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Identity Statement

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO

Title: Papers of Sir Chris Bonington

Date(s): 1922-2009

Level of description: fonds

Extent: 67 boxes

Context

Name of creator: Bonington | Sir Christian John Storey, CVO, CBE, DL

Administrative/Biographical history: Born in Hampstead on 6th August 1934, Chris Bonington was educated at University College School, London. He started climbing in 1951, while still at school, hitch hiking to Snowdonia and Scotland in his holidays.

He left school before Christmas 1952 to start his National Service in the RAF. Having applied and entered the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell to train as a pilot, he failed to fly solo, and so transferred to the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. During this time he climbed avidly in the British Isles and started putting up new routes particularly in the Avon Gorge. Here he was the first to open up the big Main Wall with Mercavity and Malbogies.

He was commissioned in the Royal Tank Regiment in 1956, spending three years in North Germany in command of a troop of tanks and then two years at the Army Outward Bound School as a mountaineering instructor. It was during this period that he started climbing in the Alps, making the first British ascent of the South West Pillar of the Drus in 1958 and that of the Brandler Hasse Route on the North Wall of the Cima Grande in the Dolomites in 1959.

In 1960, as a member of the Joint British-Indian-Nepalese Services Expedition he made the first ascent of Annapurna II (7937 metres.) with Captain Dick Grant MC of the Royal Marines and Corporal Ang Nyima Sherpa of the Brigade of Gurkhas.

In 1961 he left the army to join a civilian expedition to Nuptse (7,861 metres), the third peak of Everest, making the first ascent by its huge South Face. At the time this was one of the most challenging climbs to be completed in the Himalaya.

Chris travelled back overland to Chamonix to meet up with Don Whillans and they spent most of that summer sitting below the North Wall of the Eiger hoping to make an attempt, but poor conditions prevailed. At the end of August they moved back to Chamonix to make the first ascent of the Central Pillar of Freney on the south side of Mont Blanc with Ian Clough and Polish climber, Jan Djuglosz. Again it was one of the most difficult climbs in the Alps.

He had already started working as a Management Trainee with Unilever and joined them in September that year hoping to combine a conventional career with his love of mountaineering.

In 1962, he met Wendy, his wife to be, at a Twelfth Night Party and they married that May. When he was invited to join an expedition to the Central Tower of Paine in Southern Chile that Autumn his boss in

Unilever told him he should decide what he should do with his life – get on with his career or go climbing. He chose the latter.

He left his job in July to spend the rest of the summer in the Alps, making the first British ascent of the North Wall of the Eiger with Ian Clough at the end of the summer.

Then in October it was off to Chile with Wendy and the climbing team. They laid siege to the Central Tower of Paine, were battered by the dread Patagonian winds, and found themselves in a race for the summit with an Italian expedition which arrived unexpectedly. Finally, Don Whillans and Chris made the first ascent on 16 January 1963.

On returning to England in the Spring of 1963, Chris and Wendy settled in the Lake District and Chris got down to writing his first book, "I Chose to Climb" and lecturing about his ascent of the Eiger.

He also spent the summers climbing in the Alps making first ascents, which included the Right-Hand Pillar of Brouillard on the South side of Mont Blanc, in 1965.

In 1966, back in the UK, he made the first ascent of The Old Man of Hoy with Tom Patey and Rusty Baillie and took part in the spectacular live televised broadcast of the climb in the following year.

Chris and Wendy's first child, Conrad was born in early 1964, but tragically lost his life in an accident in 1966. They had two more children, Daniel and Rupert born in 1967 and 1969 respectively.

His career as a photo-journalist had blossomed in early 1966 with his first assignment with the Daily Telegraph Magazine to cover an attempt to make the first ascent of a direct route up the North Wall of the Eiger by John Harlin, Dougal Haston and Layton Kor. Sadly John Harlin was killed when the fixed rope broke, but Dougal Haston succeeded in reaching the top with a group of Germans who were also on the climb.

Other assignments followed; going to Ecuador to climb and photograph Sangay, one of the most active volcanoes in the world, and to Baffin Island to hunt caribou with the Eskimos. His fast-developing career as an adventure journalist and photographer reached a climax in 1968 when he accompanied an Army Expedition, led by the then Captain John Blashford-Snell, in their first descent of the Blue Nile from Lake Tana to the Sudanese frontier. This involved shooting dangerous rapids, the threat of crocodiles and being shot at in an ambush. But he was missing the activity he loved and thoroughly understood, climbing and mountaineering.

In the autumn of 1968 Chris started planning an expedition to attempt the South Face of Annapurna. At this time no Himalayan wall on an 8,000 metre peak had been climbed and tackling this huge, 3,000 metre wall was a step into the unknown since it involved climbing steep rock and ice at heights of over 7,000 metres. Careful choice of team members, logistical planning and some very hard climbing was rewarded by success when Dougal Haston and Don Whillans reached the summit on 27th May, 1970. Tragically Ian Clough lost his life at the end of the expedition in an avalanche.

After the ascent of the South Face of Annapurna, the South West Face of Everest was a logical follow-up. In 1972 Chris made his first attempt but was defeated by the savage winds and intense cold of the autumn and winter. He learnt a great deal, however, from the experience.

At that time the Nepalese authorities only allowed one expedition at a time on the mountain and it was fully booked through to 1985, so Chris got on with other climbs. He made the first ascent of Brammah (6411m) in 1973 with Nick Estcourt and that of Changabang (6864m) in 1974 with Doug Scott, Dougal Haston, Martin Boysen, Balwant Sandhu and Tachei Sherpa.

When the opportunity came for a further attempt on the South West Face of Everest he took a team out in the autumn of 1975. Doug Scott and Dougal Haston reached the summit successfully on 24th September, though tragedy struck on the 2nd ascent by Peter Boardman and Pertemba Sherpa when Mick Burke was lost.

In 1977 Chris and Doug Scott made the first ascent of the Ogre (7,284 metres) in the Karakoram Himalaya and had an epic six-day descent, aided by Mo Anthoine and Clive Rowland. They went without food for five days and fought through a blizzard, with Doug Scott crawling all the way as he had broken both his legs soon after leaving the summit. Chris also had a fall and broke three ribs.

In 1978 Chris led a team of eight to attempt the previously unclimbed West Ridge of K2, which at 8,760m is the second highest mountain in the world. This ended when, tragically, Nick Estcourt was engulfed by a huge avalanche, which swept across their route.

There was then a break of two years spent researching and writing his book, *Quest for Adventure*, a study of post-war adventure in all its aspects.

In 1980 after China had re-opened some of their mountain areas to foreign mountaineers Chris, Dr. Michael Ward and Alan Rouse were among the first Europeans to go there, making a reconnaissance of Mount Kongur, a remote unclimbed mountain in Western Xinjiang. They returned again in 1981 for the successful ascent of the 7,704m peak accomplished by Chris, Peter Boardman, Joe Tasker and Alan Rouse.

In 1982 Chris, together with Peter Boardman, Joe Tasker and Dick Renshaw, attempted the unclimbed North East Ridge of Everest without oxygen. Dick Renshaw had to retire when he suffered a mild stroke (diagnosed by Charles Clarke, the expedition's doctor). The other three continued, but Chris decided that as he was moving so much slower than either Boardman or Tasker at high altitude, they should go for the top on their own. They both disappeared on the summit ridge on what Chris had described up to that moment as 'the happiest expedition any of us had been on'. He was deeply distressed by the loss of two such close friends, but he never thought of giving up climbing.

In 1983 he made the first ascent of the West Summit of Shivling (6501m) with Jim Fotheringham in the Gangotri Himalaya in India. They climbed alpine-style taking five days, up and down. A few weeks later he joined millionaire Frank Wells and Dick Bass on a fascinating expedition to Antarctica to climb Mount Vinson (4,897m), its highest peak in temperatures down to -35C and with winds of over 50 miles an hour.

In June 1984, together with Al Rouse and two Pakistani climbers, he attempted the unclimbed 7,500m Karun Koh in the Karakoram Himalaya, but was defeated by bad weather.

In 1985, Chris realised a life time's ambition when he reached the summit of Everest by the South Col route as a member of the Norwegian Everest Expedition led by Arne Naess.

There was no sense of anti-climax after his ascent of Everest, rather a sense of relief at getting it out of his system and getting on with the exploratory climbing that he loved. In 1987 and 1988 he led expeditions to Menlungtse, (7150 metres), at the time one of the most beautiful and technically difficult unclimbed peaks in the world. In 1988 the expedition made the first ascent of the West Peak of Menlungtse. In addition they searched for the legendary yeti and were accompanied by a BBC Natural History Unit film team who made a documentary of the search.

For two and a half years he was involved in the writing and production of a pictorial autobiography, *Mountaineer*, and a television series and book about the history of mountaineering *The Climbers*.

Then he joined forces with Robin Knox-Johnston and Jim Lowther, on an expedition to Greenland to give Chris and Jim the experience of sailing and Robin, that of climbing. They sailed from Whitehaven in 'Suhaili', the yacht in which Knox-Johnston had made the first non-stop, single-handed circumnavigation of the world, to the East Coast of Greenland which is guarded by dense pack ice. They then skied; pulling pulks, to the foot of the unclimbed, 2,660 metre Cathedral peak, in the remote Lemon Bjerge range, but did not succeed in climbing it.

In 1992 he led jointly with Harish Kapadia, an extremely successful Indian/British expedition to the remote Kumaon Himalaya in northern India. Several first ascents were made including the West Ridge of Panch Chuli II (6904m) by Chris and Graham Little.

In July 1993, he joined Jim Lowther, Graham Little and Rob Ferguson on a return expedition to the Lemon Bjerge range in Greenland, this time flying into the Chisel Glacier and making three first ascents, a mixed route on the Chisel and two technically challenging rock routes on the Ivory Tower and the Needle.

In August he visited the Russian Caucasus, climbing Mount Elbrus (5642m) , the highest peak in Europe and the demanding North East Ridge of Ushba.

In 1994 he returned to one of the little explored areas of northern India and, together with Harish Kapadia, led another joint Indian/British expedition. Their objective was Rangrik Rang an unclimbed peak of 6,553m in the upper reaches of the Tirung Gad in the Kinnaur Himalaya, a region previously unvisited by climbers. They succeeded in putting eight members of the team on the summit.

To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the successful 1985 Norwegian Everest Expedition the original team came together again, this time to make the first ascent of Drangnag-Ri, a beautiful and steep 6,801m peak in the Rolwaling Himal, appropriately, in sight of Everest.

In 1996 Chris made a reconnaissance with Charles Clarke to North East Tibet to find the peak they had seen through a plane window on their way to Lhasa in 1982. They found their mountain (Sepu Kangri 6,950m) and in the Spring of 1997 made their first attempt to climb it. Jim Lowther, Jim Fotheringham, John Porter and Chris made up the climbing team, supported by Charles Clarke, Jim Curran (filming) and Duncan Sperry (Email and Internet technical support). This was the first time that Chris used satellite technology on an expedition to run a web site. The team were beaten by appalling weather and retreated having reached 6,100 metres on the North East Face of Sepu Kangri.

Chris returned there in the Autumn of 1998 with Victor Saunders, Graham Little, Elliot Robertson and Scott Muir (climbing team), Charles Clarke and a film crew comprising Jim Curran, Martin Belderson and Greg Cubitt from ITN. Clarke and Robertson had set out a month early and explored a fresh approach to the mountain from the east but the main party were once again beaten by the weather. This time the team approached the summit by the "Western Cwm" of the mountain, making two attempts. Victor Saunders and Scott Muir reached a height of 6800 metres, very close to the summit and Graham Little made the first ascent of the Turquoise Flower (6650m), an outlying peak of Sepu Kangri.

In Spring 2000 Chris had a family trip to the Kanchenjunga region in Nepal making the first ascent of Danga II (6190m) with his eldest son, Joe (Daniel), his brother Gerald and nephew James. Later that summer he climbed in South Greenland with Jim Lowther, Graham Little, John Porter, Mark Richey and Mark Wilford making several first ascents.

In 2001 he co-led an Indian, American, British expedition to the Arganglas range in Ladakh, N.W. India. He also made his first trip to the Taфраute region of Morocco to join a group of legendary rock climbing

figures, including Joe Brown, Les Brown, Derek Walker and others who had been exploring and making new routes there over a period of twelve years. He has returned almost every year since.

In 2003, he joined Harish Kapadia and a group of Indian and British friends in an enjoyable trek and climb in Kullu. They met up again the following year in Lahoul, and in 2005 in Kumaon. He also climbed Kilimanjaro for a second time with a group of Pentland executives, (Pentland own Berghaus, of which Chris is non-executive Chairman) and made an attempt to sail once again into Kangelugsuaq to climb the Cathedral but this time was beaten by the pack ice.

In 2007 Chris joined Rob Ferguson, Graham Little and Jim Lowther on an expedition to unclimbed Sersank (6095m) in Lahoul, but due to appalling rock they failed to reach the top.

In March 2008 Barney Rosedale and he made a reconnaissance of the route to the Namun Bhanjyang (5560m), a high pass on an old trade route between Pokhara and Manang.

The following year his son Joe led his first commercial trek to the Everest Base Camp and Chris joined him as a guest.

Chris also climbed Mont Blanc by Mont Blanc de Tacul and Mont Maudit with Richard Cotter, Brand President of Berghaus, and Dave Cummins.

In 2010 he joined his son Joe once again on a trek to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Chris's ascent of Annapurna II. The party included the son and grandson of Dick Grant, with whom Chris had made the first ascent. They visited the Base Camp and ended by crossing the Tilicho Pass which he had crossed with Sherpa Tachei all those years ago.

In 2011 he had an expedition with Charlie Clarke to the Sorang Valley in the Kinnaur range of the Indian Himalaya, making the first ascent of Ram Chukor Basera (5084m).

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Content and Structure

Scope and content: Correspondence and papers in respect of the professional career of Sir Chris Bonington as mountaineer, author and journalist.

Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information: Duplicates destroyed or placed in Handling collection

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Access Points

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Everest, Mount
Journalism
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Personal names:

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Notes

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Identity Statement

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/01-37

Title: Expeditions

Date(s): 1936-2002

Level of description: sub-fonds

Extent: 34 boxes

Context

Name of creator: Bonington | Sir Christian John Storey

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Correspondence and papers in respect of the expeditions undertaken by Sir Chris Bonington depicting background research, organisation and planning, finance, logistics, equipment and supplies, press relations and other related information such as personal accounts for expedition team members.

Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information: Duplicates destroyed or placed in Handling collection

System of arrangement: By date unless otherwise specified

Allied Materials

Related units of description: TAS - Papers of Joe Tasker

Access Points

Subject terms:

Mountaineering expeditions

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/01

Title: Annapurna South Face expedition 1970

Date(s): 1964-1978

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: One box

Context

Administrative/Biographical history:

The aim of the 1970 expedition was to climb Annapurna I (26,545 feet high) via the South face, a notoriously difficult and unconquered route. It was climbed using traditional siege-style tactics by establishing camps at varying altitudes and relying on fixed ropes. The Patrons of the expedition were Lord Tangle, Lord Hunt and Sir Charles Evans. George Greenfield was the Director of John Farquharson Ltd, Literary Agent. The summit was reached by Don Whillans and Dougal Haston at 14.30 on 27th May 1970. A second summit attempt by Tom Frost was unsuccessful. Tragically, Ian Clough lost his life in a serac avalanche on the 30th May which occurred below Camp II whilst the team prepared to evacuate the mountain. A TV documentary was produced by ITN for which Alan Hankinson was the reporter.

Full details of this expedition have been documented in a book entitled "Annapurna South Face", published by Cassel, 1971.

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Correspondence and papers in respect of the expedition concerned with organisation and planning (1969-1970), finance (1969), logistics (1969-1972), equipment and supplies (1964-1971), press relations (1970-1978), Ian Clough Trust Fund (1970-1972) and a copy of Tom Frost's diary (1970).

Allied Materials

Related units of description:

DVD – Annapurna The Hardest Way Up
AHA – Papers of Alan Hankinson
CBO/01/03/01 – some correspondence re articles published.
CBO/03/10 Scrapbook compiled by Helen Bonington
CBO/11/09-12 Personal Accounts - CLOSED

Access Points

Subject terms:

Annapurna

Personal names:

Boysen, Jan Anders Martin (1941-) Assistant food
Burke, Mick (1941-1975) Cine & photographic
Clough, Ian Stewart (1937-1970) Assistant Equipment Organiser
Estcourt, Nicholas John (1942-1978) Treasurer, Insurance details, visas

Frost, Tom (1936-)
Haston, Dougal (1940-1977)
Kent, Kelvin, Base Camp Manager & communications officer
Lambert, Dave, Doctor
Thompson, Michael (1937-) Food Organiser
Whillans, Donald Desbrow (1933-1985) Deputy leader

Ang Pema
Pasang Kami Head Sirdar
Pemba

Edwards, John Thames Television reporter/director
Hankinson, Alan ITN Reporter
Lane, Jonathan, ITN Cameraman
Soldini, John ITN Sound Recordist

Catalogue

CBO/01/01/01 Committee and organisational papers **Series level, 1 folder**

Jul 1969 – Feb 1970

A Committee of Management was formed as a sub-committee of the Mount Everest Foundation with Sir Douglas Busk in the Chair. The other members were Anthony Rawlinson, Lt Col Charles Wylie, Pat Pirie-Gordon (Williams & Glyn's Bank Ltd) and T S Blakeney (Secretary, Mount Everest Foundation). It met to discuss the needs of the expedition and its team and make arrangements as required.

Newsletters (1-9), synopsis of planning, medical notes and research and team members details PFN Newsletters & Assoc. Papers

CBO/01/01/02 Finance **Series Level, 1 folder**

May 1969 – Jun 1969

The primary sponsor for the expedition was the Mount Everest Foundation. Additional funding was secured from sale of postcards and securing "Exclusives" with ITN and the Sunday Times. Pat Pirie Gordon acted as Expedition Treasurer with assistance from Nick Estcourt.

CBO/01/01/02 Correspondence re banking arrangements with Expedition Treasurer plus insurance schedule. PFN Newsletters & Assoc. Papers

CBO/01/01/03 Logistics **Series level, 1 folder**

Oct 1969 – Aug 1972

Papers in respect of movement of equipment and supplies in to and out of Nepal. Transportation by sea to Bombay was handled by Anglo Overseas Transport Co Ltd thence overland in the care of Buhariwala & Sons. Meanwhile the RAF moved 1500 pounds of freight by air in conjunction with equipment for the Army Mountaineering Association's attempt on Annapurna at the same time. The expedition team flew by Air India.

Transport of equipment, provisions and climbing personnel. PFN - Transport and equipment lists

CBO/01/01/04 Equipment & Supplies
Series level, 3 folders

1964 – Aug 1971

Equipment provision is generally broken down into five sub groups: personal; climbing equipment; tentage; cooking equipment and miscellaneous. Dietary requirements were managed by Mike Thompson.

CBO/01/01/04/01 Correspondence and documentation re testing and supply of oxygen equipment (1964, Jun 1969-Aug 1971) 1 folder. English and French. PFN ASFE/4/B Oxygen

CBO/01/01/04/02 Correspondence and documentation re supplies and equipment for expedition and communications with suppliers. Includes equipment and ration lists. (Jul 1969-Mar 1970) 2 folders. PFN ASFE/4 Equipment

a. 1969

b. 1970 plus correspondence from Nick Estcourt re theodolite, tripods & altimeters (Dec 1969-Feb 1970)

CBO/01/01/05 Media/PR/Publicity
Series level, 4 folders

Jan 1970 – May 1978

CBO/01/01/05/01 Correspondence with George Greenfield, Literary Agent, amongst others, concerning publication of accompanying book, articles and television coverage. Also reference to the German/British Expedition and accompanying book, but this did not occur.

a. Nov 1968-Mar 1970

b. Apr 1970-Jul 1973

CBO/01/01/05/02 Correspondence re return of transparencies, copies of articles, brochures and facts about expedition plus newspaper cuttings. (Jan 1970-May 1978) 1 folder. PFN ASFE PR & Internal magazine plus articles.

CBO/01/01/05/03 Press Cuttings collected by Durrants News Agency, London from local and national press coverage.

CBO/01/01/05/04 Press cuttings re review of published book "Annapurna South Face" and TV documentary "The Hardest Way Up". Some correspondence relating to same. (1970) 1 folder. PFN Changabang 74, Annapurna S.F diaries, press cuttings, reviews etc.

CBO/01/01/06 Ian Clough Trust Fund
Series level, 1 folder

Aug 1970 - Jan 1972

Following the tragic death of Ian Clough, a trust fund was established to provide long-term financial support for Ian's wife and daughter.

CBO/01/01/06 Correspondence and papers re setting up and running of activities, such as sale of specially designed posters, to contribute to Trust Fund. Also includes tribute written by Sir Chris Bonington. PFN Posters and Ian Clough Fund

CBO/01/01/07 Tom Frost's Diary
Series level, 1 folder

Mar 1970 - May 1970

Handwritten account of the expedition by American team member Tom Frost. Pages 88-89 missing. Written permission for access received. PFN Mount Kongur File

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/02

Title: International Himalayan expedition 1971

Date(s): 1969-1972

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: Three folders and one volume

Context

Administrative/Biographical history:

The initial aim of the 1971 International Himalayan expedition was twofold; to climb Dhaulagiri II in 1970 thus using it as training exercise for an attempt on Mount Everest in 1971. The expedition leaders were Norman Dyhrenfurth, based in the USA and Lt Col Jimmy Roberts, based in Nepal. This was a result of two separate expeditions joining forces. Official permission to climb was granted on 2nd August 1969. The original proposal was later modified to concentrate solely on Mount Everest, but would attempt two routes simultaneously; one via the South West Face and the other by the West Ridge. Chris Bonington was invited to be climbing leader, but withdrew because of his doubts about the structure of the expedition and its outcome. There was much conflict during the course of the expedition, but, in spite of that, Don Whillans and Dougal Haston reached the foot of the Rock Band, although they were unable to climb it.

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Correspondence and papers in respect of the expedition including newsletters # 1-6 (1969-1970), logistical information and equipment lists (1969-1970), General correspondence (1969-1970) and scrapbook of press cuttings (1969-1971).

Allied Materials

Related units of description: Images of team members can be found in CBO/01/06/06

Access Points

Subject terms:

Everest, Mount

Personal names:

Dyhrenfurth, Norman Günter (1918-)

Haston, Dougal (1940-1977)

Roberts, Lt Col James Owen Merion (1916-1997)

Whillans, Donald Desbrow (1933-1985)

Catalogue

CBO/01/02/01 Newsletters

Series level, 1 envelope

Feb 1969 – Aug 1970

News sheets were initially circulated (Feb-July 1969) being superseded by expedition letters (Aug 1969-Aug 1970).

