

# CYMDEITHAS ACHUB MYNYDD GOGLEDD CYMRU NORTH WALES MOUNTAIN RESCUE ASSOCIATION

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**President: THE CHIEF CONSTABLE, North Wales Police**

## **Chairman's Report for 2004.**

In many respects 2004 was another routine year for the Association as the reports from the Officers will show.

A major development was the change to the High Band VHF Channels. New radio equipments were issued to the Teams. The changeover to the High Band Channels occurred during the second half of the year. This conversion has resulted in a considerable expansion in the number of channels available to the Teams. There have been some teething problems but it is anticipated that these relatively minor problems will be resolved in the light of experience.

Two successful courses on the Fatal Incidents protocol were held at Plas y Brenin, one in June and one in December. A most pleasing aspects of these courses has been the constructive exchange of ideas.

During the latter part of the year serious concerns were raised about the cover provided by the Personal Accident Insurance policy. After a review a new and more comprehensive insurance policy was implemented. The work of our Secretary and the support of the North Wales Police is much appreciated.

The Royal Air Force Mountain Rescue Service, after an absence of some years, returned to RAF Valley and became operational at the beginning of December. Their return to RAF Valley is welcomed.

Towards the end of the year at the suggest of the Chief Constable and the Brigadier Wales, discussions were start with JSMTTC Indefatigable with a view to developing contacts between the Association, its members and Indefatigable. Consideration was given to both support with training facilities and support for extended searches. Teams will have received correspondence from the Commandant on the use of facilities.

**INCIDENTS.** By the end of 2004 six years of incident reports had been entered in the MRC data base. All have been sent, both electronically and hard copy, the Ged Feeney, MRC Statistics Officer. The attached table provides information for the past six years. By the end of 2004 819 had been entered in the data base. It must be stressed that the quality of information extracted from the data base depends directly on the quality and completeness of the information given on the individual incidents reports.

There has been no diminution in the effectiveness of the Teams' response to calls for assistance no matter the nature of the call. The Teams and all their members are thanked for their dedication and hard work during the year. The work of the Association can only be sustained by the hard work of the Officers and members. Aled Taylor, who has been one of the Association's representatives to Mountain Rescue England and Wales for very many years, retired at the end of the year. To Aled, our sincere thanks for all his support. To you all may I extend our sincere thanks for your work is much appreciated.

**ANNUAL INCIDENTS ENTERED IN THE MRC DATA BASE**

	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>
Incidents	150	145	112	150	142	<b>120</b>
Subjects	205	201	158	222	206	<b>191</b>
Unhurt	127	132	87	124	117	<b>128</b>
Injured	66	59	63	83	77	<b>49</b>
Fatal	12	7	4	13	10	<b>12</b>
No Trace	0	3	4	2	2	<b>2</b>
<b><u>TEAMS</u></b>						
Aberglasyn MRT	19	14	11	14	25	<b>15</b>
Llanberis MRT	35	51	51	85	61	<b>61</b>
OB Wales SART	4	0	0	7	1	<b>1</b>
OVMRO	64	52	40	42	57	<b>39</b>
NEWSAR	19	17	9	16	10	<b>10</b>
SARDA(W)	38	32	7	4	11	<b>18</b>
NW CRO						
South Snowdonia SART	5	1	0	6	6	<b>8</b>
Snowdonia National Park	12	4	1	2	0	<b>1</b>
<b><u>ACTIVITIES</u></b>						
Water Sports	0	2	0	1	1	<b>0</b>
Sledging	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Ski-ing	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Snow/Ice Climbing	1	0	0	0	1	<b>0</b>
Search, Non-mountain	24	28	11	11	11	<b>14</b>
Search, Mountain	11	4	3	6	1	<b>5</b>
Rescue Team Activity	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Road Traffic Accident	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Rock Scrambling	21	17	34	22	22	<b>10</b>
Rock Climbing	14	17	10	13	13	<b>15</b>
Pony Trekking	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Parapenting	1	1	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
Orienteering	0	0	0	0		<b>0</b>
Occupational	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Motor Sport	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Local Incident	0	0	6	11	9	<b>9</b>
Hang-gliding	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Fell Running	0	0	0	1	0	<b>0</b>
Fishing	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Fell Walking (Winter)	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Fell Walking	65	61	45	85	79	<b>60</b>
Fell Walking (Winter D of E)	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Fell Walking (D of E)	2	0	0	0	2	<b>4</b>
Cave/ Mine Exploration	0	0	1	0	1	<b>0</b>
Bird watching	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Mountain Biking	0	0	1	0	1	<b>0</b>
Animal Rescue	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Aircrash – Military	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Aircrash - Civil	1	1	0	0	1	<b>0</b>
Abseiling	1	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>