first British ascent of Jaonli, 6632m, in 1988 and of Chamlang, 7319m, in 1991. He is deputy leader and research co-ordinator for the 1994 British Everest Medical expedition.

GRIFFITH PUGH is a medically qualified physiologist. After seven Alpine seasons, he joined Shipton's 1952 Cho Oyu expedition to investigate the use of supplementary oxygen for mountaineering and other high altitude problems. He extended this work on Everest in 1953. Honorary Member 1978.

ANDRÉ ROCH of Geneva skied and climbed in the Alps, Greenland, Himalaya, Canada and USA. For 30 years he worked at the Swiss Institute for Snow Research and is an expert on avalanche protection. He has written 13 books, hundreds of articles, and paints in his spare time. Honorary Member 1979.

ROY RUDDLE works as a software engineer and finds that third world bureaucracy is sometimes too frustrating to enjoy. His favourite high mountain area is Alaska, where it is possible to arrange everything in advance by telephone and pay by credit card. Asst Editor from 1992.

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.

MALCOLM RUTHERFORD (Rear-Admiral M G Rutherford RN CBE) is president of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines mountaineering club. He started climbing on Scottish winter classics as a Gordonstoun schoolboy, graduating to the Alps, Andes, and Himalaya, often with his wife Fleur.

DOUG SCOTT is one of the world's leading high-altitude and big-wall climbers who has pioneered new routes on many of the world's most difficult mountains. His book *Himalayan Climber*, published in 1992, is a record of a remarkable climbing career. AC Vice President 1992-93.

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DEREK A SMITHSON has spent most of his life working in the iron and steel-making industry. He has climbed or skied in the European Alps, Nova Scotia, South Africa, northern Sweden and Norway. He was president of the Yorkshire Ramblers' Club during its centenary year 1992.

A M SNODGRASS is Professor of Classical Archaeology at Cambridge and author of several books on Greek archaeology. His climbing career began in Scotland under the tuition of Edwin Kempson. After completing the 'Munros', he turned to serious Alpinism in the 1970s.

TONY STREATHER (Lt Col H R A Streather 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.

GEOFFREY TEMPLEMAN, a retired chartered surveyor, has greatly enjoyed being an Assistant Editor of the AJ for the past 17 years. A love of mountain literature is coupled with excursions into the hills which are becoming less and less energetic.

WALT UNSWORTH is editorial director of Cicerone Press and former editor of *Climber* magazine. He has written numerous books on mountaineering including *Everest*, widely regarded as the definitive history of the mountain, which won the ITAS prize for mountain literature at the Trento Festival 1992.

STEPHEN VENABLES, besides enjoying several careers, all poorly paid, since leaving Oxford in 1975, has continued to ski and climb in the Alps, Andes, Africa and South Georgia. He has made 12 expeditions to the Himalaya, written three books and climbed Everest. AC Vice President 1993.

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CHARLES WYLIE was a Gurkha officer from 1939 to 1960 and Military Attaché in Kathmandu from 1961-64. He was organising secretary of the 1953 Everest expedition and was responsible for the Sherpa team. In 1957 he took part in Jimmy Roberts' expedition to Machapuchare.