CBO/01/02/02 Logistics
Series level, 1 item

n.d.

Ship's manifest detailing equipment and supplies to be despatched from the USA.

CBO/01/02/03 Equipment lists
Series level, 2 items

Feb 1969 – June 1970

Details of equipment and provisions required for expedition.

CBO/01/02/04 General Correspondence
Series level, 1 folder

Feb 1969 – Sep 1970

Letters relating to organisational, finance, equipment and personnel matters.

CBO/01/02/05 General Correspondence
Series level, 1 folder

Aug 1969 – Jun1971

Correspondence with Dyhrenfurth plus letter from Base Camp written by John Cleare, also includes loose press cuttings. Taken from Projects – Everest 71

CBO/01/02/06 Scrapbook
Series level, 1 volume

1969 – Nov 1972

Scrapbook entitled "Everest S W Face 1969,1970,1971" includes copies of articles and press cuttings. Creator not known.

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/03

Title: Trango Tower expedition

Date(s): 1970-1976

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: One folder

Context

Administrative/Biographical history: The Trango Tower (20,582 feet) is a monolithic rock tower situated above the Baltoro Glacier in West Pakistan. The expedition was to be the first technical rock climb in an Himalayan environment. The proposed team comprised Chris Bonington, Joe Brown, Hamish MacInnes, Martin Boysen, Paul Nunn and Will Barker. Unfortunately, the Pakistani High Commission refused permission to climb on 24th November 1971.

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Correspondence and papers in respect of the expedition including references to the preceding Annapurna Expedition and a later one to West Pakistan.

Allied Materials

Related units of description: CBO/01/02 – Annapurna expedition

Access Points

Subject terms:

Trango Tower

Personal names:

Brown, Joe (1930-)

MacInnes, Dr Hamish (1930-) OBE, BEM

Catalogue

CBO/01/03/01 General Correspondence
Series level, 0.5 folder

Aug 1970– Mar 1972

Letters exchanged with Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Pakistan Embassy and Mount Everest Foundation amongst others re plans to climb mountain. Also includes draft budgetary information. Correspondents include Hamish MacInnes and Joe Brown. There are some references to articles published in respect of the Annapurna South Face expedition.

CBO/01/03/02 General Correspondence
Series level, 0.5 folder

Jan 1974– Apr 1976

Reference to a later planned expedition to the same mountain.

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/04

Title: German-British Mount Everest expedition

Date(s): 1966-1972

Level of description: Series

Extent: One folder

Context

Administrative/Biographical history: Chris Bonington accepted an invitation to join the 1972 German British Mount Everest expedition organised by Dr Herrligkoffer following refusal of permission for an expedition to climb the Trango Tower. The aim of the 1972 expedition was to ascend Mount Everest by the South West Face. Other invited British climbers were Dougal Haston and Don Whillans. Due to differences in respect of organisation and planning both Haston and Bonington withdrew their participation from this expedition. Hamish MacInnes and Doug Scott took their places. The expedition itself failed due to poor organisation, personality conflicts and deteriorating weather conditions.

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Correspondence and papers in respect of the expedition.

Condition of Access and Use of Area

Language: English, German

Allied Materials

Related units of description: Images of team members can be found in CBO/01/06/06/01

Access Points

Subject terms:

Everest, Mount

Personal names:

Haston, Dougal (1940-1977)

Herrligkoffer, Dr Karl Maria (1916-1991)

MacInnes, Dr Hamish (1930-) OBE, BEM

Scott, Douglas Keith (1941-)

Whillans, Donald Desbrow (1933-1985)

Catalogue

CBO/01/04/01 General Correspondence
Series level, 1 folder

1966, Dec 1971– Feb 1972

Correspondence and papers including details on equipment (1966-1972), publishing rights (1971-1972) and press cuttings (Mar-Jun 1972). PFN German British Everest Expedition 2 (1966-1972) & German British Everest Expedition (Dec 1971-Apr 1972) combined.

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/05

Title: Antarctica expedition

Date(s): 1971-1972

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: One folder

Context

Administrative/Biographical history:

Peaks in the Sentinel Range of Antarctica were considered a potential challenge for a 1973/74 expedition. Access to this area had to be achieved via the National Science Foundation in the USA, who would be able to help finance an expedition to this area. The proposal was eventually abandoned.

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Exploratory correspondence in respect of the proposed expedition.

Access Points

Subject terms:

Antarctica

Catalogue

CBO/01/05/01 General Correspondence
Series level, 1 folder

1966, Dec 1971– Feb 1972

Correspondence and papers discussing potential of proposed expedition with Ian McMorrin, John Evans and John Cleare PFN Antarctic Exp (Apr 71-Mar 72).

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/06

Title: British Everest Expedition 1972

Date(s): 1964-1991

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: Four boxes

Context

Administrative/Biographical history:

The original aim of the 1972 expedition was to climb Mount Everest via the South Col, as a small lightweight expedition without oxygen. The team was to be comprised of four climbers (Chris Bonington, Dougal Haston, Nick Estcourt, Mick Burke), two support members (Mike Thompson and Peter Steele, both of whom subsequently withdrew.) and six sherpas. However with the failure of the Herrligkoffer expedition, Bonington decided to try an all-out assault via the unclimbed South–West Face. This entailed an extremely tight schedule as the permission was for the post-monsoon season later that year. Doug Scott, Hamish MacInnes and Dave Bathgate were invited to join the original team as lead climbers. The support team was comprised of Col Jimmy Roberts (Deputy Leader and Base Camp Manager). Kelvin Kent, Graham Tiso, and Dr Barney Rosedale. Pembatharke was chief sirdar and Sona Hishy was administrative sirdar. Tony Tighe, an Australian friend of Haston's joined the expedition utilising his own resources.

The expedition was abandoned as it was impossible to establish Camp 6 due to deteriorating weather conditions. Tragically, Tony Tighe lost his life when an ice-tower in the Khumbu Icefall Section collapsed.

Full details of this expedition have been documented in a book entitled Everest South West Face (Hodder and Stoughton) 1973

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Correspondence and papers relating to the expedition covering organisation and planning (1964-1972), finance (1972-1991), logistics (1971-1972), equipment and supplies (1972-1973), General correspondence (1971-1074), press relations (1972-1974) and lecture tours (1971-1973).

Condition of Access and Use of Area

Language: English, French, Japanese

Allied Materials

Related units of description:

AHA – Papers of Alan Hankinson.

CBO/01/08/02/01 cash book contains Everest Expedition accounts

CBO/01/15/02/02 cash book contains Everest Expedition accounts

CBO/03/10-11 Scrapbook compiled by Helen Bonington

CBO/09/02 Everest Reunion, 1985

CBO/11/13-14 Personal Accounts - **CLOSED**

Access Points

Subject terms:

Everest, Mount

Personal names:

Bathgate, David () Assistant, Equipment

Burke, Mick (1941-1975) Cine and photographic

Estcourt, Nicholas John (1942-1978) Treasurer, Insurance details, visas

Haston, Dougal (1940-1977)

Kent, Kelvin Major () Food and Communications, Base Camp Manager

MacInnes, Dr Hamish (1930-) OBE, BEM, Oxygen and technical design

Roberts, Lt Col James Owen Merion (1916-1997) Deputy Leader, Organisation in Nepal

Rosedale, Dr Barney () Expedition physician

Scott, Douglas Keith (1941-) Equipment

Tiso, Graham () Equipment

Pembatharke Head Sirdar

Sona Hishy – Administrative Sirdar

Catalogue

CBO/01/06/01 Planning, background and organisational papers

1964 - Aug 1972

Series level, 2 folders

CBO/01/06/01/01 Background information including meteorological data, correspondence re attempting climb in post-monsoon period plus reference to medical matters and change of expedition Doctor, some progress reports #6-9 (1964-Aug 1972), 1 folder. PFN B.E.E 1/4A Planning Admin, Background Info.

CBO/01/06/01/02 Correspondence, photographs, leaflets, maps, equipment and logistical information to support planning of expedition including the planning brief. (1969, Jun-Jul 1972), 1 folder. Original order maintained as mostly undated. PFN B.E.E 1/4 Planning-General.

CBO/01/06/02 Finance

Jun 1972 - Jan 1991

Series Level, 6 folders, 1 volume

Funding was secured from media coverage plus assistance from manufacturers and suppliers of equipment and provisions for the expedition. Grants were provided by the Mount Everest Foundation and the British Mountaineering Council. Nick Estcourt acted as Expedition Treasurer and as such, some of the folders listed below were created by him as indicated.

CBO/01/06/02/01 Papers including correspondence with Williams & Glyn's bank and the accountants, re insurance and visa details, general papers including copies of newsletters and a miscellaneous section. (Jun 1972-Jan 1975), 1 folder. Created by N Estcourt, original order maintained. PFN Everest- General

CBO/01/06/02/02 Correspondence re financial matters, including details of poster sales and lecture tours and payment of royalties in respect of book sales (Aug 1972-Mar 1978), 1 folder. Created by N Estcourt, original order maintained. PFN No title

CBO/01/06/02/03 Account analysis book detailing income and expenditure (Jun 1972-Sep 1977). 1 volume. Created by N Estcourt. PFN none

CBO/01/06/02/04 Correspondence with potential and actual sponsors (Jun 1972-Jan 1973) 1 folder. PFN B.E.E 1972 4/9a Sponsors-Requests for

CBO/01/06/02/05 Correspondence with individuals and commercial and industrial organisations re donations and fund raising activities such as sale of postcards, examples of which can be found in CBO/01/06/06/08 (Jun-Aug 1972) 1 folder. PFN B.E.E 1972 4/2 Appeals to industry

CBO/01/06/02/06 Papers and correspondence re contractual agreements of expedition members with literary agents & media organisations (Jun-Aug 1972) 1 folder. PFN B.E.E 1972 4/4d Finance partnership

CBO/01/06/02/07 Correspondence re accounts and budgetary requirements, details of Penguin royalty payments and set of published accounts (Jun 1972-Jan 1991) 1 folder. Correspondence with Lord Hunt has been moved to CBO/01/06/05/03 PFN B.E.E 1972 10 and 4/1 Finance - Accounts

CBO/01/06/03 Logistics
Series level, 1 folder

May 1971 – Sep 1972

Papers re movement of climbers and equipment between camps and correspondence re packaging of equipment for transfer (May 1971-Sep 1972) 1 folder. PFN Untitled and B.E.E 2/8 Packaging merged.

CBO/01/06/04 Equipment & Supplies
Series level, 4 folders

Jan 1972 – Dec 1973

Graham Tiso was responsible for sourcing equipment requirements such as clothing, climbing gear, ropes and oxygen equipment, tentage, cooking equipment and miscellaneous items including ladders. Provisions represents dietary requirements.

CBO/01/06/04/01 Correspondence with Guido Monzino re allocation of time slot for attempt on Mount Everest and use of equipment previously used by Monzino's expedition (Feb-Jun 1972) 1 folder. PFN B.E.E 1972 3/4 Monzino

CBO/01/06/04/02 Notes and correspondence re equipment needed for the expedition. (Jan-Jun 1972) 1 folder. PFN B.E.E 72 2/4A Equipment Lists

CBO/01/06/04/03 Papers and correspondence re food provision includes provisions schedule and amount of rations apportioned. (Jun 1972-Dec 1973) 1 folder. Original order maintained as mostly undated. PFN B.E.E 1972 2/5 Food 12 (Envelope) Ex 55e.

CBO/01/06/04/04 Correspondence with equipment suppliers (Jan 1972-Nov 1973) 1 folder. PFN B.E.E 72 Equipment Bonington contacts.

CBO/01/06/05 Correspondence
Series level, 4 folders

Jun 1971 – Jul 1975

CBO/01/06/05/01 Correspondence with Mike Cheney and Jimmy Roberts, both of Mountain Travel, re plans for proposed expedition to Nepal (Jul 1971-Nov 1973) 1 folder. PFN B.E.E 72 2/7 Organisation in Nepal.

CBO/01/06/05/02 Correspondence re visit to Nepal with British Embassy, Kathmandu, Minister for Foreign affairs – HM Government of Nepal, Mount Everest Foundation and Elizabeth Hawley (Jun 1971-Nov 1973) 1 folder. PFN none – loose papers

CBO/01/06/05/03 Correspondence with Lord John Hunt primarily about 1972 expedition. (Mar 1972-Mar 1974) 1 folder. PFN B.E.E 1972 1/1 Correspondence John Hunt

CBO/01/06/05/04 General correspondence with literary agents, Betty Prentice (Expedition Secretary), News agencies and sponsors. Also includes some further correspondence with Lord Hunt. (May-Oct 1972) 1 folder. Original order maintained. PFN B.E.E 72 Correspondence – General.

**CBO/01/06/06 Media/PR/Publicity
Series level, 8 folders and 8 volumes**

May 1972 – Jun 1974

CBO/01/06/06/01 Correspondence, primarily with George Greenfield of John Farquharson Ltd (Literary Agent) re publishing of book “Everest South West Face” including some images taken from book and other articles in the press and media (May 1972-Mar 1974) 1 folder. PFN B.E.E 4/4c Finance-Greenfield.

CBO/01/06/06/02 Copies of articles written for publication. The majority are concerned with the actual expedition written prior, during and afterwards. There is one article dealing specifically with photography and another, written by Hamish MacInnes, on oxygen equipment used. (1972) 1 folder. PFN – these articles were found amongst the 1975 Mt Everest Expedition papers, presumably being used for reference.

CBO/01/06/06/03 Correspondence with media personnel re coverage in the national press (May-Dec 1972) 1 folder. PFN B.E.E 1972 4/6 Media.

CBO/01/06/06/04 Correspondence and written communications with Don Horrabin of ITN, Jeremy Hunt and Chris Brasher from The Observer newspaper and Liz Hawley representing Reuters News Agency re media activity. (Aug-Oct 1972) 1 folder. PFN B.E.E Correspondence with Hawley, Observer, ITN.

CBO/01/06/06/05 Typed progress reports for publication by The Observer newspaper and ITN. (Aug-Oct 1972) 1 folder. Original order maintained. PFN B.E.E Observer’s stories and ITN reports.

CBO/01/06/06/06 Correspondence between photographic equipment manufacturers and expedition photographers in respect of equipment being used and processing of transparencies for publication. (Jun 1972-Jun 1974) 1 folder. PFN B.E.E 1972 Photographic.

CBO/01/06/06/07 Transcripts of commentaries and wireless broadcasts included amongst some diary material, handwritten extract by [Dougal Haston]. (1972) 1 folder. Original order maintained. PFN B.E.E 1972 no file name.

CBO/01/06/06/08 25 examples of illustrated postcard signed by all members of the expedition which were sold in advance for £2 as part of the fundraising initiative. 4000 were produced and a letter was written to every single firm in the UK to promote it. Many were signed on the flight out. Examples have been selected to show different postage stamps being used.

CBO/01/06/06/09 Press Cuttings collected by Durrants News Agency, London from local and national press coverage. An unknown person compiled many of the press cuttings into volumes. Many of these had to be extracted as rusty staples were causing severe damage. The press cuttings have been kept within page number dividers. Please note Volume 3 is missing.

CBO/01/06/06/09/01 Volume 1 18/08-28/08 1972

CBO/01/06/06/09/02 Volume 2 22/08-19/09 1972

CBO/01/06/06/09/03 Volume 4 16/10-09/11 1972

CBO/01/06/06/09/04 Volume 5 04/11-16/11 1972

CBO/01/06/06/09/05 Volume 6 17/11-23/11 1972

CBO/01/06/06/09/06 Volume 7 16/11-30/11 1972

CBO/01/06/06/09/07 Press cuttings re publication of book "Everest South West Face" 11/08-22/12 1973

CBO/01/06/06/09/08 Other press cuttings, not collected by Durrants, 31/05-26/11 1972 re expedition and 22/10-19/12 1973 re book publication.

CBO/01/06/07 Lectures and Receptions
Series level, 1 folder and 1 volume

Nov 1971 - Oct 1973

CBO/01/06/07/01 Correspondence with suppliers, lecturers, venues and participants re lectures held post expedition including details of complimentary tickets. (Nov 1971 – Mar 1973) 1 folder. PFN B.E.E 1972 Lectures.

CBO/01/06/07/02 Notebook detailing the Everest Lecture Accounts compiled by Nick Estcourt. (Jan 1973-Oct 1973) 1 volume.

CBO/01/06/08 Diary transcript
Series Level, 1 folder

Aug - Nov 1972

Typed transcript of audio recording of British Everest Expedition.

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/07

Title: Indian British Garhwal Expedition

Date(s): 1973-1989

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: One box

Context

Administrative/Biographical history:

Changabang (22,520 ft/6864m) positioned on the North East perimeter wall of the Nanda Devi Sanctuary, Garhwal Himalaya, India had remained unclimbed due to access restrictions. It was climbed via the East Ridge, resulting in a first ascent on 4th June 1974. Bonington was joint leader with Lt Col Balwant Sandhu. Other expedition members were Martin Boysen, Sherpa Tashi Chewang, Dougal Haston, Kiran Kumar, Doug Scott, D.J. Singh and Ujagar Singh. Alan Hankinson was the ITN media representative.

A book, entitled Changabang, written by Alan Hankinson and expedition members has been published about this expedition (Heinemann, 1975).

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Papers and correspondence re expedition to Changabang. Planning and Background (1973 -1974), Finance (1973-1989), Equipment & Supplies (1974), Correspondence (1973-1975), Media/PR/Publicity (1974-1975).

Allied Materials

Related units of description: AHA/1/4 Changabang Expedition ITN footage – final section
CBO/02/03 Book of expedition
CBO/03/11 Scrapbook compiled by Helen Bonington
CBO/11/15-16 Personal Accounts - **CLOSED**

Access Points

Subject terms:

Changabang
Garhwal Himalaya

Personal names:

Boysen, Jan Anders Martin (1941-)
Chewang, Sherpa Tashi
Hankinson, Alan (1926-2007)
Haston, Dougal (1940-1977)
Kumar, Kiran
Sandhu, Lt Col Balwant (Balu) (1934-2011)
Scott, Douglas Keith (1941-)
Singh, D.J. (Medical Officer)
Singh, Ujagar

Catalogue

CBO/01/07/01 Planning and Background Series level, 1 folder

Nov 1973-Dec 1974

Papers and correspondence with Doug Scott and Dougal Haston re initial planning and financing through the Mount Everest Foundation. PFN Changabang M.E.F & British Team

CBO/01/07/02 Finance Series level, 1 folder

Nov 1973-Jan 1989

Papers and correspondence regarding day to day financial arrangements. Includes invoices and cash book. PFN Changabang 74, Annapurna S.F Diaries, press cuttings, reviews etc.

CBO/01/07/03 Equipment & Supplies Series level, 1 folder

Mar-Oct 1974

Equipment lists and correspondence with suppliers including reports on effectiveness of gear supplied and cover letters re transparencies of equipment in use. Original order maintained. PFN Changabang 74, Annapurna S.F Diaries, press cuttings, reviews etc.

CBO/01/07/04 Correspondence Series level, 2 folders

Nov 1973-Aug 1975

CBO/01/07/04/01 Correspondence with expedition team members, primarily Lt Col Balwant Sandhu. (Nov 1973-Aug 1975) 1 folder. PFN Changabang Sandhu Changabang 74, Annapurna S.F Diaries, press cuttings, reviews etc.

CBO/01/07/04/02 Correspondence with Indian Mountaineering Federation and Air India. Also includes letters written by Paul Nunn and Joe Tasker. (Dec 1973-July 1975) 1 folder. PFN Livia Bonington photos Changabang 74, Annapurna S.F Diaries, press cuttings, reviews etc.

CBO/01/07/05 Media/PR/Publicity Series level, 1 folder

Jun 1974 – Mar 1975

Press cuttings, correspondence re published articles and draft papers of same. PFN Changabang Media Changabang 74, Annapurna S.F Diaries, press cuttings, reviews etc.

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/08

Title: Mount Everest Expedition 1975

Date(s): 1973-1979

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: Five boxes

Context

Administrative/Biographical history:

The aim of the 1975 expedition was to climb Mount Everest via the South West face, a notoriously difficult and unconquered route.

The expedition team, comprised of eighteen British climbers, seventy eight sherpas, a transport manager, a four-man BBC film crew and a Sunday Times reporter. They departed Heathrow airport, London on 29th July 1975. Base Camp was sited at 18,000 feet on 21st August. On 20th September Nick Estcourt and Paul Braithwaite successfully scaled a notorious 1,000 foot Rock Band regarded as the major obstacle on the South West Face. Doug Scott and Dougal Haston established Camp 6 above the Rock Band at 27,200 feet on 22nd September, successfully reaching the summit (29,028 feet) at 6pm on 24th September 1975. The descent was marked by an overnight bivouac in a snowhole without oxygen or sleeping bags—the highest ever recorded. Tragically, two days later, Mick Burke disappeared whilst trying to reach the summit himself.

The expedition team arrived back in Kathmandu on 11th October and flew back to the UK on 17th October

Full details of this expedition have been documented in a book entitled “Everest: The Hard Way”, Hodder & Stoughton, 1976

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Correspondence and papers relating to the expedition covering organisation and planning (1973-1976), finance (1974-1977), logistics (1973-1976), equipment and supplies (1974-1977), general correspondence (1973-1977), press relations (1974-1977) and lecture tours (1975-1976) plus details of a later army–led expedition (1971-1976).

Condition of Access and Use of Area

Conditions governing reproduction: Photographs of the expedition are copyright British Everest Expedition 1975 /The Sunday Times/Barclays Bank International.

