

Pictures donated by Paddy Carpenter - Pupil 1954-62

In the late 50s and early 60s there was established a tradition known as the Annual School Expedition. Held during the Easter holiday and alternating between Snowdonia and the Lake District the week-long event involved hill walking and scrambling, led by Mr Purbrick (English & Deputy Headmaster), Mr Marsh (Mathematics) and Mr Hallam (Geography).

The expedition was open to boys from the fifth form and above. I was fortunate enough to be part of four successive trips from 1959 to 1962 and these are some of the pictures I and others took of these hugely enjoyable adventures.

5th Form 1959 North Wales

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1st Year Sixth 1960 Lake District

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Second Year Sixth 1961 North Wales

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Third Year Sixth 1962 Lake District

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1962 Snowdonia

5th Form 1959 North Wales

1959-04-11 Wales - Stratford

11th April – A stop for a leg-stretch and sandwiches on the way north. The two hired black Ford Thames vans, driven by Messrs. Hallam and Marsh had longitudinal seating so everyone, apart from the driver and front seat passenger, travelled sideways. I was appointed (probably by myself) to the post of Mr Marsh's navigator and so sat in the front. Sideways seating would not be HSE approved today, nor would the total lack of seat belts. The column-mounted three-speed gear change on our van was temperamental and on a couple of occasions required two hands and a foot on the dash to engage or disengage first gear.



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Recognisable - S W (Bill or Sam) Hipperson (looking into van); Robin Sturgess (looking into camera); Chris Sargent (with binoculars); Richard Hill; Gerald (Jed) Studd; P T (Phil) Platten; ?
All from my year apart from last two.

1959-04-13 Wales Llyn LLagi en route to Cnicht

12th April – We climbed this waterfall early on the first day. For those of us who had done nothing like this before, it was very challenging and fairly terrifying. Within two days we would treat such obstacles as thoroughly normal.



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1959-04-14 Wales Tryfan

14th April – Not a summit but a massive rock at the side of the A5 prior to an assault on Tryfan, the rockiest mountain in Snowdonia, we were told



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L-R Front: Chris Sargent; Colin Caine; Keith (Danny) Dymott; Robin Sturgess; A R (Paddy) Carpenter

Rear: Tony Cooper, John (Jake) Wedlake; Gerald (Jed) Studd; R V (Richard) Hill;

R E (Bob) Stacey; David I (Dig) Gerrard; T A (Tom) Sage; R (Sandy) Saunders

1959-04-14 Wales Tryfan

14th April – This is the summit of Tryfan, with our party and other climbers. I think the bold individual on one of the two topmost stones was one of ours, but can't positively identify him.



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1959-04-15 Wales Cader Idris



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Peter Garrett, Robin Sturgess, Gerald Studd, Bob Stacey, Tom Sage,
Bill Hipperson (rear), Colin Caine (middle), Sandy Saunders (front), Chris Sargent, John Pudner

1959-04-15 Wales

15th April – Back at our base in Nant Gwynant



L–R Peter Garrett; Robin Sturgess; Gerald Studd; Bob Stacey;
Tom Sage; Bill Hipperson (rear); Colin Caine (middle); Sandy Saunders (front); Chris Sargent; John Pudner.

1959-04-16 Wales Crib Goch

16th April – Ascent of Snowdon, in background. Here we are traversing the rocky ridge Crib Goch

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From R: Dig Gerrard; Mr Hallam; Richard Hill; Keith Dymott; Colin Caine.

Also seen Tom Sage with hood up and Mr Purbrick with rucksack.

First Year Sixth 1960 Lake District

24th April – Rowing on Derwentwater



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L-R: John Lord; Chris Sargent; Gerald (Jed) Studd; Keith (Danny) Dymott.

24th April – Ascent of Saddleback.



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Chris Sargent visible.

25th April – Summit of Scafell Pike.



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L-R on cairn: Tom Sage; Chris Sargent, John Johnson, Chris Selley.

On ground: Mr J H (Harvey) Hallam; Mr W (Pubs) Purbrick; Jim Anslow; Bob Stacey; Danny Dymott; Peter Garrett; Les Munro.

27th April – Crossing Striding Edge.



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Les Munro ahead. Tom Sage behind.

27th April – Crossing Striding Edge.



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Lower level L-R: Danny Dymott; Mr Purbrick; Robin (Ozzie) Margerison.

Above left: Chris Sargent?

Recognisable above L-R: John Johnson; Tony (Coop) Cooper; Les Munro; Peter Garrett.