Language: English, French, Japanese

Allied Materials

Related units of description:

ATR/1-10 – Papers of Alan Tritton

EVE/6 – Everest The Hard Way, DVD

AHA – Papers of Alan Hankinson

CBO/02/04 Book publication
CBO/03/11-12 Scrapbook compiled by Helen Bonington
CBO/06/02 Presentation notes, A/V script and film storyboard
CBO/09/02 Everest Reunion, 1985
CBO/11/17-18 Personal Accounts - **CLOSED**

Papers held by Barclays Bank plus flag flown on summit

Access Points

Subject terms:

Everest, Mount

Personal names:

Boardman, Peter David (1950-1982)
Boysen, Jan Anders Martin (1941-) Assistant food
Braithwaite, Paul (1946-), known as Tut, Assistant equipment
Burke, Mick (1941-1975) Cine & photographic
Cheney, Michael John (1928-?) Base camp manager
Clarke, Dr Charles Richard Astley (1944-) Expedition doctor
Clarke, David John (1937-2009) Equipment organiser
Duff, Dr James McGregor (1947-?) 2nd Expedition doctor
Estcourt, Nicholas John (1942-1978) Treasurer, Insurance details, visas
Fyffe, Allen Frederick (1946-)
Gordon, Adrian C S (1947-) Advanced Base manager
Haston, Dougal (1940-1977)
MacInnes, Dr Hamish (1930-) OBE, BEM Oxygen & technical design – Deputy leader
Rhodes, Michael (1948-) (Barclays representative)
Richards, Ronald F J (Ronnie) (1945-) Transport & Communications
Scott, Douglas Keith (1941-) Assistant Equipment
Thompson, Michael (1937-) Food Organiser

Ang Phu, Deputy Sirdar
Ang Phurba, High Altitude Sherpa
Lakpadorjee, Ice Fall Sirdar
Mingma, Ice Fall Sirdar
Pertemba Sherpa, Head Sirdar
Phurkipa, Ice Fall Sirdar
Purna, Cook

Chesterman, Arthur William Joseph (1941-) BBC Sound Recordist
Kelly, Brian Ned (1934-) BBC Producer
Ralling, Antony Christopher (1929-) BBC Producer
Stuart, Ian Thomas (1931-) freelance cameraman working with BBC team
Richardson, Gilbert Keith (1936-) Sunday Times Correspondent

Catalogue

CBO/01/08/01 Committee and organisational papers
Series level, 4 folders

Jan 1973 - Dec 1976

A Committee of Management was formed and held its first meeting on 26th September 1974, with Lord John Hunt in the Chair. The other members were Chris Bonington, Sir Jack Longland, Ian McNaught-Davis, Doug Scott, Alan Tritton (Barclays Bank) and Lt. Col Charles Wylie. It met approximately every month and discussed the needs of the expedition and its team and made arrangements as required.

CBO/01/08/01/01 Minutes and agendas of Committee of Management (Sep 1974-Oct 1975), 1 folder. PFN Black Folder
CBO/01/08/01/02 Committee of Management members' correspondence (Jan 1973-Dec 1976) 1 folder. Arranged by member's name then date. PFN FENV # 44 EV 75 C.O.M Minutes & Corresp

CBO/01/08/01/03 Newsletters #1-15, (Oct 1974-Mar 1976) and Progress Reports, #1-7 (Aug –Sep 1975) 1 folder. PFN Red Folder

CBO/01/08/01/04 Personnel (c.1975) Personal details of team members including measurements and portrait photographs plus correspondence re Mick Burke Memorial Trust. Arranged by surname. 1 folder. PFN FENV #40 EV 75 originally in CBO/01/06 Box 2 of 4

CBO/01/08/02 Finance
Series Level, 5 folders

July 1974 - Jan 1977

The underwriter for the expedition was Barclays Bank International, through its advertising budget. Formal announcement of the £100,000 backing was made at a press conference held at their Head Offices on 18th October 1974. Additional funding was secured from manufacturers and suppliers of equipment and provisions for the expedition. Nick Estcourt acted as Expedition Treasurer and as such, some of the folders listed below were created by him as indicated

CBO/01/08/02/01 Papers including expenses, correspondence, cash book (also includes Karakorum, B.E.E 1972 and Kongur 1980) (July 1974-Jan 1977) and income and expenditure sheets. 1 folder PFN FENV Eve 75 Communications with mountain etc and PFN FENV Eve 75 Finance Budgets

CBO/01/08/02/02 Correspondence re financial matters, including VAT, some budgetary information & use of Sinclair Cambridge Calculator by Nick Estcourt (Aug 1974-Jan 1977). 1 folder. Created by N Estcourt. PFN Everest 2 Bank A/C, Calcs and statements

CBO/01/08/02/03 Correspondence and policy documents re insurance provision (Nov 1974-Nov 1975). 1 folder Created by N Estcourt. PFN Everest 2 Insurance

CBO/01/08/02/04 Correspondence re provision of insurance cover for sherpas and equipment (Nov 1974-June 1975). 1 folder

CBO/01/08/02/05 Correspondence re contract of services with BBC (Oct 1974-May 1976). 1 folder. PFN FENV Eve 75 Exp contracts

CBO/01/08/03 Logistics
Series level, 4 folders

1973 – 1976

Papers in respect of movement of 24 tonnes of freight, climbers, sherpas, equipment and supplies into and out of Nepal as well as between the various established camps. A computer model (designed by Stephen Taylor, Comshare) was used to assist with this process and is in evidence by the extant computer print outs. Overland transportation was expedited by use of two 16 ton Ford D 1614 lorries hired from Godfrey Davies and adapted by Manchester Garages under the guidance of its Chairman, Bob

Stoodley who was responsible for transportation with Ronnie Richards. Twenty two customs posts were crossed during this stage.

CBO/01/08/03/01 Initial plans and approaches including logistics, planning overviews, notes on oxygen, weather data, reports from other expeditions (Japanese, Chinese) (1974-1975) 1 folder. PFN FENV Eve 75 Initial plans and approaches

CBO/01/08/03/02 Correspondence and newsletters re transportation issues including contract with Air India & concern over their omission from book subsequently published (Jan 1975-July 1976) 1 folder. PFN FENV Eve 75 – Transport

CBO/01/08/03/03 Outline plan and letters of thanks re assistance with packaging of equipment and supplies (Feb 1975-Jan 1976) 1 folder. PFN FENV Eve 75 Communications, food, lectures, media, packaging, photography

CBO/01/08/03/04 Paperwork re transfer of equipment & supplies from UK to Nepal including manifests, ration lists and equipment lists (1973-1975) 1 folder. Original order maintained. PFN FENV Eve 75 # 42

CBO/01/08/04 Equipment & Supplies
Series level, 5 folders

Jun 1974 – Mar 1977

Equipment is generally broken down into five sub groups. Personal which represents clothing and items used specifically by one person for the duration of the expedition; climbing equipment, encompassing ropes and oxygen equipment, tentage, cooking equipment, miscellaneous inc ladders, stretchers and games for evening entertainment. Provisions represents dietary requirements.

Four months was spent developing equipment to meet expedition design specifications and two further months for actual manufacture.

CBO/01/08/04/01 Correspondence with contacts made by Bonington e.g technological/electronic manufacturers (Jun 1974-Feb 1977) 1 folder. PFN Box file B.E.E 1975 Equipment

CBO/01/08/04/02 Correspondence with (and between) Dave Clarke and suppliers. Includes equipment and ration lists. (Jul 1974-Feb 1977) 1 folder. PFN Box file B.E.E 1975 Equipment

CBO/01/08/04/03 Papers and correspondence re oxygen provision with Hamish MacInnes and suppliers (Jun 1974-Mar 1977) 1 folder. PFN Box file B.E.E 1975 Equipment

CBO/01/08/04/04 Correspondence in respect of radio equipment (Oct 1974-Feb 1976) 1 folder. PFN FENV EVE 75 Comms, Food, Lectures, Media, Packaging, Photography

CBO/01/08/04/05 Correspondence re supply of provisions (Nov 1974- Dec 1975) 1 folder. PFN FENV EVE 75 Comms, Food, Lectures, Media, Packaging, Photography

CBO/01/08/05 General correspondence
Series level, 10 folders

Jan 1973 – Sep 1977

CBO/01/08/05/01 Correspondence with & re Nepal including British Embassy, Kathmandu, Minister for Foreign affairs – HM Government of Nepal, Mount Everest Foundation and Elizabeth Hawley (Jan 73-Dec 76) 1 folder. PFN FENV EVE 75 Comms from mtn, Nepalese FO, Corresp with Nepal

CBO/01/08/05/02a-b Correspondence with Mike Cheney of Mountain Travel, Nepal re organisation, logistics and supply of equipment. Includes list of sherpas with age and name of village (Nov 1973-Nov 1976) 2 folders. PFN Correspondence with Mike Cheney

- a. Nov 1973-Dec 1974; Jan – Nov 1976
- b. Jan – Dec 1975

CBO/01/08/05/03 Correspondence with Dr Charles Clarke & Dr Jim Duff re British Medical Journal publication (Nov 74-Sep 77) 1 folder. PFN FENV B.E.E 1975 Medical corresp

CBO/01/08/05/04 Letters from individuals offering their services to the expedition, including Ray McHaffie (Oct 1974-Jan 1976) 1 folder. PFN FENV B.E.E 1975 Offers of help

CBO/01/08/05/05 Details of recipients of postcards sent by expedition team from Base Camp and potential visitors to Base Camp (Jan-Nov 1975) 1 folder. PFN FENV EVE 75 Comms from mtn

CBO/01/08/05/06a-b Correspondence re general enquiries, providing autographs & posters and assistance with various projects. Inc letter from Joe Tasker 20/03/1975 (Oct 1974-April 1977) 2 folders PFN Everest South West Face – General Interest and projects

- a. Oct 1974-Dec 1975
- b. Jan 1976-Apr 1977

CBO/01/08/05/07a-b Correspondence re congratulations received regarding successful outcome of expedition and awarding of CBE – letters to Chris Bonington & Wendy Bonington. Also includes letters of condolence in respect of Mick Burke (Jul 1975-Mar 1976) 2 folders. PFN Information

- a. Jul -Dec 1975
- b. Jan-Jun 1976

**CBO/01/08/06 Media/PR/Publicity
Series level, 14 folders**

Sep 1974 – Sep 1979

Approximately 15,000 images were taken during this expedition. Olympus supplied the photographic equipment, i.e OM1 body and 75-150 mm zoom lenses whilst Kodak supplied the film. Many of the images were for use by sponsors and for the resulting book. The BBC recorded a 75 minute programme as well as reports and sequences for BBC News and Blue Peter. Elizabeth Hawley acted as press agent for this expedition. The Sunday Times Reporter was Keith Richardson.

CBO/01/08/06/01 Correspondence re organising press launch & producing brochure includes 1 signed copy of brochure by Bonington (Sept 1974-Jan 1976) 1 folder. PFN B.E.E 1975 Brochure stationery, press launch etc

CBO/01/08/06/02 Correspondence re contributions of Chris Bonington to articles etc in the media (Dec 1974-Nov 1975) 1 folder. PFN FENV EVE 75 Comms from mtn

CBO/01/08/06/03 Correspondence and article copy re material written for various publications (Feb 1976-Jan 1977) 1 folder. PFN FENV EVE 75 Comms from mtn

CBO/01/08/06/04 Correspondence with Sunday Times including use of images & summit account written by Chris Bonington, Doug Scott & Dougal Haston plus time spent in snow hole (subsequently published in The Sunday Times) and news rights. (Mar-Nov 1975) 1 folder. PFN EVE 75 Comms, food, Lectures, media, packaging, photography & advertising

CBO/01/08/06/05 Correspondence with BBC Expedition media team and including TV appearances for other networks, transcript of Everest The Hard Way screened 17/12/1975. (Dec 1974-Apr 1977) 1 folder. PFN EVE 75 Comms, food, Lectures, media, packaging, photography & advertising

CBO/01/08/06/06 Correspondence re use of images in displays, exhibitions & advertising (Dec 1974-June 1976) 1 folder. PFN FENV EVE 75 Comms from mtn

CBO/01/08/06/07 Correspondence re provision of colour prints of images taken during expedition (Oct 1975-Apr 1976) 1 folder. PFN Colour prints

CBO/01/08/06/08 Notebook detailing references to photographic images, including shots of items provided by sponsors/suppliers (c.1975) 1 folder. Arranged alphabetically. PFN EVE 75 Comms, food, Lectures, media, packaging, photography & advertising

CBO/01/08/06/09 Correspondence and agreements re use of images taken on expedition and subsequently used by various businesses and media organisations. Plus details of photographic equipment distributed to expedition team (Feb 1975-Jul 1977) 3 folders. PFN Everest South West Face photography and camera equipment

- a. 1975
- b. 1976
- c. 1977

CBO/01/08/06/10 Press cuttings from local and national press including articles collected by Barclays Bank plus transcripts of radio & TV broadcasts (Oct 1974-Sept 1976) 2 folders. PFN not recorded.

- a. Oct 1974-Aug 1975
- b. Sept 1975-Sept 1979

CBO/01/08/06/11 Transcripts of TV reportage including press conference, Blue Peter programme and other news stories, a typed commentary for reel 2 (Aug-Sep 1975) Tape roll 7 features summit exchange. 1 folder. PFN none given

CBO/01/08/07 Lectures and Receptions
Series level, 2 folders

Feb 1975 - Aug 1976

CBO/01/08/07/01 Correspondence re organising of lectures, including those held in provincial centres, and invitation lists for Royal Festival Hall Lecture and visit to 10 Downing Street. 2 folders. PFN EVE 75 Comms, food, Lectures, media, packaging, photography & advertising

- a. 1975
- b. 1976

CBO/01/08/08 Personal accounts
Series level, 1 folder

Jun – Sep 1975

CBO/01/08/08/01 Dr C Clarke, diary (01.06.1975-14.09.1975)

CBO/01/08/08/02 Adrian Gordon, letter to parents and others from Bonington (14.09.1975)

CBO/01/08/08/03 Chris Ralling, transcript of audio diary with introduction (02.08.1975-28.08.1975)

CBO/01/08/08/04 Ronnie Richards, in letter format (31.08.1975-22.09.1975)

CBO/01/08/09 Associated material
Series level, 1 folder

Sept 1971-Jan 1979

CBO/01/08/09/01 Details of Mount Everest Expedition 1976 by British Army Mountaineering Association and the Royal Nepalese Army including correspondence & newsletters. PFN FENV EVE 75 AMA Expedition

CBO/01/08/09/02 "Everest the Hard Way – The climb to achievement" Seven short A/V modules demonstrating the comparisons between a successful mountaineering expedition and a successful approach to business. Edited by Suzan St.Maur, n.d

CBO/01/08/09/03 "Everest the Hard Way - A computer simulation by Andrew Wilson, 1978

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/09

Title: Mt Brammah Expedition

Date(s): 1973-1976

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: One folder

Context

Name of creator: Estcourt | Nicholas John

Administrative/Biographical history

Brammah Peak, (21,030ft/6416m) positioned in the Kishtwar Himalaya, India. Bonington and Estcourt were able to join an Indian expedition which also featured members of the Changabang expedition team, namely Balwant Sandhu, Ujagar Singh and Tashi Chewang. Bonington and Estcourt made the first ascent on the 24th August 1973, an Alpine-style ascent via the South Ridge.

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Papers and correspondence re expedition to climb Brammah Peak.

Allied Materials

Related units of description:

CBO/11/15 Personal Accounts - **CLOSED**

Access Points

Subject terms:

Brammah
Kishtwar Himalaya

Personal names:

Estcourt, Nicholas John (1942-1978)
Sandhu, Balwant (Balu) (1934-2011)
Singh, Ujagar
Chewang, Tashi

Catalogue

CBO/01/09/01 Expedition papers
Series level, 1 folder

May 1973-Mar 1976

Includes details of earlier expeditions used for research, namely Cambridge – Indian Kishtwar Expedition (1965); Kishtwar Himalayan expedition (1971) – both of which include Dr Charles Clarke and the British Women's Himalayan Expedition (1970). Also mention of photographic sponsorship. PFN Kishtwar

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/10

Title: Ramjak Kishtwar Expedition

Date(s): 1976-1977

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: One folder

Context

Administrative/Biographical history:

An application was made to the Indian Mountaineering Federation to climb Ramjak, positioned in the Kishtwar Himalaya, India. When this permission was refused, Bonington and Richards focused their efforts on Tramkhan (Point 6001m) and Katori (Point 6138m) by Alpine-style ascent, both of which failed due to deteriorating weather conditions.

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Papers and correspondence relating to proposed and actual expeditions to the Kishtwar Himalaya.

Access Points

Subject terms:

Ramjak
Kishtwar Himalaya

Personal names:

Richards, Ronald F J (Ronnie) (1945-)

Catalogue

CBO/01/10/01

Series level, 1 folder

May 1976-Jan1977

Papers, maps and correspondence re expedition to climb Ramjak, Tramkhan (Point 6001m) and Katori (Point 6138m). PFN Ramjak

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/11

Title: The British Ogre Himalayan Expedition 1977

Date(s): 1975-1980

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: Three folders

Context

Administrative/Biographical history:

The British Ogre Himalayan Expedition 1977 was supported by The British Mountaineering Council and The Mount Everest Foundation. Lord Hunt of Llanvair Waterdine was its patron. Doug Scott initiated the expedition inviting Mo Anthoine, Chris Bonington, Paul Braithwaite, Dr. Charles Clarke (who stepped down for personal reasons), Dougal Haston (tragically killed in a ski-ing accident in January 1977 and replaced by Nick Estcourt) and Clive Rowland to join him. The Ogre, (23,900ft/7,285m) is located in the Karakorum Himalaya, Northern Pakistan. Following a successful first ascent by Scott and Bonington at 19.00 hours on 13th July 1977 the descent proved to be a seven day epic with Scott suffering from two broken legs, thus having to crawl back to Base Camp; Bonington cracked three ribs (resulting in pneumonia) and injured his left hand in another fall. The situation was exacerbated by a savage storm which lasted four days plus five days without food for the four expedition members (inc Anthoine & Rowlands) trying to get back to Base Camp.

Chris Bonington has published details about this expedition in the third volume of his autobiography "The Everest Years" (Hodder & Stoughton) 1986.

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Correspondence and papers concerned with the expedition to the Ogre covering finance (1976-1980), logistics (1976-1980), PR/Media & photographic (1977-1980) and awarding of Victoria Sporting Club Award for Valour (1978) equipment and supplies (1976-1978) and general correspondence (1975-1978).

Allied Materials

Related units of description: CBO/02/08 draft mss for The Everest Years

CBO/03/12 Scrapbook compiled by Helen Bonington

CBO/11/19 Personal Accounts - **CLOSED**

Entry 289 – rib fragment

Border TV produced "The Ogre nearly ate us" in 1977. (BFI)

Mo Anthoine reportedly filmed footage for the BBC.

Access Points

Subject terms:

Ogre

Personal names:

Anthoine, Julian Vincent (1939-1989) known as "Mo"

Braithwaite, Paul (1946-), known as Tut
Clarke, Dr Charles Richard Astley (1944-)
Estcourt, Nicholas John (1942-1978)
Rowland, Clive (1943-)
Scott, Douglas Keith (1941-)

Catalogue

CBO/01/11/01 Finance, Logistics, Media/PR/Publicity Series level, 1 folder

May 1976-Sept 1980

CBO/01/11/01/01 Papers and correspondence re financing of expedition with Barclays Bank, contract with Pakistan International Airlines and insurance claim. Original order maintained. (Dec 1976-Sept 1980) PFN British Ogre Expedition 1977 inc. Victoria Sporting Club Award.

CBO/01/11/01/02 Papers and correspondence re logistics of expedition with Pakistan International Airlines, Original order maintained. (Dec 1976-Sept 1980) PFN British Ogre Expedition 1977 inc. Victoria Sporting Club Award.

CBO/01/11/01/03 Papers and correspondence re supply of photographic transparencies and involvement in Bovril television commercial and press cuttings. Original order maintained. (Jan 1977-Apr 1980) PFN British Ogre Expedition 1977 inc. Victoria Sporting Club Award.

CBO/01/11/01/04 Papers and correspondence re controversy surrounding awarding of the Victoria Sporting Club Award for Valour and its refusal by Doug Scott. Original order maintained. (Feb-Apr 1978) PFN British Ogre Expedition 1977 inc. Victoria Sporting Club Award.

CBO/01/11/02 Equipment and supplies Series level, 1 folder

Apr1976-Mar 1978

CBO/01/11/02/01 Papers and correspondence concerning equipment and provisions extracted from file above. Correspondents include Paul "Tut" Braithwaite and Dr. Charles Clarke. (May 1977-Feb 1978) PFN British Ogre Expedition 1977 inc. Victoria Sporting Club Award.

CBO/01/11/02/02 Correspondence with equipment suppliers re sourcing of specific kit and thanks for same. Nick Estcourt was responsible for this element. (Apr 1976-Sep 1977) Created by N Estcourt. PFN Ogre General.

CBO/01/11/02/03 Correspondence re supplying of provisions. Dr Charles Clarke was responsible for this element. (Dec 1976-Apr 1977) Created by Dr C Clarke. PFN Ogre food Misc

CBO/01/11/03 General Correspondence Series level, 1 folder

1975-Aug 1978

Includes papers and correspondence between expedition team, with well-wishers, British Embassy and the Alpine Club of Pakistan. Also includes background information on previous Japanese expedition (1975) and detailed articles about the British expedition.

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/12

Title: Everest Trek 1978

Date(s): 1977-1979

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: One folder

Context

Administrative/Biographical history

Proposed undertaking to organise a commercial trek to coincide with Silver Jubilee of first ascent of Everest. Due to commitments of upcoming K2 expedition, the idea was shelved.

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Correspondence with Travel organisations and map of the Mount Everest region.

Access Points

Subject terms:

Everest, Mount
Hiking

Catalogue

CBO/01/12 General Correspondence
Series level, 1 folder

May 1977-Feb 1979

Papers, brochures and correspondence with Mountain Travel and Sherpa Co-operative Trekking Ltd. PFN Everest Trek 1978 – Initial plans.

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/13

Title: British K2 Expedition 1978

Date(s): 1976-1981

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: Three boxes

Context

Administrative/Biographical history

K2 (28,253 ft/8611m) located in the Karakorum of North Pakistan was attempted via the West Ridge with a small team of 8 climbers and 2 high altitude porters. Base camp was established on 02/06/1978. The expedition suffered an early tragedy when Nick Estcourt was killed in an avalanche whilst ferrying loads between Camp 1 and Camp 2 on 12/06/1978. The expedition was abandoned as a result of this. Lord John Hunt acted as patron.

Sponsorship of £25,000 was agreed by LRC International, Tony Robinson and Andy Hayman joined the team on the approach as representatives of LRC. Following the unsuccessful outcome, this amount was reduced to £10,000.

A film documentary was made by Chameleon Productions Ltd (Alan Jewitt and Chris Lister).

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Committee papers and initial planning (1976-1978), Finance (1976-1981), Logistics (1977-1980), Equipment and Supplies (1977-1979), General Correspondence (1976-1981), Media PR/Publicity (1977-1979), Lectures (1977-1979), Diary (1978) and Associated Material (1976-1979).

Condition of Access and Use of Area

Language: English, Polish, Russian

Allied Materials

Related units of description:

CBO/03/12 – Scrapbook compiled by H Bonington

CBO/11/15, 20 and 21 Personal Accounts - **CLOSED**

Access Points

Subject terms:

K2

Personal names:

Boardman, Peter David (1950-1982)

Braithwaite, Paul (1946-), known as Tut

Duff, Dr James McGregor (1947-?)

Estcourt, Nicholas John (1942-1978)

Riley, Anthony Gerard Damien (1942-), known as Tony
Scott, Douglas Keith (1941-)
Tasker, Joseph Thomas (1948-1982)

Catalogue

CBO/01/13/01 Committee papers and initial planning **Series level, 2 folders**

Aug 1976-Sept 1978

CBO/01/13/01/01 Minutes, agendas, newsletters and associated papers and correspondence of the management committee (Sept 1976-Sept 1978), 1 folder. PFN K2 78 Meetings Agendas & Minutes, Newsletters

CBO/01/13/01/02 Proposals, notes, correspondence and background information. Also includes team members information. (Aug 1976-May 1978), 1 folder. PFN K2 Planning proposals and background.

CBO/01/13/02 Finance **Series level, 4 folders**

Dec 1976-Jan 1981

CBO/01/13/02/01 Correspondence re formation of a Ltd company, cash flow forecasts, insurance provision, provisional budgets and covering shortfall due to unsuccessful outcome. (Dec 1976-Aug 1980), 1 folder. PFN K2 78 Finance

CBO/01/13/02/02 Correspondence with and regarding potential sponsors. (Sep 1977-Jun 1978), 1 folder. PFN K2 78 Sponsorship

CBO/01/13/02/03 Correspondence re sponsorship from LRC International. (Mar 1978-Apr 1979), 1 folder. PFN K2 78 Main Sponsors LRC Int.

CBO/01/13/02/04 Memorandum and Articles of Association, correspondence and contracts re media coverage involving sponsors. (Feb 1978-Jan 1981), 1 folder. PFN K2 78 Contract.

CBO/01/13/03 Logistics **Series level, 1 folder**

1977-1980

Data re logistics using IBM computer, maps, notes, calculation of equipment weights and porters and vehicle manifests. Original order maintained. PFN K2 planning plus.

CBO/01/13/04 Equipment and Supplies **Series level, 4 folders**

Aug 1976-Nov 1979

CBO/01/13/04/01 List of gear requirements and allocation of kit, correspondence between expedition team members and with manufacturers re obtaining kit, letters of condolence plus post-expedition thank-you letters referring to transparencies sent. (May 1977-Feb 1979). 1 folder. PFN K2 Equipment correspondence.

CBO/01/13/04/02 Correspondence and articles re provision of oxygen and associated equipment. Also includes correspondence with American K2 Expedition leader Jim Whittaker (May 1977-Nov 1979). 1 folder. PFN K2 78 Oxygen.

CBO/01/13/04/03 Correspondence re research into and acquisition of radio equipment (Sep 77-Aug 1979). 1 folder. PFN none – hanging file

CBO/01/13/04/04 Lists of food requirements and rations, correspondence with suppliers in respect of obtaining provisions and thank-you letters sent thereafter. (Aug 1976-May 1979). 1 folder. PFN K2 Food Info, Correspondence & ration lists.

CBO/01/13/05 General Correspondence
Series level, 3 folders

Feb 1976-Aug 1981

CBO/01/13/05/01 Correspondence with British Foreign and Commonwealth Office, British Embassy, Islamabad and Mount Everest Foundation. (Feb 1976-Jul 1978). 1 folder. PFN K2 78 British F.O.

CBO/01/13/05/02 Correspondence with potential and finally selected expedition team members inc Dougal Haston and Jim Curran (Feb 1976-Feb 1979). 1 folder. PFN K2 78 Team Members Corresp.

CBO/01/13/05/03 Correspondence with Pakistani Authorities and other agencies in Pakistan also includes applications for permit and correspondence with potential Pakistani team members (Apr 1976-Aug 1981). 1 folder. PFN None.

CBO/01/13/06 Media PR/Publicity
Series level, 3 folders

Jan 1977-Mar 1979

CBO/01/13/06/01 Correspondence with media agencies including reports and articles for publication. (Jan 1977-Jan 1979). 1 folder. PFN K2 Media File.

CBO/01/13/06/02 Correspondence and drafts re publicity material such as signed brochure (Bonington) and posters. (Jan-Mar 1978). 1 folder. PFN None.

CBO/01/13/06/03 Press cuttings as compiled by press agency Romeike & Curtice from local and national press coverage. (Apr 1978-Mar 1979). 1 folder. PFN K2 1978 Press Cuttings

CBO/01/13/07 Lectures
Series level, 1 folder

Dec 1977-Mar 1979

Correspondence and papers re post expedition lecture tour. PFN K2 1978 Lectures.

CBO/01/13/08 Diaries
Series level, 1 folder

May – Jul 1978

CBO/01/13/08/01 Transcript of K2 audio tape diary. PFN K2 Media File (May-Jun 1978)

CBO/01/13/08/02 Diary re British K2 expedition written by Pete Boardman (06.05.1978-04.07.1978)

CBO/01/13/09 Associated Material
Series level, 1 folder

Mar 1976-Jan 1979

Correspondence and information concerning the American K2 Expedition. PFN K2 78 American Exp.

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/14

Title: British Kang Taiga Expedition 1979

Date(s): 1979

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: One folder

Context

Administrative/Biographical history

Sir Chris Bonington, as appointed Leader, was involved in the preparations for an expedition to Kang Taiga but subsequently withdrew. His place as Leader was taken by Rab Carrington, a member of the existing expedition team. The other members were Brian Hall and Alan Rouse. Unfortunately the expedition did not achieve its goal.

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Correspondence re withdrawal from expedition to Kang Taiga.

Access Points

Subject terms:

Kang Taiga

Catalogue

CBO/01/14 General Correspondence

May-Dec 1979

Series level, 1 folder

Papers and correspondence concerning Bonington's withdrawal from the expedition. PFN None

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/15

Title: British Mount Kongur Expedition 1981

Date(s): 1979-1982

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: Three boxes

Context

Administrative/Biographical history

Mount Kongur (25,325ft/7719m) is located in Western Xinjiang, China. The expedition was preceded by a reconnaissance trip undertaken by Bonington, Rouse and Ward in 1980. The trip was initiated by the Mount Everest Foundation as the Chinese Mountaineering Association had only recently opened this area to foreigners.

Chris Bonington, was appointed Climbing Leader whilst Dr Michael Ward was Expedition Leader as the trip had two objectives, climbing and scientific. Out of a team of ten, only four, Bonington, together with Boardman, Rouse and Tasker made the first ascent in Alpine Style on 12th July 1981.

The expedition was organised by the Mount Everest Foundation. Sponsorship was provided by a large company with strong Chinese interests, namely Jardine Matheson & Co. Ltd of Hong Kong.

A different type of oxygen system was used as emergency back up on a trial-run basis. As it performed well, this system was subsequently used on the Mount Everest Expedition 1982.

A book was published about this expedition in 1982, Kongur: China's Elusive Summit (Hodder and Stoughton)

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Committee Papers and initial planning (1979-1982), Finance (1979-1982) Logistics (1980-1982), Equipment & supplies (1980-1984), General Correspondence (1979-1983), Media/PR/Publicity (1980-1982), Lectures (1980-1982), Diaries (1980-1982), Associated material (1980).

Condition of Access and Use of Area

Language: English, Chinese

Allied Materials

Related units of description:

CBO/01/08/02/01 Cash Book

CBO/03/13 Scrapbook compiled by H Bonington

CBO/02/06 Book - Kongur: China's Elusive Summit

CBO/10/04 Mountain medicine

CBO/11/22-23 Personal Accounts - **CLOSED**

Papers of Dr James Milledge - <http://www.oac.cdlib.org/data/13030/ft/tf1z09n8ft/files/tf1z09n8ft.pdf>

Access Points

Subject terms:

Kongur

Personal names:

Boardman, Peter David (1950-1982)

Clarke, Dr Charles Richard Astley (1944-)

Curran, James Alan (1943-)

Milledge, Dr James, Expedition Doctor (1930-)

Rouse, Alan Paul (1951-1986)

Tasker, Joseph Thomas (1948-1982)

Ward, Michael Phelps (1925-2005) Expedition Leader

Williams, Professor Edward S (1923/1924 -)

Wilson, David Clive (1935-) Baron Wilson of Tillyorn, Political advisor to the Governor of Hong Kong

Catalogue

CBO/01/15/01 Committee Papers and initial planning Series level, 2 folders

Nov 1979 – Feb 1982

CBO/01/15/01/01 Agendas, Minutes and papers re Mount Everest Federation China Sub-Committee and Mount Everest Foundation Kongur Committee. Members of the latter were Sir Douglas Busk (Chairman), Lord Hunt, Chris Bonington, Dennis Gray, George Greenfield, Martin Henderson, Michael Ward and Dr Charles Clarke (Secretary) (Nov 1979-Feb 1982) 1 folder. PFN Mt Kongur Exp 1981 MEF China sub committee

CBO/01/15/01/02 Papers and correspondence including Reconnaissance reports, team lists, Chinese personnel, Chinese Letter of endorsement, plan of activities and base map (Mar 1980-Sep 1981) 1 folder. PFN Mt Kongur Exp 1981 Activities and programme

CBO/01/15/01/03 Background research material comprising articles and data (n.d) 1 folder.

CBO/01/15/02 Finance Series level, 2 folders

Nov 1979 – Dec 1982

CBO/01/15/02/01 Budgets, expense accounts, statement of expenditure (Nov 1979-Feb 1982) 1 folder. PFN Budgets

CBO/01/15/02/02 Cash book (Feb 1980-Dec 1982) [Previously used for Everest Expedition 1972].

CBO/01/15/03 Logistics Series level, 1 folder

May 1980 – Sep 1982

Papers re travel arrangements and air freighting of equipment. PFN Travel arrangements, air freight.

CBO/01/15/04 Equipment & supplies Series level, 5 folders

Feb 1980 – Oct 1984

CBO/01/15/04/01 Lists detailing gear (medical, climbing, personal and scientific) and provisions required, items to be shipped in from Hong Kong, vital statistics of team members. (Sep 1980-Jun 1982) 1 folder. PFN Mt Kongur Exp 1981 Equipment and provisions.

CBO/01/15/04/02 Correspondence with Adrian Gordon amongst others re supply of equipment from Hong Kong (Feb 1980-Apr 1981) 1 folder. PFN Mt Kongur Exp 1981 Adrian Gordon

CBO/01/15/04/03 Correspondence with suppliers before and after the expedition (Feb 1980-Oct 1981) 1 folder. PFN Mt Kongur Exp 1981 Suppliers.

- a. Alphabetical order (A-O)
- b. Alphabetical order (P-Z)

CBO/01/15/04/04 Lists detailing provisions required (Aug 1980-Sep 1981) 1 folder. PFN Mt Kongur Exp 1981 Food.

CBO/01/15/05 General Correspondence
Series level, 6 folders

Dec 1979 – Apr 1983

CBO/01/15/05/01 Reports, articles and correspondence about earlier expeditions, communications with British Embassy, Peking, letters of congratulations and two newsletters published by Great Britain-China Centre (No 15 contains an article by Dr Ward). (Feb 1980-Nov 1982) 1 folder. PFN Mt Kongur Exp 1981 Background info & congratulations.

CBO/01/15/05/02a Correspondence with Jardine Matheson & Co Ltd in London (Apr 1980-Oct 1982) 1 folder. PFN Mt Kongur Exp 1981 Jardines – Hong Kong & Peking.

CBO/01/15/05/02b Correspondence with Jardine Matheson & Co Ltd in Hong Kong & Peking (May 1980-Nov 1981) 1 folder. PFN Mt Kongur Exp 1981 Jardines – Hong Kong & Peking.

CBO/01/15/05/02c Correspondence with Jardine Matheson & Co Ltd in Japan (May 1980-Nov 1982) 1 folder. PFN Mt Kongur Exp 1981 Jardines Japan

CBO/01/15/05/03 Correspondence with team members before and after the expedition including Chinese personnel (Dec 1979-Apr 1983) 1 folder. PFN Mt Kongur Exp 1981 Team correspondence

CBO/01/15/05/04 Correspondence and programmes for visit of three Chinese scientists to the UK. (Sept 1980-Feb 1981) 1 folder. PFN Mt Kongur Exp 1981 visit of Chinese scientists

CBO/01/15/06 Media/PR/Publicity
Series level, 6 folders

Mar 1980 – Nov 1982

CBO/01/15/06/01 Correspondence with Kodak and other organisations re expedition photography and images produced, details of images supplied for advertising purposes, captions for prints and correspondence re exhibition at Brewery Arts Centre, Kendal (Apr 1980-Nov 1982) 1 folder. PFN Mt Kongur Exp 1981 Photography and Pictures (combined).

CBO/01/15/06/02 Correspondence with news agencies and literary agents re media coverage, television and book rights and production of Kongur film; articles written by Boardman, Rouse and Tasker, news cuttings from Chinese Press (Mar 1980-Dec 1981) 1 folder. PFN Mt Kongur Exp 1981 Media.

CBO/01/15/06/03 Correspondence, Public Relations programme, guest list for reception at 10 Downing Street, suppliers list for postcard mailing (Apr 1980-Feb 1981) 1 folder. PFN Mt Kongur Exp 1981 PR.

CBO/01/15/06/04 Correspondence and drafts re brochure production plus final published items. (Mar 1980-Aug 1981) 1 folder. PFN Mt Kongur Exp 1981 Brochure.

CBO/01/15/06/05 Press cuttings collated by Jardines Press Agency into a bound file (Mar 1980-Jul 1981) 1 folder. PFN Mt Kongur Exp 1981 Press clippings.

CBO/01/15/06/06 Press cuttings compiled by Romeike & Curtice from local and national press re publication of book (Sep-Nov 1982) 1 folder. PFN None.

CBO/01/15/07 Lectures
Series level, 1 folder

Apr 1980 – Feb 1982

Correspondence re arrangements and venues for lecture tour, transcript for lecture, preparatory notes plus post-lecture communications. PFN Mt Kongur Exp 1981 Lectures.

CBO/01/15/08 Diaries
Series level, 3 folders

May 1980 – Mar 1982

CBO/01/15/08/01 Diaries and letters written by team members or transcribed from taped reports whilst on expedition (Charles Clarke - access granted, Jim Milledge – access granted, Mike Ward – access granted, David Wilson – access granted). Some letters to and from Chris Bonington prior to expedition. Also includes some magazine articles. (May 1980-Mar 1982) 1 folder. PFN Mt Kongur Exp 1981 Letters and diaries.

CBO/01/15/08/02 Diary transcript of Chris Bonington re reconnaissance trip (1-9th Jun 1980) 1 folder. PFN None.

CBO/01/15/08/03 Peter Boardman's typed diary of expedition (10 May-20 Aug 1981) 1 folder. PFN Mt Kongur Exp 1981 Letters and diaries – Pete's diaries.

CBO/01/15/09 Associated material
Series level, 1 folder

Oct 1980

Details of Thomas Cook escorted expedition to Kashgar and Base Camps of Mt Kongur and Mt Bogda. PFN None

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/16

Title: The British Mount Everest Expedition to China

Date(s): 1980-1996

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: Three Boxes

Context

Administrative/Biographical history

The objective of the 1982 expedition was to make an attempt via the unclimbed East North East ridge by a small six man team, comprising Peter Boardman, Chris Bonington, Dick Renshaw, Joseph Tasker and Dr Charles Clarke as Expedition Manager and Adrian Gordon as Base Camp Manager. The attempt was made without oxygen. The expedition also included a trekking party comprised of personnel connected with the expedition in a variety of positions and/or relationships. The expedition was funded by Jardine Matheson & Co Ltd Hong Kong. The expedition was halted following the disappearance of Peter Boardman and Joseph Tasker during an attempt in May 1982.

'Everest – The Unclimbed Ridge' by Chris Bonington and Charles Clarke was published by Hodder and Stoughton, 1983.

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Papers and correspondence in respect of expedition, planning and background (1980-1982), Finance (1981-1982), Logistics (1980-1983), Equipment (1980-1984), General Correspondence (1981-1984), Media, PR & Publicity (1980-1988), Lectures (1982-1983), Diaries (1982-1983), Reports on the disappearance of Boardman and Tasker (1982-1996) and Associated Material (1982).

Allied Materials

Related units of description:

TAS – Joe Tasker Archive

CBO/03/13-14 scrapbooks compiled by H Bonington

CBO/11/24-26 Personal Accounts - **CLOSED**

Access Points

Subject terms:

Everest, Mount

Personal names:

Boardman, Peter David (1950-1982)

Clarke, Dr Charles Richard Astley (1944-)

Gordon, Adrian C S (1947-)

Renshaw, Richard Michael (Dick) (1950-)

Tasker, Joseph Thomas (1948-1982)

Catalogue

CBO/01/16/01 Planning & background **Series level, 2 folders**

Nov 1980-Jun 1982

CBO/01/16/01/01 Planning programme for expedition, regulations for foreign mountaineers and Protocol issued by Chinese Mountaineering Association, details covering science, medicine and altitude. 1 folder (Nov 1980-Feb 1982) PFN Everest '82, Initial planning & concept programme.

CBO/01/16/01/02 Expedition Reports, Nos 1-6 (incomplete) 1 folder (Sep 1981- June 1982) PFN. none

CBO/01/16/02 Finance **Series level, 1 folder**

May 1981-Oct 1982

Papers concerned with budgets and financial information. PFN Everest '82 – Budgets.

CBO/01/16/03 Logistics **Series level, 1 folder**

Jul 1980-Aug 1983

Correspondence and papers re travel information for expedition members and transportation of equipment. PFN Everest '82 Travel info; Transport & Air Freight.

CBO/01/16/04 Equipment **Series level, 3 folders**

Feb 1980-Mar 1984

CBO/01/16/04/01 Details of equipment used by climbers, packing lists of equipment for transportation, general correspondence re organising supply of equipment and with French military re oxygen equipment (Feb 1981-Jan 1983). 1 folder. PFN Everest '82 Equipment & Oxygen.

CBO/01/16/04/02 Correspondence with Suppliers, 2 folders. PFN Everest '82 Suppliers A-L & M-Z.

- a. A-L
- b. M-Z

CBO/01/16/05 General Correspondence **Series level, 3 folders**

Aug 1981-Jun 1984

CBO/01/16/05/01 Correspondence with team members including statutory declaration of events surrounding death of Peter Boardman and Joe Tasker, transcript of message received by Louise Wilson on 4th June, (Aug 1981-June 1984) 1 folder. PFN Everest'82 Karun Koh, Shivling

CBO/01/16/05/02 David Matthews' report on Tibet, correspondence amongst expedition personnel, expedition agreement signed by team members (Jan-May 1982). 1 folder. PFN Everest '82 Expedition correspondence.

CBO/01/16/05/03 Details of and communication with Everest trekking party. (Nov 1981-Jul 1982) 1 folder. PFN Everest '82 Trekking Party

CBO/01/16/06 Media/PR/Publicity
Series level, 8 folders

Dec 1980-Sep 1988

CBO/01/16/06/01 Drafts of expedition report and correspondence re brochure (Oct 1981-Jun 1982) 1 folder. PFN Everest'82, Karun Koh, Shivling.

CBO/01/16/06/02 Press releases and reports for circulation to the media. (Dec 1981-Jun 1982) 1 folder. PFN Everest'82, Press clippings and release.

CBO/01/16/06/03 Correspondence re transparencies. (Dec 1980-Aug1982) 1 folder. PFN Everest'82, Photographic

CBO/01/16/06/04 Photographs of expedition and Mount Everest. (?-1982) 1 folder. PFN Everest'82, Photographic plastic file.

CBO/01/16/06/05 Correspondence pre and post making of film "Everest – The Unclimbed Ridge" includes copy of contract, script and budget.. (Jul 1982-Jul 1983) 1 folder. PFN Everest'82, Film.

CBO/01/16/06/06 Correspondence re media activity, press cuttings, transcript of BBC R4 'Everest' broadcast. (Dec 81-Jan 1985). 1 folder. PFN Everest'82, Press clippings.

CBO/01/16/06/07 Press cuttings - photocopies. (Sep 81-Jun 1982) 1 folder. PFN Everest'82, Press clippings.

CBO/01/16/06/08 Press cuttings from the Xinhua News agency, others from China Daily and similar press. (1983-1988). 1 folder. PFN Everest'82, China Notes.

CBO/01/16/07 Lectures
Series level, 1 folder

May 1982-Aug 1983

Correspondence re proposal to provide an illustrated lecture for The Calvert Trust. PFN Everest'82 lectures.

CBO/01/16/08 Diaries
Series level, 1 folder

Mar 1982-Feb 1983

Diaries of Pete Boardman (Feb-May 1982), Chris Bonington (Mar-May 1982) Charles Clarke (Mar-May 1982), Adrian Gordon (May 1982), Dick Renshaw (May 1982) and Joe Tasker (Mar-May 1982) – permission granted plus letters written by Secretary Louise Wilson to Chris Bonington. PFN Everest'82 Karun Koh, Shivling.

CBO/01/16/09 Disappearance of Peter Boardman and Joseph Tasker
Series level, 3 folders

Jun 1982-1996

CBO/01/16/09/01 Letters of sympathy from suppliers, public bodies and individuals; tributes and details of memorial services (Jun – Dec 1982) 1 folder. PFN Everest'82 Letters of sympathy

CBO/01/16/09/02 Correspondence, photographs and reports re potential sightings of Boardman and Tasker by Don Goodman on the Ultima Thule Mount Everest Expedition, 1984. (Dec 1982-Nov 1985). 1 folder. PFN Everest'82 Karun Koh, Shivling, Don Goodman sighting

CBO/01/16/09/03 Correspondence, photographs and reports of sightings and eventual discovery of Boardman and Tasker by other expedition personnel including Russell Brice and Valeri Kritchtchaty. (1984-1996). 1 folder. PFN Everest'82 Pete & Joe.

CBO/01/16/10 Associated material
Series level, 1 folder

1982

A collection of 13 audio cassettes which are episodic recordings of a radio programme broadcast re the Canadian Mount Everest Expedition, 1982 sponsored by Air Canada. Running time 3hrs 15 mins.

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/17

Title: Antarctica 1983 Expedition

Date(s): 1982-1986

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: One folder

Context

Administrative/Biographical history

Chris Bonington was invited by Frank Wells and Dick Bass to join them on the "Seven Summits Odyssey", an undertaking to climb the highest peaks on each of the seven continents. The objective on Antarctica was Mount Vinson (16,860ft/5140m). A DC3 built in 1942, one of the few planes able to withstand the climatic conditions, was chartered and piloted by Giles Kershaw. The climbing team consisted of seven. In addition to those already named were Rick Ridgeway, Steve Matz, Yuichiro Miura and Taijairo Maeda.