27th April – Fraternising with members of a party from Wallasey Cheshire



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No names for the young ladies.

Standing L-R: Jed Studd; 3 members of Wallasey party; Peter Garrett.

Seated: Danny Dymott; John Lord; Tom Sage; Les Munro; Chris Sargent.

28th April – Scale Force



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On rocks foreground L-R: John Lord; Peter Garrett; Alan (Willy) Wilson; John Johnson.
On bridge: Tom Sage?; Danny Dymott; Tony Cooper, Jim Anslow; Chris Sargent; Peter (Mac) Mackey; Ozzie Margerison.
Beyond path: Chris Selley; 3 from Upper Sixth; Jed Studd; Les Munro; D A (Barrel) Davis; Bob Stacey.
3 Masters along the bank.

28th April – Party outside hostel accommodation, converted cottages



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L-R Back: Tony Cooper; C S (Chris Selley); P H (Mac) Mackay; D A (Barrel) Davis; Robin (Ozzie) Margerison;
Gerald (Jed) Studd; Chris Sargent; Tom Sage; Les Munro; Paddy Carpenter; Dufour?; Baines?; Alan (Willy) Wilson.
Front: J A (John Johnson); Peter Garrett; John Lord; Keith Dymott; Bob Stacey; J W (Jim) Anslow.

28th April – A more relaxed picture without the Upper Sixth members

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Standing: ?, ?, ?, Ozzie Margerison, ?, Peter Dymott, Paddy Carpenter, ?
Sitting: Chris sargent,?, John Lord, Bob Stacey, Willy Wilson, Jim Anslow, ?
?, Tom Sage

28th April – Much picture-taking outside the accommodation

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28th April – A formal expedition picture.

It was not our coach. We were in hired Thames vans again.



L–R Back: Willy Wilson; Bob Stacey; Jim Anslow; Keith Dymott; Les Munro; Jed Studd; Peter Garrett.

Middle: Tony Cooper; Chris Sargent; Tom Sage; Peter Mackay; Ozzie Margerison; Paddy Carpenter; Barrel Davis.

Front: 3 Upper Sixth; Mr W (Pubs) Purbrick; Mr J H (Harvey) Hallam; Mr R Q (Boggy) Marsh; John Lord;

Chris Selley; John Johnson.

Second Year Sixth 1961 North Wales

9th April – Gladstone Rock

The politician and Prime Minister, William Gladstone, made a speech here in 1892 to inaugurate the Watkin Path up Snowdon and the event is commemorated by a plaque.

The party couldn't resist a small re-enactment.



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L-R: Andrew Doig, Derek Brushett, Paddy Carpenter, Alan Wilson, Willy Walder, John Johnson, Tony Cooper, Keith Dymott, Chris Sargent, John Lord, Tom Sage

11th April Party on Crib Goch on the ascent of Snowdon



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14th April Back at the centre



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L-R Tony Cooper; Bob Stacey; Paddy Carpenter; John Lord; Chris Sargent; Keith Dymott

18th April



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Chris Sargent during a climb

18th April

A rest break for the group in the Nant Ffrancon Valley



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L-R Tom Sage; Peter Mackay; John Lord; Jack Brown; Rowe; Willy Walder; Martin Stamper; Chris Sargent; Tony Cooper

Third Year Sixth 1962 Lake District

9th April Easter was early and there was still snow on many of the higher fells



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11th April



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Dave Couzens and ? climbing the ridge of Saddleback.

12th April - Our 'ut

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Dave Bishop; Paddy Carpenter; ?; Brian Hendley

Apresclimb at the Dungeon Ghyll Hotel



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?; Chris Shrubsall; Dave Bids, Martin Stamper; Mackay; Booty Moore, ?, Johnson, Couzens, ?, ?
David Bishop, ?, ?, ?, ?

The somewhat taciturn barman we christened "Skull". Does the skull on Dave Couzen's arm represent incitement to unruly behaviour which the sign above warns against so strongly? No singing permitted either! They had perhaps heard about our vocal entertainment two years previously.



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14th April - On the way home

Just one van this year, seen behind

plus there were three not seen here, driven by John Johnson in his dad's car



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L-R: Dave Bishop; Brian Hendley; John Berglin; Martin Stamper; ?; ?, ?, ?, ?, Mr Hallam.

1962 Snowdonia

Lledr Hall



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Ron Palmer; ?; Richard Griffiths; Malcolm Love
?; Mr Morris (Maths Master); Jim Anslow; Roger Blazdell



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