The summit was reached by Bonington on 22nd November 1983 at 17.00. The other team members summited on 30th November.

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Papers and correspondence in respect of expedition to Antarctica and proposals for trip to South Georgia.

Allied Materials

Related units of description:

CBO/11/28-29 Personal Accounts - **CLOSED**

Access Points

Subject terms:

Antarctica

Mount Vinson

South Georgia

Personal names:

Bass, Richard (1929-?), known as Dick

Maeda, Taijiro

Miura, Yuichiro

Ridgeway, Rick

Matz, Steve

Wells, Frank (1932-1994)

Catalogue

CBO/01/17/01 Expedition Papers
Series level, 1 folder

Oct 1982 – May 1986

Correspondence and documents relating to Mount Vinson expedition including material on “Seven Summits”. Includes correspondence re opportunity to assess potential for expedition to South Georgia. 1 folder. PFN Expeditions:- Antarctica, South Georgia, Changabang accts.

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/18

Title: Gangotri Expedition 1983

Date(s): 1936-1984

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: Three folders

Context

Administrative/Biographical history:

An alpine first ascent of the West summit of Shivling by its the South East ridge was completed by Chris Bonington and Jim Fotheringham. They had originally planned to attempt the East face of the Kedarnath Dome but decided it was too steep, big and hard. The expedition took place following The Himalayan Mountaineering and Tourism Meet 27-29 August 1983 at which Bonington spoke.

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Papers and correspondence in respect of expedition.

Allied Materials

Related units of description:

CBO/11/27 Personal Accounts - **CLOSED**

Access Points

Subject terms:

Gangotri
Shivling

Personal names:

Fotheringham, James F C (1952-)

Catalogue

CBO/01/18/01 Expedition Papers
Series level, 2 folders

1936, Dec 1982–Nov 1984

CBO/01/18/01/01 Correspondence with Indian Mountaineering Foundation, Air India and other associated bodies re organising of visit to participate in the Himalayan Mountaineering and Tourism Meet. (Dec 1982 – Nov 1984) 1 folder. PFN Everest'82, Karun Koh, Shivling.

CBO/01/18/01/02 Correspondence, reports, photographs (c.1936 from unknown source), maps, rough notes detailing logistical information, details from applications of other parties to climb in this area and some financial information. (1936, Aug-Sep 1983) 1 folder. PFN None

CBO/01/18/02 Equipment
Series level, 1 folder

May 1983-Feb 1984

Correspondence with suppliers of equipment and provisions, lists of equipment to be taken. PFN Everest'82, Karun Koh, Shivling.

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/19

Title: Pakistan British Karun Koh Expedition 1984

Date(s): 1981-1985

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: Three folders

Context

Administrative/Biographical history

General Mirza of the Pakistan Alpine Club invited Chris Bonington and Al Rouse to join two Pakistani climbers, Major Ikram Ahmed Khan and Maqusood Ahmed, to climb Karun Koh (7350m). This mountain was reserved for native mountaineers only. Unfortunately bad weather halted the attempt.

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Papers and correspondence in respect of expedition.

Access Points

Subject terms:

Karun Koh

Personal names:

Ahmed, Maqusood

Khan, Major Ikram Ahmed

Rouse, Alan Paul (1951-1986)

Catalogue

CBO/01/19/01 Planning and Logistics
Series level, 1 folder

Mar 1981–May 1984

Papers, maps, equipment and provisions list, budgetary and logistical information and photographs. PFN None

CBO/01/19/02 Correspondence
Series level, 2 folders

Feb 1982–Sep 1985

CBO/01/19/02a Correspondence with equipment suppliers (Mar-Jun 1981), requests for material for articles on Karun Koh and surrounding area (Oct 1982-Feb 1984), with Al Rouse, Himalayan Club in Switzerland and Mount Everest Foundation re funding (Feb 1982-Sep 1985), PFN Ex CBO/01/13 Box 2

CBO/01/19/02b Correspondence with Pakistani team members (Mar 1984-Feb 1985), and with Pakistani authorities (Feb 1982-Feb 1985), PFN None

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/20

Title: Ulugh Mustagh Expedition

Date(s): 1985

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: One folder

Context

Administrative/Biographical history

In respect of this expedition Chris Bonington was to be involved solely as a climber. The leader was Mark Salter and Mal Duff was Deputy Leader together with Bob Maddox. The other team members were Lucy Gilbert (Treasurer), Chris Chadwell (Biologist), Adrian Clifford (Doctor) with Chris Watts and Allen Fyffe also participating as climbers. It would appear that due to a lack of funding the expedition was cancelled.

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Papers and correspondence in respect of expedition.

Access Points

Subject terms:

Ulugh Mustagh

Personal names:

Duff, Mal (1953-1997)

Catalogue

CBO/01/19/01 Expedition papers
Series level, 1 folder

Apr-Oct 1985

Draft notes and papers on the 48 Group (British traders with China), pinpointed as potential suppliers, bulletins and correspondence with team members, particularly Mal Duff (Deputy Leader).

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/21

Title: Norwegian Everest Expedition 1985

Date(s): 1983-1987

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: One Box

Context

Administrative/Biographical history

The objective of the 1985 expedition was to climb Everest via the South East ridge.

The initial summit attempt was unsuccessful, but Bonington was part of the second attempt and reached the summit of Mount Everest for the first time in his career.

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Papers and correspondence in respect of expedition, planning and background (1984-1985), Logistics (1984), Equipment (1984-1985), General Correspondence (1983-1987), Media, PR & Publicity (1985-1986).

Condition of Access and Use of Area

Language: English, Norwegian

Allied Materials

Related units of description:

CBO/11/37 Personal Accounts - **CLOSED**

Access Points

Subject terms:

Everest, Mount

Personal names:

Aasheim, Stein P (1951-)

Einang, Ola (1946-)

Eliassen, Odd (1944-)

Høibakk, Ralph

Larsson, Christian

Lund, Bjørn Myrer- (1952-)

Naess, Arne

Nesheim, Håvard (1956-)

Pertemba

Stokke, Kjell Torgeir

Catalogue

CBO/01/21/01 Planning and background **Series level, 2 folders**

Jan 1984-Apr 1985

CBO/01/21/01/01 Lists and correspondence re various aspects of planning. Includes Diary of events. (Jan-May 1984) 1 folder. PFN Everest 1985, All Files, Lists and planning

CBO/01/21/01/02 Information on team members and Sherpa personnel. (Mar 1984- April 1983) 1 folder. PFN Everest 1985, All Files, Team Members info

CBO/01/21/02 Logistics **Series level, 1 folder**

Feb 1984-Oct 1984

Correspondence and papers re planning briefs, logistics and computer-based calculations. PFN Everest 1985, All Files, Logistics

CBO/01/21/03 Equipment and Supplies **Series level, 1 folder**

Feb 1984 – Jan 1985

Details of equipment used by climbers, food menus, nutrition advice and medical supplies. PFN Everest 1985 Ring binder.

CBO/01/21/04 Correspondence **Series level, 4 folders**

Dec 1983-Feb 1987

CBO/01/21/04/01 Correspondence with team members Arne Naess (Dec 1983-July 1986) and Stein Aasheim (Jan 1984-Feb 1987) plus copy letters circulated amongst same (Dec 1983-Jun 1985). 1 folder. PFN Everest 1985, All Files, General correspondence.

CBO/01/21/04/02 General correspondence (Dec 1983-Oct 1985), 1 folder. PFN Everest 1985, All Files, General correspondence.

CBO/01/21/04/03 Letters and cards of congratulation and replies to same (Apr-Aug 1985). 2 folders. PFN Large envelope – letters of congratulation.
a. Apr-May
b. Jun-Aug

CBO/01/21/05 Media/PR/Publicity **Series level, 1 folder**

Feb 1985-Feb 1986

Press cuttings and releases plus account of expedition as published in the "Indian Mountaineer" Journal. Also an article written as a letter ready for forwarding to media organisation and photographic card signed by expedition members. PFN Everest 1985, All Files, Press Cuttings.

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/22

Title: St Kilda

Date(s): 1987-1988

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: One folder

Context

Administrative/Biographical history

The expedition to St Kilda was a particularly sensitive one due to its vulnerable ecology. It was the first expedition to receive permission to climb since the late 1960's and undertook scientific analysis at the same time.

The aim was to climb the biggest unclimbed sea cliffs in Europe, namely Conachair (1,400ft), the N.W Face of Soay Island (1,350ft) and the W Face of Boreray (1,200ft). The climbs were reached by sea or from abseiling down.

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Papers in respect of St Kilda Expedition

Access Points

Subject terms:

St Kilda
Rock climbing

Personal names:

Boyden, Steve
Cotterell, Colin
Fotheringham, James F C (1952-)
Frost, Paddy
Hall, Brian (1951-)
Lancashire, Howard
McMullan, Ian
Mortimer, Mike
Owen, Mike
Whillance, Peter S (Expedition leader and co-ordinator)

Catalogue

CBO/01/22 Expedition papers
Series level, 1 folder

Feb 1987-Apr 1988

Correspondence, papers, maps, diary and article for media circulation.

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/23

Title: Menlungtse

Date(s): 1984-1988

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: One Box

Context

Administrative/Biographical history

There were two expeditions to Menlungtse (7175m) in 1987 and 1988. The first was a joint British/Norwegian one, whilst the second was an Anglo/American one. The initial expedition was funded by sponsorship by sixteen Norwegian banks, companies and organisations. The team entered Tibet via Nepal as regulations had eased thus allowing access by the main road linking Kathmandu with Lhasa. The approach involved a fast height gain which meant that three members of the party suffered from altitude sickness.

Base Camp was established in late March and an alpine-style push with three bivouacs took the team to 6400m. The high point was reached in the second week of April. The expedition was forced to retreat due to violent storms which continued throughout the year. Jim Fotheringham suffered a lightning strike, resulting in unconsciousness for a few seconds and the Norwegians' tent was destroyed.

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Papers and correspondence in respect of expedition, planning and background (1985-1988), Finance (1986-1988), Equipment and supplies (1984-1987), General Folder (1985-1987), Media, PR & Publicity (1986-1987) and Associated Material (1987).

Condition of Access and Use of Area

Language: English, Chinese, Norwegian.

Allied Materials

Related units of description:

CBO/01/24 – Tibet 1988

CBO/03/14-15 scrapbooks compiled by H Bonington

CBO/11/31 Personal Accounts - **CLOSED**

Access Points

Subject terms:

Menlungtse

Personal names:

Eliassen, Odd (1944-)

Fosse, Torgeir (1937-)

Fotheringham, James F C (1952-)

Lund, Bjørn Myrer- (1952-)
Ringdal, Helge (1939-)

Catalogue

CBO/01/23/01 Planning and background **Series level, 3 folders**

Jan 1985-Jul 1988

CBO/01/23/01/01 Letters, strategic documents, budgets and permissions re various aspects of planning (Jan 1985-Oct 1987) 1 folder. PFN Menlungtse '87, General Corr.

CBO/01/23/01/02 Correspondence with, and information on, team members. Particular reference to equipment and sponsorship funding (Apr 1985–July 1988) 1 folder. PFN FENV #40 and Menlungtse '87 corr with Team.

CBO/01/23/01/03 Maps and photographs used in planning of expedition 1 folder (nd).

CBO/01/23/02 Finance **Series level, 1 folder**

Nov 1986-Feb 1988

Financial accounts and correspondence relating to same. Details of fundraising trek to raise sponsorship. PFN Menlungtse '87

CBO/01/23/03 Equipment and Supplies **Series level, 1 folder**

1984 – Dec 1987

Correspondence with suppliers, includes report on nutritional strategy, plus details of packing lists. PFN Menlungtse '87 & St Kilda Equipment & suppliers.

CBO/01/23/04 General file **Series level, 1 folder**

Nov 1985-Feb 1987

Correspondence and information relating to publicity and sponsorship, correspondence with Chinese Mountaineering Association, packing list and details of equipment and suggested menus plus final report. PFN unnamed ring binder

CBO/01/23/05 Media/PR/Publicity **Series level, 1 folder**

Feb 1986-Aug 1987

Press cuttings and publicity material, details of celebratory dinner at Savoy Hotel PFN Menlungtse '87 Press Cuttings/publicity.

CBO/01/23/06 Associated Material

1987

Commemorative plaque showing details of sponsors, perspex

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/24

Title: Tibet 1988

Date(s): 1987-1991

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: One Box

Context

Administrative/Biographical history: There were two expeditions to Menlungtse (23,458ft) in 1987 and 1988. The first was a joint British/Norwegian one whilst the second was an Anglo/American one. Much press coverage was secured as the latter was referred to as being a "Search for the Yeti" expedition; Menlungtse was the mountain on which Eric Shipton had photographed supposed Yeti tracks in 1951. The expedition's purpose was twofold, to make a first ascent of Menlungtse and to find further evidence to prove existence of the yeti. The climbing team, comprised of six, was joined by a BBC Natural History Film Unit and a journalist with the "Mail on Sunday". The team attempted the West Ridge and reached 6700m, but retreated due to lack of acclimatisation. Alan Hinkes and Andy Fanshawe made a second attempt on 23rd May which saw them successfully reach the West summit.

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Papers and correspondence in respect of expedition, planning and background (1987-1988), Finance (1987-1991), Logistics (1987-1988), Equipment and supplies (1987-1989), General Correspondence (1987-1989) and Media, PR & Publicity (1987-1988).

Condition of Access and Use of Area

Language: English, Chinese

Allied Materials

Related units of description:

CBO/01/23 – Menlungtse

CBO/03/14-15 scrapbooks compiled by H Bonington

CBO/11/32 Personal Accounts - **CLOSED**

Access Points

Subject terms:

Menlungtse

Personal names:

Brashears, David

Shea, Steve

Fanshawe, Andrew Robert (1963-)

Hinkes, Alan (1954-)

Clarke, Dr Charles (1944-), Expedition Doctor

Stock, Jess (1949-) Base Camp Manager

Catalogue

CBO/01/24/01 Committee Papers and background Series level, 1 folder

Nov 1987-Mar 1988

Agendas, Minutes, Newsletters (1-4), background information, outline plan, expedition reports, personnel information, planning documentation re equipment and supplies. PFN FENV Tibet 88 (Menlungtse: Search for the Yeti) All files except accounts.

CBO/01/24/02 Finance Series level, 2 folders

Aug 1987-Nov 1991

CBO/01/24/02/01 Financial statements, income and expenditure reports, correspondence with bank, contracts exchanged between expedition members (Oct 1987-Nov 1991) 1 folder. PFN FENV Tibet 88 Accounts

CBO/01/24/02/02 Correspondence with sponsors and re trek to Base Camp organised for sponsors as a fundraising opportunity by Innerasia Expeditions (Aug 1987-Dec 1988) 1 folder. PFN FENV Menlungtse 88

CBO/01/24/03 Logistics Series level, 1 folder

June 1987-Sep 1988

Correspondence re travel arrangements with Pakistan Airways, arrangement of Visas and packing of equipment. PFN FENV Menlungtse 88

CBO/01/24/04 Equipment and Supplies Series level, 2 folders

Jan 1987 – Jan 1989

CBO/01/24/04/01 Correspondence with equipment suppliers. (Jan 1987-Jan 1989) 1 folder. Alphabetical order retained. PFN FENV Menlungtse 88

CBO/01/24/04/02 Correspondence re food provision and menu suggestions plus scientific report on nutrition at high altitudes (Oct 1987-Dec 1988) 1 folder. PFN FENV Menlungtse 88

CBO/01/24/05 General correspondence Series level, 2 folders

Jun 1987-May 1989

CBO/01/24/05/01 Correspondence with team members (Jun 1987-May 1989). 1 folder. PFN FENV Menlungtse 88

CBO/01/24/05/02 General correspondence including with Chinese Mountaineering Association (Jun 1987-Dec 1988) 1 folder. PFN FENV Menlungtse 88

CBO/01/24/06 Media/PR/Publicity Series level, 1 folder

Aug 1987-Jun 1988

Press cuttings and releases plus correspondence re making of film by the BBC Natural History unit, book publication, transcripts of interviews and articles re press coverage. PFN FENV Tibet 88 (Menlungtse: Search for the Yeti) All files except accounts.

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/25

Title: Mallory project

Date(s): 1986-1987

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: One folder

Context

Administrative/Biographical history:

The project proposal was to make a film about George Leigh Mallory by retracing the Everest Expeditions of the 1920's. Filming was to take place around the Rongbuk and Kharta glaciers and on the North Col. Unfortunately, the project was cancelled.

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Documents re planning of Mallory project and expedition to Mount Everest.

Allied Materials

Related units of description:

CBO/05/05/04 – making of Mallory film associated with expedition

Access Points

Subject terms:

Everest, Mount

Mallory, George Leigh (1886-1924)

Personal names:

Blessed, Brian (1937-)

Catalogue

CBO/01/25/01 Expedition Papers

Series level, 1 folder

Dec 1986-Feb 1987

Correspondence, background papers and plans for Mallory project with Bonington and Brian Blessed to act as co-presenters of a major film production. PFN Mallory Project

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/26

Title: Star Himalayan challenge – Balloon over Everest

Date(s): 1985-1989

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: One folder

Context

Administrative/Biographical history:

The expedition to Mount Everest in 1989 was to be the world's first attempt to fly over the summit of Everest in a hot air balloon. Unfortunately the attempt was aborted. The proposed team comprised a two man balloon crew with a further team of six responsible for filming, logistical support and recovery.

Team members included Sir Chris Bonington as climb leader and Per Lindstrom as balloonist. Other members were Hazeeb Zafar (Leader) and Waseem Mahmood (filming) and John Garb.

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Papers re proposed expedition to Mount Everest.

System of arrangement: Original order maintained.

Access Points

Subject terms:

Ballooning
Everest, Mount

Personal names:

Lindstrand, Per (1948-)

Catalogue

CBO/01/26/01 Expedition Papers
Series level, 1 folder

Dec 1985-Jun 1989

Memorandum, planning briefs, gear proposal and papers re making of film.

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/27

Title: Everest North East Ridge

Date(s): 1982-1991

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: Five folders

Context

Administrative/Biographical history:

A large multi-national expedition was planned to climb Everest via the North East Ridge which would be broadcast live. The Expedition fell through due to the success of an earlier expedition led by Brummie Stokes during the Summer of 1988 which solved the key problem of climbing the Pinnacles. Therefore the primary objective was no longer valid.

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Papers re proposed expedition to climb Mount Everest.

Condition of Access and Use of Area

Language: English, Chinese

Access Points

Subject terms:

Everest, Mount

Catalogue

CBO/01/27/01 Expedition Papers
Series level, 1 folder

Feb-Aug 1988

Planning briefs, draft brochure and team information and correspondence.

CBO/01/27/02 Finance
Series level, 1 folder

Dec 1987-Sep 1991

Correspondence with accountants and other legal bodies and with potential sponsors, budget information.

CBO/01/27/03 Logistics
Series level, 0.5 folder

Mar-Jul 1988

Correspondence with Cathay Pacific re travel arrangements.

CBO/01/27/04 Equipment and supplies
Series level, 0.5 folder

Dec 1987-Aug 1988

Correspondence with potential suppliers and sales brochures re communications hardware.

CBO/01/27/05 General Correspondence
Series level, 0.5 folder

Dec 1985-Sep 1991

Correspondence with Chinese Mountaineering Association plus general correspondence including Brummie Stokes report on the Seligmann Harris Mount Everest Expedition, 1986.

CBO/01/27/06 Media
Series level, 0.5 folder

Jul 1987-Aug 1988

Correspondence regarding broadcast permissions and with ITN re proposals for live broadcast plus other media related information.

CBO/01/27/07 Additional maps and photographs
Series level, 1 folder

n.d. 1982-1989

Supplementary images supplied by other mountaineers as well as photocopies of other material.

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/28

Title: British Tibet Expedition 1990

Date(s): 1988-1991

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: One folder

Context

Administrative/Biographical history:

The purpose of the expedition was to explore the unknown mountains north east of Lhasa. This expedition was cancelled as the Tibetan Mountaineering Association withdrew its permission to explore this area.

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Papers re potential expedition to Tibet.

Access Points

Subject terms:

Tibet

Personal names:

Fotheringham, James F C (1952-)

Catalogue

CBO/01/28/01 Expedition Papers
Series level, 1 folder

Jan 1988-Jan 1991

Background and financial information, correspondence and papers re proposed expedition.

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/29

Title: British Greenland Expedition 1991

Date(s): 1985-1993

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: Six folders

Context

Administrative/Biographical history

The expedition to Greenland was to use the skills of Robin Knox-Johnston and his vessel Suhaili to enable the team to gain access to the mountain area east of Kangerdlugssuaq and climb The Cathedral. The expedition took place in July and August when the risk of ice was less.

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Papers re expedition to Greenland.

Allied Materials

Related units of description:

CBO/02/11 for papers re published book – Sea, Ice and Rock

CBO/11/33-34 Personal Accounts - **CLOSED**

Access Points

Subject terms:

Greenland

Personal names:

Burdett, James

Crickmere, Peregrine James Zachary (1960-)

Knox-Johnston, William Robert Patrick (1939-) known as Robin

Lowther, James Nicholas (1964-)

Catalogue

CBO/01/29/01 Expedition Papers
Series level, 1 folder

Oct 1990-Feb 1993

Planning briefs, team information and correspondence re supplies and equipment and brochure.

CBO/01/29/02 Expedition Papers
Series level, 1 folder

Nov 1990-Feb 1992

Route and team member details, expedition and radio permit applications, maps, reference to wild flowers and brochure draft.

CBO/01/29/03 Finance
Series level, 1 folder

Dec 1990-Nov 1991

Details of expedition expenses and accounts.

CBO/01/29/04 Equipment and supplies
Series level, 1 folder

Nov 1990-Feb 1992

Correspondence with suppliers (arranged alphabetically) re supply and efficacy of equipment and with potential sponsors.

CBO/01/29/05 Media
Series level, 1 folder

Dec 1985-June 1992

General correspondence with media agencies, e.g Mosaic re filming of expedition and information re book "Sea, Ice and Rock" co-authored by Robin Knox-Johnston.

CBO/01/27/06 Diaries
Series level, 1 folder

Jul 1990-Aug 1990

Transcript of tapes recorded for broadcast on the BBC and transcript of film recorded by Mosaic.

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/30

Title: The Indian British Panch Chuli Expedition 1992

Date(s): 1990-1993

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: Six folders

Context

Administrative/Biographical history

The Panch Chulis are a group of five peaks situated in the Kumaon Himalaya spread along a 7 km ridge, they are all above 6300 m. The expedition was a joint venture between British and Indian mountaineers and took place during May and June 1992 with several successful first ascents.. Expedition member Stephen Venables suffered a broken leg during the descent and had to be rescued by helicopter.

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Papers re expedition to Panch Chuli.

System of arrangement: Original order maintained.

Allied Materials

Related units of description:

CBO/11/35 Personal Accounts - **CLOSED**

Access Points

Subject terms:

Panch Chuli

Personal names:

Ashar, Bhupesh L (1957-)
Contractor, Muslim H (1959-)
Devjani, Monesh T (1967-)
Kapadia, Harish (1945-) Joint Leader
Kothari, Vijay P (1943-)
Little, Graham E (1949-)
Renshaw, Richard Michael (Dick) (1950-)
Saunders, Anthony Victor (1950-)
Sustad, Stephen [1960-]
Venables, Stephen Malcolm Westmacott (1954-)

Catalogue

CBO/01/30/01 Planning and Background
Series level, 1 folder

Jun 1990-Apr 1992

Newsletters, correspondence with Harish Kapadia re planning and travel arrangements, team details and applications to climb, maps and planning documentation, photographs from earlier expeditions.

CBO/01/30/02 Finance
Series level, 1 folder

Jul 1991-Jan 1993

Accounts, budgets, invoices and expenses, correspondence with sponsors.

CBO/01/30/03 Equipment and supplies
Series level, 1 folder

Jun 1991–Sep 1992

Details of kit and provisions required, correspondence with suppliers and with Air India, reports on efficacy of equipment and logistical information.

CBO/01/30/04 Correspondence
Series level, 1 folder

Jun 1990-Dec 1992

General letters plus further communications with Harish Kapadia re supply of equipment and logistics, team correspondence and correspondence with Indian Mountaineering Foundation.

CBO/01/30/05 Media
Series level, 1 folder

Jan-Jul 1992

Drafts of brochure and finished publication, press coverage and articles written for media circulation.

CBO/01/30/06 Previous expeditions
Series level, 1 folder

Jan-Feb 1992

Articles on previous excursions (1950, 1951, 1964, 1970, 1972, 1973, 1991) including maps and related information. Photographs with correspondence relating to their significance and associated reports were placed in CBO/01/30/01 by the creator.

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/31

Title: Mingulay

Date(s): 1993

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: one folder

Context

Administrative/Biographical history: A four man (Bonington, Fowler, Howett, Little) expedition to Mingulay in the Outer Hebrides to establish new climbing routes

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Papers re expedition to Mingulay.

System of arrangement: Original order maintained.

Access Points

Subject terms:

Mingulay

Personal names:

Fowler, Michael (1956-)

Howett, Kevin (1957-)

Little, Graham E (1949-)

Catalogue

CBO/01/31/01 Expedition Papers
Series level, 1 folder

Mar – Jun 1993

Papers covering route details, maps, itinerary and correspondence

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/32

Title: The Indo-British Kinnaur Expedition 1994

Date(s): 1992-1995

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: Three folders

Context

Administrative/Biographical history:

The objective of this expedition was to climb peaks in the Kinnaur district of Himachal Pradesh, in particular Peak 6553 m which resulted in a first ascent. Other peaks to be scaled were Peak 6464m and Peak 6446m as well as Jorkanden, time permitting. The time frame for this was between May and July 1994. Media exposure was arranged through a film produced by Richard Else, directed by Jim Curran and broadcast via the Indian Television Network. The expedition was one of the first to be promoted as an environmentally aware 'green' expedition.

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Papers re expedition to the Kinnaur region.

System of arrangement: Original order maintained.

Allied Materials

Related units of description:

CBO/11/36 Personal Accounts - **CLOSED**

Access Points

Subject terms:

Kinnaur

Personal names:

Ashar, Bhupesh L (1957-)
Birtles, Geoffrey Brent (1947-)
Contractor, Muslim H (1959-)
Curran, James Alan (1943-)
Else, Richard
Fotheringham, James F C (1952-)
Kapadia, Harish (1945-) Joint Leader
Kothari, Vijay P (1943-)
Little, Graham E (1949-)
Lowther, James Nicholas (1964-)
Mistry, Kaivan B (1968-)
Muni, Divyesh R (1964-)
Nunn, Paul (1943-1995)

Catalogue

CBO/01/32/01 Expedition Papers
Series level, 1 folder

Jan 1993-Oct 1994

Papers covering Background Information, Schedules and Planning, Team Details, Sponsorship and Film, Brochure, Indian Mountaineering Federation, Equipment, Food, Medical Provisions and Finance. Subject index prepared by C Bonington.

CBO/01/32/02 Expedition Papers
Series level, 1 folder

Nov 1992-Jun 1995

Correspondence with sponsors, Indian Mountaineering Federation, suppliers, Harish Kapadia and other team members

CBO/01/32/03 Expedition Papers
Series level, 1 folder

Sep 1993-Aug1994

Correspondence with Richard Else re film, formal applications (e.g. Mount Everest Foundation), maps and photographs (diary extracts removed to restricted access)

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/33

Title: Drangnag Ri Expedition

Date(s): 1989-1995

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: Three folders

Context

Administrative/Biographical history:

Drangnag Ri (6,801m) is located close to the Tibetan Border, between Rolwaling and the Khumbu. The expedition was promoted as the Norwegian 1985 Everest 10th Anniversary Expedition. It was a previously unclimbed peak, indeed no previous attempts had ever been made. It was a joint Norwegian/Nepali expedition with team members selected from the 1985 Everest Expedition. The expedition was a success with five team members reaching the summit on 30th April 1995, Ralph Høibakk, Bjørn Myrer- Lund, Lhakpa Gyalu, Pema Dorje and Chris Bonington.

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Papers re expedition to Drangnag Ri.

System of arrangement: Original order maintained.

Condition of Access and Use of Area

Language: English, Norwegian

Allied Materials

Related units of description:

CBO/11/37 Personal Accounts - **CLOSED**

Access Points

Subject terms:

Drangnag Ri

Personal names:

Aasheim, Stein P (1951-) Joint leader

Dorjee, Chuldim

Dorjee, Pema Joint leader

Einang, Ola (1946-)

Eliassen, Odd (1944-)

Fosse, Torgeir (1937-)

Gyalu, Lhakpa

Høibakk, Ralph

Larsson, Christian

Lund, Bjørn Myrer- (1952-)
Naess, Arne
Nesheim, Håvard (1956-)
Ringdal, Helge (1939-)
Rinzing, Chawang
Sonam, Lhakpa
Stokke, Kjeil Torgeir
Ulvang, Vegard

Catalogue

CBO/01/33/01 Expedition Papers
Series level, 2 folders

May 1989-Oct 1995

Contributions by Bonington to expedition book and correspondence in respect of this, correspondence with Norwegian team members and suppliers before and after ascent, includes letters re initial proposed expedition to Ama Dablam in 1995 to celebrate Everest success in 1985.

- a. 1989-1994
- b. 1995

CBO/01/33/02 Expedition Papers
Series level, 1 folder

Mar 1994-Mar 1995

Contains biographical data, pictures, planning documents, correspondence concerning media, equipment, budgets, Sherpas, Mountain Travel and sponsorship.

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/34

Title: Antarctica Expedition

Date(s): 1995-1996

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: One folder

Context

Administrative/Biographical history:

The expedition to Antarctica was to explore the Norwegian sector of this continent, more specifically Queen Maud Land and to climb unclimbed peaks. Bonington withdrew from the planned expedition in April 1996.

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Papers re expedition to Queen Maud Land, Antarctica.

Access Points

Subject terms:

Antarctica
Queen Maud Land

Personal names:

Tollefsen, Ivar Erik - Leader

Catalogue

CBO/01/34/01 Expedition Papers
Series level, 1 folder

Jul 1995-Apr 1996

Correspondence, financial information and papers re expedition to Antarctica in partnership with Ivar Erik Tollefsen. The papers have been arranged under subject headings allocated by Bonington, namely Newsletter/ Outline plans, Financial Agreements, Publicity Material, sponsors, Television, Training Climb, Faxes – Ivar, Sponsor Leads, Equipment. Original order maintained.

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/35

Title: British Sepu Kangri Expedition 1997

Date(s): 1996-1999

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: One folder

Context

Administrative/Biographical history:

Sepu Kangri (6950m) is located in the eastern section of the Nyain-Qen-Tenglha Shan range in north eastern Tibet. A reconnaissance expedition in 1996 by Bonington and Clarke saw the first Europeans in the area. The expedition in 1997 was to explore the area further and seek a route to the summit of Sepu Kangri. The expedition itself took place between April and May 1997. It was the first of Bonington's expedition to use satellite communications to update the website. Bad weather meant the team only reached a height of 6100m.

e. The team were beaten by appalling weather and retreated having reached 6100 metres on the North East Face of

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Papers re expedition to Sepu Kangri.

System of arrangement: Original order maintained.

Allied Materials

Related units of description:

CBO/01/36/01-02

CBO/11/38 Personal Accounts - **CLOSED**

Access Points

Subject terms:

Sepu Kangri

Personal names:

Clarke, Dr Charles Richard Astley (1944-)

Curran, James Alan (1943-)

Fotheringham, James F C (1952-)

Lowther, James Nicholas (1964-)

Porter, John Eric (1946-)

Sperry, Duncan

Catalogue

CBO/01/35/01 Expedition Papers
Series level, 1 folder

Sep 1996-Mar 1999

- CBO/01/35/01/01 Planning documentation and budgets
- CBO/01/35/01/02 Correspondence with sponsors
- CBO/01/35/01/03 Correspondence concerning logistics of expedition team and supplies
- CBO/01/35/01/04 Details of equipment and provisions, includes report on Berghaus kit
- CBO/01/35/01/05 Papers re satellite communication equipment
- CBO/01/35/01/06 Correspondence with Nepalese organisations
- CBO/01/35/01/07 Correspondence with China Tibet Mountaineering Association
- CBO/01/35/01/08 Correspondence with media related organisations and personnel

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/36

Title: British Sepu Kangri Expedition 1998

Date(s): 1996-1999

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: Two folders

Context

Administrative/Biographical history:

Sepu Kangri (6950m) is located in the eastern section of the Nyain-Qen-Tenglha Shan (range) in north eastern Tibet. A reconnaissance expedition in 1996 saw the first Europeans in the area. The follow-up expedition in 1997 explored the area further and sought a route to the summit of Sepu Kangri. The '97 expedition failed in its objective due to the onset of bad weather.

The expedition in 1998 took place between August and October of that year. The team was divided into two separate groups. The climbing team was comprised of Bonington, Little, Lowther and Saunders and sought a route from the north as pursued in 1997. The expedition team was led by Dr Clarke and explored a route from the east. The expedition was able to reach a height greater than that previously reached, 6800m by Victor Saunders and Scott Muir, but was also curtailed due to deteriorating weather conditions.

A book documenting these expeditions was published in 1999: Tibet's Secret Mountain – the Triumph of Sepu Kangri

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Papers re expedition to Sepu Kangri in 1998.

System of arrangement: Original order maintained.

Allied Materials

Related units of description:

CBO/01/35

CBO/11/39 Personal Accounts - **CLOSED**

Access Points

Subject terms:

Sepu Kangri

Personal names:

Belderson, Martin (1961-)

Clarke, Dr Charles Richard Astley (1944-)

Cubitt, Greig (1947-)

Franklin, Robert Charles (1961-)

Little, Graham E (1949-)
Lowther, James Nicholas (1964-)
Muir, Scott (1976-)
Robertson, Elliot Charles (1971-)
Saunders, Anthony Victor (1950-)
Sherpa, Pemba Chhiri (1968-)
Tamang, Ram Krishna (1955-)

Catalogue

CBO/01/36/01 Expedition Papers Series level, 1 folder

Oct 1997-Mar 1999

CBO/01/36/01/01 Contact details
CBO/01/36/01/02 Planning documentation and budgets
CBO/01/36/01/03 Correspondence concerning finances
CBO/01/36/01/04 Correspondence concerning logistics of expedition team and supplies
CBO/01/36/01/05 Details of equipment and provisions
CBO/01/36/01/06 Papers re satellite communication equipment
CBO/01/36/01/07 Correspondence with China Tibet Mountaineering Association
CBO/01/36/01/08 Correspondence in reference to book – Tibet's Secret Mountain
CBO/01/36/01/09 Correspondence with media related organisations and personnel

CBO/01/36/02 Diaries Series level, 1 folder

Aug 1996-Sep 1998

Diary entries from
CBO/01/36/02/01 Chris Bonington 1996 expedition
CBO/01/36/02/02 Chris Bonington 1998 expedition
CBO/01/36/02/03 Dr Charles Clarke. Includes fax "smoke offering to the white protector deity of Sapu"
CBO/01/36/02/04 Graham Little
CBO/01/36/02/05 Scott Muir
CBO/01/36/02/06 Elliot Robertson
CBO/01/36/02/07 Victor Saunders

Permission received from all parties.

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/37

Title: Proposed Expeditions

Date(s): 1989-1992

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: One folder

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Papers re potential expedition ideas.

Access Points

Subject terms:

Antarctica

Namcue Bawa

Tien Suan

Catalogue

CBO/01/37/01 Expedition Papers
Series level, 1 folder

Sep 1989-July 1992

Correspondence, photographs, maps concerning proposals for expeditions to

CBO/01/37/01/01 Namcue Bawa (Sep 1989-Sep 1990)

CBO/01/37/01/02 Antarctica (May 1990-July 1992)

CBO/01/37/01/03 Tien Suan (Jun 1990-Feb 1991)

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/01/38

Title: Patronage

Date(s): 1984-2002

Level of description: Sub sub fonds

Extent: Two boxes

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Papers re Chris Bonington's peripheral involvement, support and contribution to other expeditions.

System of arrangement: Original order maintained.

Access Points

Subject terms:

Alaska
Annapurna
Antarctica
Bolivia
Changabang
Europe
Everest, Mount
Gasherbrum
Greenland
Himalaya
Hindu Kush
Jannu
Karakorum
Kirgizia
Kusum Kangguru
Makalu
Military mountaineering
Nandakot
Nepal
New Zealand
Norway
Pamirs
Patronage
South Pole
Spitzbergen
Tien Shan

Catalogue

CBO/01/38/01 Expedition Papers **Series level, 1 folder**

1971-1979

Correspondence and reports from other expeditions including report of British Women's Himalayan Expedition 1970; Polish Expedition to the Himalaya/Karak 1971; Manchester University Hindu Kush Expedition, 1977; British Jannu expedition, 1978 featuring Baxter-Jones, Carrington, Hall & Rouse; American Annapurna III Expedition, 1978; and Japanese Expedition to Changabang.

CBO/01/38/02 Expedition Papers **Series level, 1 folder**

Jan 1984 – Jun1987

Papers, brochures, newsletters, press cuttings and correspondence re an expedition entitled "In the Footsteps of Scott Antarctic expedition 1984-1986" of which Bonington was a supporter. Team members were Robert Swan, Roger Mear and Gareth Wood.

CBO/01/38/03 Expedition Papers **Series level, 1 folder**

Aug 1984-Jan 1989

Newsletters, reports and correspondence re 90° South expedition (1986-1987), a glaciological expedition retracing Amundsen's route to the south pole of which Nick Cox and Neil McIntyre were members. Bonington was a member of the Advisory Group.

CBO/01/38/04 Expedition Papers **Series level, 1 folder**

Aug 1988-Apr1990

Correspondence, official program, leaflets and brochures re Trans-Antarctic Expedition (1990) of which Geoff Somers was a member of the international six man team. Sir Chris Bonington was Patron.

CBO/01/38/05 Project Papers **Series level, 1 folder**

Oct 1989-Mar1991

Papers re Climb for the World initiative, held on behalf of the United Nations. It's Director was Edwin Drummond, Sir Chris Bonington was classed as a Friend whilst Lord Hunt was a Patron.

CBO/01/38/06 Expedition Reports **Series level, 4 folders**

Mar 1989-Dec 2002

Expedition reports and correspondence in respect of

- CBO/01/38/06/01 British Makalu Expedition (1989) (CB Patron)
- CBO/01/38/06/02 Everest Environmental Expedition (1990)
- CBO/01/38/06/03 Cambridge Karakorum Expedition (1991)
- CBO/01/38/06/04 Lancashire Polytechnic Scientific Expedition Society – Kirgizia, USSR (1991)
- CBO/01/38/06/05 Oxford University OTC – Nepal (1991)
- CBO/01/38/06/06 Greenland Expedition (1992)
- CBO/01/38/06/07 The British Services Everest Expedition (1992)
- CBO/01/38/06/08 Yorkshire Schools Exploring Society – Himalayas and Arctic Norway (1992)
- CBO/01/38/06/09 International Scientific Expedition to Mount Cook, New Zealand (1993)
- CBO/01/38/06/10 The United Kingdom Apolobamba Expedition, Bolivia (1993), (CB Patron)
- CBO/01/38/06/11 British Mount Everest Medical Expedition (1994) (CB Patron)

Papers of Sir Chris Bonington

- CBO/01/38/06/12 Outer Hebrides Expedition (1994)
- CBO/01/38/06/13 Bedford School Nepal Expedition 1995
- CBO/01/38/06/14 Tien Shan Kaingdy Expedition (1995) (CB Patron)
- CBO/01/38/06/15 British Services Gasherbrum Expedition (1996)
- CBO/01/38/06/16 European summits (1999) (CB Patron)
- CBO/01/38/06/17 Motorola Pamirs Expedition - Anatoli (1999)
- CBO/01/38/06/18 The Northern Summits Expedition (Alaska) (1999) (CB Patron)
- CBO/01/38/06/19 British Spitzbergen Crossing (2001) (CB Patron)
- CBO/01/38/06/20 Nandakot Expedition (2001)
- CBO/01/38/06/21 India-Japan East Karakorum Expedition (2002)
- CBO/01/38/06/22 British Kusum Kangguru Expedition (nd)

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Identity Statement

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/02/1-14

Title: Books

Date(s): 1962-1999

Level of description: sub-fonds

Extent: 10 boxes

Context

Name of creator: Bonington | Sir Christian John Storey

Administrative/Biographical history: As a way of raising sponsorship funding there was generally a contractual obligation to publish a book concerning the expedition. This would also provide publicity for the sponsor and would be further enhanced by promotional tours and book signings.

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Correspondence, draft manuscripts, research notes and papers in respect of books published in relation to the expeditions undertaken by Sir Chris Bonington.

System of arrangement: Original – generally reverse date order unless otherwise specified

Condition of Access and Use of Area

Language: Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Spanish

Allied Materials

Related units of description:

CBO/01 – Expeditions

CBO/11 Personal Accounts - **CLOSED**

Access Points

Subject terms:

Authorship

Autobiography

Books

Literature

Mountaineering

Mountaineering expeditions

Publishing

Writing

Personal names:

Clarke, Dr Charles Richard Astley (1944-)

Knox-Johnston, William Robert Patrick (1939-) known as Robin

Salkeld, Audrey Mary (1936-)

Corporate names:

Hodder and Stoughton

J Farquharson Ltd

Victor Gollancz Ltd

Catalogue

CBO/02/01 Early autobiographies Series level, 1 folder

Oct 1962-Aug 1980

Correspondence mainly between Bonington and his publishers Gollancz re writing and publishing of "I Chose to Climb" and "The Next Horizon" which includes letters from Hamish MacInnes and reference to a Tom Patey anthology as well as a copy of the song "Onward Christian Bonington". Also includes contract, details of associated publicity through lectures and a book launch and newspaper reviews.

CBO/02/02 Everest South West Face Series level, 2 folders

Jun 1972-May 1979

Published in 1973 by Hodder & Stoughton in respect of the expedition of the same name. Published as "The Ultimate Challenge: The Hardest Way Up the Highest Mountain in the World" in the United States by Stein & Day

CBO/02/02/01 Correspondence with publisher Hodder and Stoughton and with expedition members regarding contributions and use of images and includes details of accompanying promotional activities including lecture tour. Also includes details of contributions by Bonington to other Hodder and Stoughton publications (Jun 1972-May 1979) 1 folder

CBO/02/02/02 Newspaper cuttings of reviews of this publication in the UK and USA (Feb 1973-Jan 1974) 1 folder

CBO/02/03 Changabang Series level, 1 folder

Sep 1974-Mar 1980

Book written about the expedition to this mountain, joint authorship with Martin Boysen, Alan Hankinson, Dougal Haston and Doug Scott and published by Heinemann in 1974. Draft manuscript, correspondence between authors, background research articles, editorial views of wives, royalty statements and diary of climb by Lt Col Balwant Sandhu

CBO/02/04 Everest The Hard Way Series level, 2 boxes

1972-1981

Book written about the expedition to climb Mount Everest in 1975, published in 1976 by Hodder & Stoughton.

CBO/02/04/01 contributions from expedition members (Boardman, Boysen, Braithwaite, Haston, MacInnes, Richards, Thompson); provisional synopsis, list of suggested appendices, notes on sherpa team (1975) 1 folder

CBO/02/04/02 early draft Manuscript including authors note (1975-1976) 2 folders

CBO/02/04/02a Chapters 1-6

CBO/02/04/02b Chapters 7-16

CBO/02/04/03 later draft Manuscript with editorial comment by Maggie Body and Ronnie [Richards/Faux] (1975-1976) 2 folders

CBO/02/04/03a Chapters 1-7

CBO/02/04/03b Chapters 8-10, 13, 16 includes afterword and galley proofs

CBO/02/04/04 Draft appendices written by expedition members covering medical, photography, organisation in Nepal, logistics, biographical notes including a full list of sherpas, oxygen equipment, transportation and communication. Also includes printed photographic illustrations to be used in book. (1975-1976) 1 folder

CBO/02/04/05 Correspondence with Hodder and Stoughton re publication and with literary agent J Farquharson Ltd and with Barclays Bank (Apr 1975-Jul 1978) 2 folders

CBO/02/04/05a 1975, 1977-1978

CBO/02/04/05b 1976 including draft appendices

CBO/02/04/06 Correspondence with other expedition members (Oct 1975-Dec 1976) 1 folder

CBO/02/04/07 Correspondence with other publishers and advertising agencies, letters of appreciation from readers, autograph requests and regarding direct sales (Sep 1976-Apr 1978) 1 folder

CBO/02/04/08 Correspondence with Hodder and Stoughton and John Farquharson Ltd re reviews of publication, scale of payments to expedition members, reviews of book in local and national press, editorial comment from Paul Braithwaite and others (Apr 1976-Sept 1980) 1 folder

CBO/02/04/09 Correspondence in respect of publishing book outside the UK with John Farquharson Ltd, Barclays Bank International as sponsor and other publishers in Poland and Spain and Random House in the USA (Nov 1975-Feb 1981) 1 folder

CBO/02/04/10 Book reviews in the American Press (Jan-Nov 1977) 1 folder

CBO/02/04/11 Correspondence in respect of publishing book in a paperback version by Arrow Books. Includes details of selection, proofs of illustrations and supply of books for sale during lecture tour. Also includes folder of promotional material to be displayed at point of sale (Feb 1977-Jul 1984) 1 folder

CBO/02/04/12 A story-book version co-authored by Neville Grant and published by Longman to complement the school curriculum (1980) 2 copies

CBO/02/05 Quest for Adventure
Series level, 5 boxes

A book which considered the various ways that people sought adventure in their own lives and the achievements which best illustrated this, published in 1981 by Hodder & Stoughton.

CBO/02/05/01 Draft chapters with associated correspondence and related information. Arranged to reflect chapter headings. Main protagonist/s identified as occasionally referred to by author as name of chapter.

CBO/02/05/01/01 Oceans
Sub Series 2 folders

(Jun 1968-Mar 1981)

CBO/02/05/01/01/01 Kontiki (Heyerdal) draft chapter and related correspondence (Jun 1979-Jan 1980)

CBO/02/05/01/01/02 Rowing the Atlantic (Ridgeway & Blyth) draft chapter and background information (1979-1981)

CBO/02/05/01/01/03 Across two oceans (Fairfax) two draft chapters (n.d)

CBO/02/05/01/01/04 The man who raced himself (Chichester) draft chapter and related correspondence (Apr-Sept 1980)

CBO/02/05/01/01/05 Golden Globe (Knox-Johnston) draft chapter, related correspondence and background information including press cuttings (Jun 1968-Mar 1981)

CBO/02/05/01/01/06 Ice Bird (David Lewis) two draft chapters (n.d)

CBO/02/05/01/02 Desert (Mar 1980)
Sub Series 0.5 folder

CBO/02/05/01/02/01 Empty Quarter (Thesiger) draft chapter and related correspondence (Mar 1980)

CBO/02/05/01/03 Rivers (Jul 1979-Sep 1981)
Sub Series 0.5 folder

CBO/02/05/01/03/01 Blue Nile draft chapter, related correspondence and background information (Jul 1979-Sep 1981)

CBO/02/05/01/04 Mountains (Jun 1979-May 1981)
Sub Series 2 folders

CBO/02/05/01/04/01 Annapurna draft chapter, related correspondence and biography of Maurice Herzog (Oct 1979-Apr 1981)

CBO/02/05/01/04/02 Everest '53 draft chapter and related correspondence, background information: Ward on Hunt and Unsworth chapter (Jun 1979-Feb 1980)

CBO/02/05/01/04/03 Cho Oyu draft chapter, related correspondence and biography of Tichy and Pasang Dawa Lama

CBO/02/05/01/04/04 Dru's (Bonatti) draft chapter (n.d)

CBO/02/05/01/04/05 Broad Peak (Diemberger) draft chapter, related correspondence and biography of Diemberger and Markus Schmuck (Aug 1979- May 1981)

CBO/02/05/01/04/06 Annapurna South Face (Bonington) draft chapter (n.d)

CBO/02/05/01/04/07 Nanga Parbat Diamir (Messner) draft chapter (n.d)

CBO/02/05/01/05 Polar (Jan 1972-Nov 1980)
Sub Series 1 folder

CBO/02/05/01/05/01 Trans Antarctica (Fuchs) draft chapter and editorial comment, related correspondence and background information (Jan 1972-Nov 1980)

CBO/02/05/01/05/02 Trans Arctic (Herbert) draft chapters and editorial comment related correspondence and background information (Jul 1979-Oct 1981)

CBO/02/05/01/05/03 Solo to Pole (Uemura) draft chapters and background information (n.d)

CBO/02/05/01/06 Balloon
Sub Series 1 folder

(Oct 1978-Nov 1981)

CBO/02/05/01/06/01 Double Eagle draft chapter and editorial comment, related correspondence and background articles and press cuttings

CBO/02/05/01/07 Moon
Sub Series 1 folder

(Jun 1979-Oct 1980)

CBO/02/05/01/07/01 First on Moon draft chapter, related correspondence and background information including biographies (Armstrong, Aldrin), mission reports and press cuttings

CBO/02/05/01/08 Caving
Sub Series 1 folder

(Jul 1979-May 1981)

CBO/02/05/01/08/01 Dead Man's Handshake draft chapter and editorial comment, related correspondence and background information

CBO/02/05/01/09 Non Chapters
Sub Series 1 folder

CBO/02/05/01/09/01 Blue Steel (Blyth) draft chapter (n.d)

CBO/02/05/01/09/02 Cerro Torre mss notes and some correspondence (Apr-May 1981)

CBO/02/05/01/09/03 Dhaulagiri (Alex MacIntyre) mss notes and some correspondence (Sept 1980)

CBO/02/05/02 Transcripts
Sub Series 3 folders

(Mar 1979–Mar 1981)

Interviews (recorded on audio tape) conducted with protagonists for research purposes, arranged alphabetically by surname. Index in first folder.

CBO/02/05/02/01 Buzz Aldrin (Oct 1980) Section: Moon
CBO/02/05/02/02 Maxie Anderson (Jan 1980) Section : Balloon
CBO/02/05/02/03 Neil Armstrong (Oct 1980) Section : Moon
CBO/02/05/02/04 Chay Blyth (Jul 1979) Section: Oceans
CBO/02/05/02/05 Dave Burkenshaw (Jun 1979) Section: Oceans
CBO/02/05/02/06 Sylvia Cook (Oct 1979) Section: Rivers
CBO/02/05/02/07 Kurt Diemberger (Dec 1979) Section : Mountains
CBO/02/05/02/08 Christina Dodwell (n.d)
CBO/02/05/02/09 Norman Dyhrenfurth (Dec 1979) Section : Mountains
CBO/02/05/02/10 John Fairfax (Sep 1980) Section: Oceans
CBO/02/05/02/11 Sir Vivian Fuchs (Aug 1980) Section: Polar
CBO/02/05/02/12 Allan Gill (Jun 79) Section: Polar
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CBO/02/05/02/14 Peter Habeler (n.d) Section : Mountains
CBO/02/05/02/15 Ken Hedges (Sep 1980) Section: Polar
CBO/02/05/02/16 Wally Herbert (Mar 1979) Section: Polar
CBO/02/05/02/17 Karl Herrligkoffer (Dec 1979) Section : Mountains
CBO/02/05/02/18 Maurice Herzog (Dec 1979) Section : Mountains

CBO/02/05/02/19 Thor Heyerdahl (Sep 1979) Section: Oceans
CBO/02/05/02/20 Mike Hopkinson (n.d) Section : Rivers
CBO/02/05/02/21 Robin Knox-Johnston (Aug 1979) Section: Oceans
CBO/02/05/02/22 Fritz Koerner (Oct 1980) Section: Polar
CBO/02/05/02/23 Carlo Mauri (Dec 1979) Section : Mountains
CBO/02/05/02/24 Reinhold Messner (Sep 1979) Section : Mountains
CBO/02/05/02/25 Wolfgang Nairz (n.d) Section : Mountains
CBO/02/05/02/26 John Ridgeway (Jun 1979) Section: Oceans
CBO/02/05/02/27 Markus Schmuck (Dec 1979) Section : Mountains
CBO/02/05/02/28 Wilfred Thesiger (Nov 1979) Section: Desert
CBO/02/05/02/29 Naomi Uemura (Oct 1980) Section: Polar
CBO/02/05/02/30 Geoff Yeadon (Mar 1981) Section: Caving

CBO/02/05/03 Correspondence with protagonists (Aug 1974–Aug 1981)
Sub Series 3 folders

Communication with key figures (and other knowledgeable parties), some of whom were not included in the published book, arranged alphabetically by surname

CBO/02/05/03/01 Judith Chisholm – correspondence and press cuttings (Jun 1980-Feb 1981)
CBO/02/05/03/02 Robyn Davidson includes notes and background research material (May 1978-1979)
CBO/02/05/03/03 Christine Dodwell - correspondence (Nov 1979–Dec 1980)
CBO/02/05/03/04 John Fairfax - correspondence (Sep 1979–May 1981) Section: Oceans
CBO/02/05/03/05 Peter Habeler – includes correspondence, biographical notes (also re Herrligkoffer) and Nanga Parbat booklet (Aug-Nov 1979) Section : Mountains
CBO/02/05/03/06 David Lewis - correspondence (Feb 1980–Apr 1981)
CBO/02/05/03/07 Carlo Mauri - correspondence (Nov 1979–Dec 1980) Section : Mountains
CBO/02/05/03/08 Reinhold Messner - includes correspondence, translated chapters of Red Rocket and background on childhood (Aug 1974-Feb 1981) Also see Salkeld correspondence CBO/02/05/04/04 Section : Mountains
CBO/02/05/03/09 John Ridgeway – includes correspondence (Jun 1979) Section: Oceans
CBO/02/05/03/10 Tim Severin - includes correspondence (Jul 1979)
CBO/02/05/03/11 Wilfred Thesiger - includes correspondence, some articles and a press cutting (Jun 1979-Feb 1980) Section: Desert
CBO/02/05/03/12 Bill Tilman - correspondence (Apr-Aug 1980)
CBO/02/05/03/13 Naomi Uemura - correspondence (Jul 1979-Aug 1981) Section: Polar

CBO/02/05/04 General papers (Jan 1979-Feb 1988)
Sub Series 1 box

- CBO/02/05/04/01 Book synopsis, introduction, acknowledgements and conclusion (2nd & 3rd draft) (n.d) 1 folder
- CBO/02/05/04/02 Correspondence with literary agent George Greenfield at John Farquharson Ltd, (Nov 1979-Sep 1982) 1 folder
- CBO/02/05/04/03 Correspondence with publishers Hodder and Stoughton together with minutes of production meetings (Nov 1979-Sep 1982) 1 folder
- CBO/02/05/04/04 Correspondence in respect of research matters (Aug 1979-Jul 1981) 0.25 folder
- CBO/02/05/04/05 Correspondence with Audrey Salkeld concerning research of elements of the Mountain section including biographies of climbers (Sep 1979-Mar 1981) 0.25 folder Also see CBO/02/05/03/08
- CBO/02/05/04/06 Correspondence with Anne-Marie Erlich in respect of picture research (Sep 1980-Jan 1982) 0.5 folder
- CBO/02/05/04/07 Correspondence in respect of general book production and design (Jan 1979-Feb 1982) 0.75 folder
- CBO/02/05/04/08 Correspondence with Sue Hogg, freelance editor (Oct 1979-Aug 1980) 0.25 folder
- CBO/02/05/04/09 Correspondence in respect of accompanying publicity and media such as book launch, literary lunches and book signing sessions. Also includes press cuttings (Jul 1981-Aug 1983) 0.75 folder
- CBO/02/05/04/10 Letters of appreciation (Oct 1981-Jan 1982) 0.25 folder
- CBO/02/05/04/11 several drafts of audio visual script and correspondence in respect of potential film treatment (Feb-Mar 1981) 1 folder
- CBO/02/05/04/12 Correspondence in respect of associated publicity tour (Sept 1982) following publication in the USA (Apr 1980-Nov 1983) 1 folder
- CBO/02/05/04/13 Correspondence in respect of publication of paperback version with John Farquharson Ltd, Hodder and Stoughton, Audrey Salkeld (includes chronology of main events relevant to each section) and John Beatty re images for cover (Apr 1987-Feb 1988) 1 folder

**CBO/02/05/05 Draft manuscript
Sub Series 4 folders**

(n.d)

Typescript with numbered pages which shows a different arrangement of chapters to that finally published.

- CBO/02/05/05/01 Pages 1-126 covering Oceans : Kontiki (1-27), Atlantic Rowing (28-48), The man who raced himself (49-69) and Golden Globe (70-126)
- CBO/02/05/05/02 Pages 127-261 covering Desert (127-147), Rivers (148-177), Polar : Trans Antarctic (178-218) and Trans Arctic (219-261)
- CBO/02/05/05/03 Pages 262-341 covering Mountains : Annapurna (262-277), Everest '53 (278-318) and Cho Oyu (319-341)

CBO/02/05/05/04 Pages 342-443 covering Mountains : Drus (342-363), Broad Peak (364-387), Annapurna South Face (388-412) and Ballooning : Double Eagle (413-443)

**CBO/02/06 Kongur: China's Elusive Summit
Sub Series 4 folders**

(May 1981-Jan 1988)

A book regarding the expedition to climb Kongur, published in 1982 by Hodder & Stoughton.

CBO/02/06/01 Correspondence with John Farquharson Ltd, Hodder and Stoughton, Jardine Matheson and expedition members, amongst others in respect of book publication and associated publicity. Includes a detailed synopsis and photograph of book at foot of Mustagh Ata (Aug 1981-Jan 1988) 1 folder

CBO/02/06/02 Draft chapters, copies of handwritten draft by Boardman and also by Tasker (Mar 1982) 1 folder

CBO/02/06/03 Bibliographic notes and references from background reading compiled and handwritten by P Boardman (photocopy) also article on China in general (May 1981 – Mar 1982) 1 folder

CBO/02/06/04 Draft typescript copy of book together with appendices (Mar 1982)

**CBO/02/07 Everest: The Unclimbed Ridge
Sub Series 4 folders**

(Jun 1982-Aug 1986)

A book regarding the expedition to Mount Everest in which two members lost their lives. Published in 1983 by Hodder & Stoughton, co authored with Dr. Charles Clarke

CBO/02/07/01 Correspondence with Hodder and Stoughton and expedition members re book production including reference to associated publicity tour and lecture tour plus copy of contract (Jun 1982-Aug 1986) 1 folder

CBO/02/07/02 Draft typescript of thirteen chapters including synopsis, epilogue and statistics tracking revisions and hours worked. Also includes a diary extract from Charles Clarke used in Chapter 6, a list of members, a diary of events and obituaries written for Boardman and Tasker (n.d) 2 folders
a Chapters 1-6
b Chapters 7-13 and extra material

CBO/02/07/03 Press cuttings of book reviews (Aug 1983-Jan 1984) 1 folder

**CBO/02/08 The Everest Years
Sub Series 4 folders**

(May 1985-Dec 1987)

The third of Bonington's autobiographies which chronicles the four expeditions to the world's highest peak. Published in 1986 by Hodder & Stoughton

CBO/02/08/01 Correspondence with Hodder and Stoughton re book production including synopsis, maps and routes, captions for images and index (May 1985-Sep 1987) 1 folder

CBO/02/08/02 Correspondence with George Greenfield and John Farquharson Ltd (Mar 1986-May 1987) 0.25 folder

CBO/02/08/03 Correspondence regarding publicity including reviews by Jim Perrin (Jul 1986-Dec 1987) 0.25 folder

CBO/02/08/04 Correspondence re publication of paperback version with Hodder and Stoughton and Coronet, plus associated publicity (Feb-Nov 1987) 0.5 folder

CBO/02/08/05 Draft typescript of nineteen chapters (n.d) 2 folders
a. Chapters 1-9
b. Chapters 10-19

CBO/02/09 Mountaineer: Thirty Years of Climbing on the World's Great Peaks
Sub Series 1 folder (May 1989-Jul 1999)

A photographic autobiography published in 1989 by Hodder & Stoughton and re-published by Bâton Wicks in 1999.

CBO/02/09/01 Draft typescript of chapters (Foundations, The Alpine Experience 1967-1977, Expedition Apprenticeship 1960-1963, Adventure Journalist, Himalayan Big Walls, Small Teams Fine Peaks 1973-1977, K2 an end of an era 1978, Climbs from China 1980-1988, Snatched opportunities, Fulfilment), plus details of Bonington's climbing record Apr 1951-May 1988; captions to accompany photographs used in each chapter and correspondence and papers regarding page layout.

CBO/02/10 The Climbers (Sep 1990-Mar 1994)
Sub Series 2 boxes

A history of mountaineering published in 1992 by BBC Books & Hodder & Stoughton to accompany the television programme. Also see CBO/05/05/06 for papers concerning this

CBO/02/10/01 Background research material for chapter 1 "A journey back in time" previously known as "The Silver Age" including information on Grépon reconstruction, Mummery and the Guides : Bergener, Klucker, Knubel, Dent, Simond and Venetz, annotations and notes by Audrey Salkeld (1990) 0.25 folder

CBO/02/10/02 Background research material for chapter 3 "The Golden Age" including information on Anderegg, Tyndall, the Matterhorn and Lucy Walker, annotations and notes by Audrey Salkeld (n.d) 0.25 folder

CBO/02/10/03 Background research material for chapter 6 "Profaned with Sikes" previously known as "Between the Wars" including information on Paul Preuss, Tita Piazz, Josef Knubel, Willi Welzenbach, Toni & Franz Schmid and the Eiger disaster of 1936, annotations and notes by Audrey Salkeld (n.d) 0.25 folder

CBO/02/10/04 Background research material for chapter 8 "The Invisible Barrier" including map, copy images of Willi Welzenbach and Paul Bauer, notes re German Nanga Parbat Expedition in 1937, annotations and notes by Audrey Salkeld (n.d) 0.25 folder

CBO/02/10/05 Background research material on and transcript of interview with Tomo Cesen including information on solo climbs of Jannu and Lhotse (Jan-Apr 1991) 1 folder

CBO/02/10/06 Background research material on and transcript of interview with Reinhold Messner (n.d) 1 folder

CBO/02/10/07 Transcripts of interviews with Charles Houston, Peter Schoening and Tony Streater re American expedition to K2 in 1953, with Houston re Nanga Parbat and K2 1938 (plus correspondence) and with Houston and Sigi Hupfauer (plus correspondence), (Sep 1990-Oct 1992) 1 folder

CBO/02/10/08 transcripts of interviews with Doug Scott, Peter Habeler, Jean Afanassief, Sir Edmund Hillary, Lord John Hunt (Annapurna Reunion), Adams Carter and Sir Jack Longland (n.d) 1 folder

CBO/02/10/09 Background research material including a typescript copy of Kukuczka "My Vertical World", details of Polish climbs, information on American Expedition to K2 in 1939, particularly on Fritz Wiessner (Sep 1990-Apr 1992) 1 folder

CBO/02/10/10 Correspondence on picture research with Audrey Salkeld, Maggie Body and Mark Murray, also includes a synopsis together with picture research re Buhl, Collie and Bruce and article re Mummery (Sep 1990-Oct 1991) 0.5 folder

CBO/02/10/11 Editorial comment from Andy Fanshawe, details of map excerpts to be used, glossary section and suggested further reading (Jul 1991) 0.5 folder

CBO/02/10/12 Press cuttings containing reviews of book and related TV programme (Jul-Oct 1992)

CBO/02/10/13 Letters of appreciation in respect of book and related TV programme (Jul 1992-Mar 1994)

CBO/02/10/14 Draft typescript of fourteen chapters, edited by Andy Fanshawe, Maggie Body, a Lancaster and Louise Wilson (2-15 July 1991) 3 folders
CBO/02/10/14a chapters 1-5
CBO/02/10/14b chapters 6-10
CBO/02/10/14c chapters 11-14

CBO/02/10/15 Draft typescript of fourteen chapters (26 July 1991) 3 folders
CBO/02/10/15a introduction and chapters 1-5
CBO/02/10/15b chapters 6-10
CBO/02/10/15c chapters 11-14 and glossary

CBO/02/11 Sea, Ice and Rock
Sub Series folders

(Nov 1991-May 1993)

A book regarding the expedition to Greenland. Published in 1992 by Hodder & Stoughton and co authored with Robin Knox-Johnston. Also see CBO/01/29 for expedition papers

CBO/02/11/01 General correspondence with expedition members and literary agent John Farquharson Ltd including synopsis (Nov 1991-Mar 1993) 0.25 folder

CBO/02/11/02 Correspondence with Hodder & Stoughton re book publication and associated publicity (May 1992-Jan 1993) 0.25 folder

CBO/02/11/03 Press cuttings of reviews compiled by Romeike and Curtice from local and national press coverage (Nov 1992-May 1993) 0.5 folder

CBO/02/11/04 Draft typescript including chapters and appendices (May-June 1992) 1 folder

CBO/02/12 Great Climbs
Sub Series 2 folders

(Jun 1992-Jun 1994)

Collected essays which celebrate climbing experiences throughout the world. Published in 1994 by Reed Illustrated Books, Edited jointly with Audrey Salkeld

CBO/02/12/01 draft typescript with some annotations

CBO/02/12/01a General introduction and essays divided into sections Alpine : The Meije by John Hunt, the Traverse of the Pelvoux by Rob Collister, Lionesses in winter – North Face Women by Wanda Rutkiewicz, The House of Pain by Marc Twight, Destroyed Myths, Dead Heroes by Reinhold Messner; British: A Weekend Away by Mick Fowler, Modern Times by Ed Douglas, Sheep Stories by Victor Saunders; East Europe & USSR : Caucasus by John Hunt, Saxon Switzerland by Dietrich Hasse, Caucasian Prelude by Robin Hodgkin; North America : Introduction by Audrey Salkeld, Close Call – First Ascent Mt Lucania by Brad Washburn, The Desert Song by Ed Webster, Striving for the Moon by Barry Blanchard

CBO/02/12/01b South America : Patagonia with Shipton by John Earle, Starving in Huascaran by Adrian Burgess, El Regallo de Mowena by Sean Smith; Antarctica : Jousting at Icebergs by Greg Mortimer, after Dark by Roger Mear, Antarctic Solitude by Geoffrey Tabir; Himalaya : Introduction by Stephen Venables, Nanda Devi by Charles Houston , Hara Mosh by Tony Streater, Ascent of Hidden Peak by Peter Habeler, Chomolungma's Last Secret by Kurt Diemberger, A Himalayan Classic – Makalu's West Pillar by Kitty Calhoun Grissom, Polish Syndrome by Wojtek Kurtyka, Useless Conquistadors, Couch Potatoes and the Race to Save the World by Michael Thompson

**CBO/02/13 Podwinkle
Sub Series 1 folder**

(1975)

Unpublished story originally recorded on tape for Daniel and Rupert Bonington whilst their father was on expedition to Mount Everest in 1975.

CBO/02/13/1 Typescript transcript

**CBO/02/14 General correspondence
Sub Series 5 folders**

(Oct 1982-Sep 1989)

CBO/02/14/1 Letters exchanged with George Greenfield and others on behalf of J Farquharson Ltd, literary agents in respect of book publication of *Annapurna South Face*, *Everest: The Hard way*, *Everest: The Unclimbed Ridge*, *I chose to Climb*, *In Search of the Ultimate*, *K2*, *Kongur China's Elusive Summit*, *Quest for Adventure*, *Taming of the Ogre*, *The Everest Years*, *The Next Horizon*, and *The Ultimate Challenge* (Feb 1975-Nov 1986) 3 folders

- a. Feb 1975-May 1978
- b. Apr 1980-Dec 1983
- c. Feb 1984-Nov 1986

CBO/02/14/2 Letters exchanged with Hodder and Stoughton re general matters (Oct 1982-Jul 1988) 1 folder

CBO/02/14/3 Letters exchanged with Vivienne Schuster on behalf of J Farquharson Ltd, literary agents in respect of book publication and other media matters including dealings with Guild Sound and Vision and re *Everest: The Hard Way*, *Everest: The Unclimbed Ridge*, *Quest for Adventure*, *The Everest Years*, articles following expedition to St Kilda and Joe Tasker film (Oct 1986-Sep 1989) 1 folder

CBO/03 Scrapbooks

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Identity Statement

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/03/01-19

Title: Scrapbooks

Date(s): 1939-1988

Level of description: sub-fonds

Extent: 3 boxes

Context

Name of creator: Bonington | Helen A née Storey (1910-1998)

Administrative/Biographical history: Helen Bonington was an Oxford graduate and brought Christian up alone following the breakup of her marriage to Charles Bonington. Helen worked as an advertising copywriter and journalist prior to working as a teacher at a girls comprehensive school in Highgate, London. In her spare time she liked to play golf.

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Primarily scrapbooks of newspaper cuttings of Sir Chris Bonington's professional climbing career some of which contain photographs. There are also some research and lecture notes.

System of arrangement: Original order maintained which is approximately chronological.

Condition of Access and Use of Area

Language: English, French, German, Spanish

Allied Materials

Related units of description:

CBO/01 Expeditions

CBO/05 Media

CBO/11 Personal Accounts - **CLOSED**

Access Points

Subject terms:

Journalism

Mountaineering

Mountaineering expeditions

Rock climbing

Personal names:

Bonington, Helen A née Storey (1910-1998)

Bonington, Wendy née Marchant

Catalogue

CBO/03/01 Photograph album and scrapbook
Series level, 1 volume

[May] 1939 – July 1961

Photographs of Chris Bonington's childhood plus others of family and friends. Press cuttings re expeditions to Annapurna II (1960) and Nuptse (1961)

CBO/03/02 Climbing Cuttings
Series Level, 1 volume

Sep 1959 – Aug 1969

Newspaper cuttings re contemporary climbers, Joe Brown, Don Whillans and John Harlin II and climbing expedition to Old Man of Hoy (Jun 1969)

CBO/03/03 Scrapbook
Series level, 1 volume

Jun 1960-May 1962

Newspaper cuttings re expeditions to Nuptse (Jun 1961), Central Pillar of Freney, Mont Blanc (Aug 1961) and the Eiger (Sep 1961-abandoned)

CBO/03/04 Photograph album
Series level, 1 volume

Aug 1961-Nov 1962

Newspaper cuttings re expeditions to Central Pillar of Freney, Mont Blanc (Aug 1961) and the Eiger (July 1962) death of Barry Brewster and rescue of Brian Nally, successful climb of Eiger with Ian Clough (Sep 1962). Press coverage of wedding to Wendy Marchant (May 1962). Photographs of H A Bonington and Conrad Bonington

CBO/03/05 Scrap album 1
Series level, 1 volume

May 1962-Jan 1963

Newspaper cuttings re wedding of Chris Bonington and Wendy Marchant (May 1962), ascent of north face of the Eiger and rescue of Brian Nally (Jul-Sep 1962), expedition to the Towers of Paine, Patagonia (Jan 1963)

CBO/03/06 Scraps and Cuttings
Series level, 1 volume

Jun 1962-Jan 1964

Newspaper cuttings re expedition to the Towers of Paine, Patagonia (Jan 1963), family photos of Lake District home, Wendy and Helen Bonington, birth of Conrad Bonington

CBO/03/07 Scrap album 2
Series level, 1 volume

Sep 1962-Jan 1963

Newspaper cuttings re wedding of Chris Bonington and Wendy Marchant (May 1962), ascent of north face of the Eiger and rescue of Brian Nally (Jul-Sep 1962), expedition to the Towers of Paine, Patagonia (Jan 1963)

CBO/03/08 Scrapbook
Series level, 1 volume

Feb 1966-Mar 1966

Mountaineering exploits of Christian Bonington Vol I. Newspaper cuttings re ascent of the Eiger Direct by John Harlin II and Dougal Haston and subsequent fall of Harlin

CBO/03/09 Scrapbook
Series level, 1 volume

Mar 1966-Mar 1969

Mountaineering exploits of Christian Bonington Vol II. Newspaper cuttings re ascent of the Eiger and treatment for frostbite, accidental death of Conrad Bonington, first journalistic piece on the Eskimos, televised climb of the Old Man of Hoy (1967)

CBO/03/10 Scrapbook
Series level, 1 volume

Jun 1968-Jun1972

Mountaineering exploits of Christian Bonington Vol III. Newspaper cuttings re ascent of the Eiger, televised climb of the Old Man of Hoy (1967), journalistic piece on the Blue Nile (1968), expeditions to Annapurna and death of Ian Clough (1970), North Wall of the Grandes Jorasses (1972) and Mount Everest (1972)

CBO/03/11 Scrapbook
Series level, 1 volume

Jun 1968-Jun1972

Exploits of Christian Bonington. Newspaper cuttings re expeditions to Mount Everest (Aug-Nov 1972), Changabang (1974) and Mount Everest (1975) plus awarding of Royal Geographical Society Gold Medal in 1974

CBO/03/12 Scrapbook
Series level, 1 volume

Sep 1973-Jun 1978

Newspaper cuttings re expeditions to Mount Everest (1975), The Ogre (1977) and K2 (1978) including death of Nick Estcourt

CBO/03/13 Scrapbook
Series level, 1 volume

May 1980-Mar 1985

Newspaper cuttings re expeditions to Kongur (1980), Everest North East Ridge (1982) deaths of Joe Tasker and Pete Boardman, Mt Karun Koh, Pakistan (1984) and Mount Everest (1985)

CBO/03/14 Scrapbook
Series level, 1 volume

Feb 1985-Oct 1987

Newspaper cuttings re expeditions to Mount Everest (1985), K2 (1986) deaths of Al Rouse and Julie Tullis and Menlungtse (1987) – search for the Yeti

CBO/03/15 Scrapbook
Series level, 1 volume

Nov 1987-Jan 1993

Newspaper cuttings re expeditions to Menlungtse (1987 & 1988) – search for the Yeti, miscellaneous cuttings (1989-1991), trial and acquittal of Daniel Bonington (1993)

CBO/03/16 Photograph Collection
Series level, 1 file

1928-1998

Loose photographs of Max and Alice Bonington (grandparents of Chris Bonington) and the Lindsays (friends of the Bonington family) including a portrait and memoir of Derek Lindsay

CBO/03/17 Mother and son genealogy
Series level, 1 file

Jun 1979-Jun 1991

Notes, photographs, correspondence and papers relating to the genealogy of Helen Bonington includes details of Alderman Francis Storey, The Dorans (with family tree), Samuel Onley and Helen's notebook on chronology and useful events to feature in her biography

CBO/03/18 Lecture notes
Series level, 1 file

Jul 1978-Jul 1982

In relation to Helen Bonington's talk "On being the mother of a celebrity"

CBO/04 Correspondence

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Identity Statement

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/04/01-05

Title: Correspondence

Date(s): 1940-1990

Level of description: sub-fonds

Extent: 3 boxes

Context

Name of creator: Bonington | Sir Christian John Storey (1934-)

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Letters written by Bonington to his mother and grandmother and communication with friends Yvonne and Philip Hoste together with correspondence with expedition colleagues, related organisations, letters of support to individuals and organisations and enquiries and requests from the general public.

System of arrangement: Chronological for Family and Hoste letters; reverse chronological order for remainder, i.e original order except CBO/04/03/04 which is arranged alphabetically

Condition of Access and Use of Area

Language: English, French, Italian

Access Points

Subject terms:

Advice
Family
Military service
Mountaineering expeditions
Patronage

Personal names:

Bonington, Helen A née Storey (1910-1998)
Clough, Nikki
Haston, Dougal (1940-1977)
Frost, Tom [1938-]
MacInnes, Dr Hamish (1930-) OBE, BEM
Tritton, Alan George
Whillans, Donald Desbrow (1933-1985)

Catalogue

CBO/04/01 Family Letters Series, 5 folders

1940's-1980

Helen Bonington (1910-1998) had arranged letters by year, but it would appear that some letters have been taken out of sequence and put into different years. Therefore letters have been arranged in a chronological order where known, undated letters have been put into appropriate date order based on context and other undated items where date cannot be established have been placed at the end of the original 'year' they were filed in.

CBO/04/01/01 Various letters and postcards, some from Chris Bonington to his mother, Helen and others to either Chris or Helen from different correspondents. Includes some photographs of Chris in uniform and a letter written to Chris by Hamish MacInnes c. 1958 (1940-1950's) 1 folder. PFN Christian's Letters 1973,74,75 + Miscellaneous

CBO/04/01/02 Various letters and postcards written by Chris Bonington to his mother, Helen and his Nan during military service also one from his grandfather. A letter dated 01/07/1957 is pivotal in stating Bonington's intention to take climbing up as a professional career. Also includes a reminiscence of ascent of Nuptse (1961) (1953-1961) 1 folder. PFN Christian's Letters 1953-1959

CBO/04/01/03 Various letters and postcards from Chris Bonington to his mother, Helen and also from Wendy Bonington. Also includes letters from Helen and Christian kept by Nan (1965-1971) 1 folder. PFN Christian's Letters 1965-1969

CBO/04/01/04 Various letters and postcards from Chris Bonington to his mother, Helen and also from Wendy and Daniel Bonington. Also includes letters written from expedition to Mount Everest (1972) (1971-1975) 1 folder. PFN Everest Aug onwards 1972 & 1975

CBO/04/01/05 Various letters and postcards from Chris Bonington to his mother, Helen and also from Wendy, Daniel and Rupert Bonington. Also includes letters written from expedition to Mount Everest (1975) (1975-1980) 1 folder. PFN Christian's Letters Everest Summer 1975-1979

CBO/04/02 Hoste Letters Series, 1 folder

1964-1985

Correspondence including postcards and Christmas cards from both Chris and Wendy Bonington to Phillip and Yvonne Hoste, also includes press cuttings compiled by P & Y Hoste. Original order maintained.

CBO/04/03 General Letters Series, 14 folders

Aug 1966 - Feb 2001

CBO/04/03/01 Correspondence with colleagues from expeditions (Aug 1966-Feb 1990) 2 folders

- a. Tom Frost (Dec 1970-Oct 1978), Hamish MacInnes (Jan 1973-May 1977), Alan Tritton (Mar 1976-Jun 1979) reference to Everest '75 and death of Mick Burke, Don Whillans (Dec 1970-Feb 1978) re copyright infraction, Nikki Clough (May 1972-Feb 1990) re Ian Clough Trust, foreign climbers (Dec 1983-Apr 1986) includes Wanda Rutkiewicz and climbers from Pakistan, Iceland, Norway and Nepal

- b. Dougal Haston (Aug 1966-Mar 1979) with and regarding Haston including discussion about climbing activity, potential business idea and letters of condolence

CBO/04/03/02 Folder of comments, sketches and maps prepared by Dee Molenaar (a member of the 1953 American expedition to K2) (1973) 1 folder

CBO/04/03/03 Correspondence concerning the request and dispensation of advice in respect of mountaineering expeditions. Correspondents include Alan Rouse, John Amatt and Rusty Baillie (Apr 1971-Dec 1982) 2 folders

- a. 1971-1977
- b. 1978-1982

CBO/04/03/04 Correspondence with other organisations Sir Chris Bonington has supported or acted as Patron of (Sep 1988-Dec 1999) 2 folders

CBO/04/03/04/01 Association of General Practitioners of Natural Medicine

CBO/04/03/04/02 Basingstoke Outdoor Pursuits Club

CBO/04/03/04/03 Brathay Centre

CBO/04/03/04/04 Cancer Care

CBO/04/03/04/05 Dayncourt School

CBO/04/03/04/06 Kagyu Samyé Ling Tibetan Centre, Eskdalemuir

CBO/04/03/04/07 Kate Rawles – Bike the Andes

CBO/04/03/04/08 Keswick Mountain Rescue Team

CBO/04/03/04/09 Motor Neurone Disease Association – Classic Rock (1992)

CBO/04/03/04/10 Northern Development Company

CBO/04/03/04/11 Parents Against Tobacco

CBO/04/03/04/12 Patterdale Mountain Rescue Association

CBO/04/03/04/13 Renaissance Maritime Charitable Trust

CBO/04/03/04/14 Renaissance Theatre

CBO/04/03/04/15 Scottish Conservation Projects

CBO/04/03/04/16 South Lakeland Communities Charitable Trust (CB Patron)

CBO/04/03/04/17 The Nicola Lawrence Appeal

CBO/04/03/04/18 The Nottinghamshire Police South Pole Expedition (1994)

CBO/04/03/04/19 Tullie House

CBO/04/03/04/20 University of Newcastle, Dept of Geography

CBO/04/03/04/21 Winston Churchill Trust

CBO/04/03/05 General letters of support exchanged with schools, charities, organisations e.g Cumbria Association of Boys Club and with individuals including Eric Jones, Mick Fowler, Alison Hargreaves, Paul Pritchard, Stephen Venables and Mathew Estcourt (Oct 1987-Feb 2001) 2 folders

- a. 1987-1994
- b. 1995-2001

CBO/04/03/06 Correspondence with the Alpine Club (Sep 1981-Jan 1991) re location of new club premises and the American Alpine Club includes reference to the Menlungtse Expedition (Oct 1986 – Dec 1988) 1 folder.

CBO/04/03/07 Correspondence, minutes and papers re the Himalayan Adventure Trust (a non-profit enterprise for environmental protection) of which C Bonington was a founding Trustee (Jul 1988-Jan 1991) 1 folder

CBO/04/03/08 Correspondence re establishment of Mountain Wilderness – an international organisation which preserves the natural and cultural mountain environment, includes details of Biella Conference & Statutes with Declaration of Principles; minutes and other correspondence with Club Alpino Academic Italiano and Royal Geographical Society; also protection projects, e.g Mt Blanc, Free K2 and Pakistan mountains. C Bonington was a Trustee (Jul 1986-Sept 1991) 1 folder

CBO/04/03/09 Correspondence with the Indian Mountaineering Federation and regarding expedition to Mount Everest in 1984, Trekkers Guide to Himachal Pradesh and tributes to Mrs Indira Gandhi (Dec 1982-May 1986) together with details of involvement in other organisations such as the Lake District National Park, The National Trust and Cumbria Trust for Nature Conservation; correspondence relates to fundraising efforts and general support (Mar 1988-Jul 1990) 1 folder

CBO/04/03/10 Correspondence dealing with enquiries and requests for autographs from the general public including school children (Nov 1979-Jun 1981) 1 folder

CBO/05 Media

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Identity Statement

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/05/01-05

Title: Media

Date(s): 1962-2009

Level of description: sub-fonds

Extent: 4 boxes

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Papers concerning articles commissioned and published by third parties plus some articles written about Chris Bonington. Also contains papers concerning the making of films and television programmes.

System of arrangement: Original order maintained which is approximately chronological.

Condition of Access and Use of Area

Conditions governing reproduction: Articles are copyright Chris Bonington

Language: English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Russian

Access Points

Subject terms:

Exploration

Film making

Journalism

Media

Mountaineering expeditions

Press

Rock climbing

Television

Catalogue

**CBO/05/01 Press Articles commissioned
Series, 9 folders**

Apr 1966-Apr 2001

Papers and correspondence relating to articles published by the National and mountain press

**CBO/05/01/01 Daily Telegraph Magazine Articles
Sub Series level, 4 folders**

Dec 1966-May 1979

CBO/05/01/01/01 Telegraph Magazine - Correspondence with same re articles for publication including some copy letters to George Greenfield and John Farquharson Ltd (Oct 1968-May 1979) 1 folder

CBO/05/01/01/02 Project: Eskimo - Notebook, correspondence and research notes on Eskimo article (Dec 1966-May 1967) 1 folder

CBO/05/01/01/03 Project: Blue Nile - Scrapbook, correspondence and maps plus military planning instructions and audio tape (1973) of Bonington interviewing unknown person for the articles on the Great Abbai Expedition (30th Jul – 3rd Oct 1968) (Feb 1968-Dec 1973) 1 folder

CBO/05/01/01/04 Project: Etna - Notebook, press cuttings, chronology and editorial copy for volcano article (May 1971) 1 folder

CBO/05/01/02 Observer Magazine
Sub Series level, 1 folder

Aug 1972-Feb 1976

Correspondence re articles for this publication including Sebastian Snow's hike from Tierra del Fuego to Alaska and with Chris Brasher, one of the paper's other reporters.

CBO/05/01/03 Climber & Rambler Magazine
Sub Series level, 1 folder

Apr 1972-Sep 1977

Correspondence re articles published with Walt Unsworth (editor) and with Chris Brasher (editor of Mountain Life – official publication of the BMC). Areas covered include The Ogre and two articles on Mount Everest by Pete Boardman

CBO/05/01/04 Mountain Magazine
Sub Series level, 1 folder

Sep 1962-Dec 1979

Correspondence re articles published with Ken Wilson (editor) plus some correspondence with Mountain Craft and with J E B Wright re training with The Mountaineering Association

CBO/05/01/05 Alpine Journal
Sub Series level, 1 folder

Nov 1970-Dec 1985

Correspondence and articles relevant to publication in the AJ, covers Don Whillans, Mount Everest 1982 & 1984 and debate with Mike Ward and others in respect of 1982 expedition

CBO/05/01/06 Published Articles
Sub Series level, 1 folder

Apr 1966-Apr 2001

Copies of articles as published in publications detailed above plus other published articles

CBO/05/01/07 Published Articles
Sub Series level, 1 folder

1960's-1980's

Copies of articles as published in the general press plus other published articles relating to Bonington and other climbers

CBO/05/02 General Articles commissioned
Series, 4 folders

Jan 1965-Nov 1994

Papers and correspondence relating to articles commissioned by other publications. Several folders used to reflect original order

CBO/05/02/01 Correspondence and articles re climbs in the Lake District; also covers Mount Everest, The Alps, the Eiger, exploration, a piece on Dhows and the Incas of Peru. Also contains an obituary of Jangbo – a sherpa on the 1972 Mount Everest expedition (Jan 1965-Jan 1981) 1 folder

CBO/05/02/02 Correspondence, draft articles and editorial copy of commissioned articles (Dec 1973-May 1979) 1 folder

CBO/05/02/03 Correspondence, draft articles and editorial copy of commissioned articles re expeditions to Brammah, Ogre, Kongur, Mt Vinson and Everest (1985); love of the Lake District, thoughts, reflections and recommendations (Jan 1972-Dec 1988) 1 folder

CBO/05/02/04 Short pieces and work commissioned for magazine publication on climbing including obituary for Bill Peascod and contribution to the Dictionary of National Biography on Harold Tilman.

CBO/05/02/05 Contributions to miscellaneous articles and related correspondence includes obituary of Mo Anthoine (Aug 1989) (Aug 1989–Nov 1994) 1 folder

CBO/05/02/06 Contributions to miscellaneous articles published in foreign magazines and correspondence in respect of these, includes expeditions to Shivling and Mount Everest (1982) and Bonington's 'Quest for Adventure' (Oct 1981-Oct 1986) 1 folder

CBO/05/02/07 Research notes concerning what's left to be explored in terms of the world at large including its oceans (c.1970's) 1 envelope

CBO/05/03 Articles about Sir Chris Bonington
Series, 2 folders

Sep 1974-Mar 2009

CBO/05/03/01 Articles about C Bonington, his expeditions or climbing in general also contains a piece written by Melvyn Bragg for Good Housekeeping (Sep 1974-Aug 1987) 1 folder

CBO/05/03/02 Articles about C Bonington, his expeditions, climbing in general or use of technology in planning expeditions (Oct 1975-Mar 2009) 1 folder

CBO/05/04 Forewords and Reviews
Series, 4 folders

Jun 1979 – Feb 1997

CBO/05/04/01 Includes letter from Jim Perrin re *Menlove* (Jun 1979 – Dec 1985) 1 folder

CBO/05/04/02 Includes correspondence with Joe Simpson re *Touching the Void* (Jan 1986-Dec 1988) 1 folder

CBO/05/04/03 (Jan 1989-Dec 1992) 1 folder

CBO/05/04/04 (Jan 1993-Feb 1997) 1 folder

CBO/05/05 TV programmes and films
Series, 10 folders

Jul 1967-Sep 1990

CBO/05/05/01 Old Man of Hoy – Correspondence and press cuttings re BBC TV outside broadcast. The climbers were Bonington, Brown, Crew, Haston, McNaught-Davis and Patey. The film crew comprised Rusty Baillie, John Cleare, Ian Clough and Hamish MacInnes. It was renowned as the most technically challenging and widely viewed climbing outdoor broadcast ever made in the UK. (July 1967) 1 folder

CBO/05/05/02/01 Lakeland Rock – Correspondence and draft treatments of series produced by ITV Border and Channel 4. Also includes first draft of the seven chapters of the accompanying book. This series covered five decades of Lakeland climbing, from the 1940s to the 1980s. An important first ascent from each decade was re-climbed by one or more of the climbers who made the first ascent. The first programme showed Bill Peascod at the age of 65 repeating his first ascent of Eagle Front made in the June 1940 with Bonington seconding him. The second programme showed Whillans and Bonington climb Dovedale Groove, on Dove Crag – a Brown Whillans Route from May 1953 and into the 1980s. Bonington himself represented the 1960's with the first ascent of Holy Ghost in April 1965. For the 1970s, Bonington seconded Pete Livesey on Footless Crow, Goat Crag in Borrowdale, originally climbed April 1974. The 1980's was represented by two climbs. Pete Whillance and Dave Armstrong made the first ascent of Incantations, Tophet Wall on Great Gable in August 1984. Women's contributions were characterised by Jill Lawrence and Gill Price, both leading activists during the 1980s, climbing Empire on Raven Crag, Thirlmere also in August 1984. (May 1983-July 1985) 1 folder. MHT has a copy of this programme and the accompanying book.

CBO/05/05/02/02 Lakeland Rock – Press cuttings re broadcasting of series, winning of awards and death of Bill Peascod (Feb-Jun 1985) 1 folder

CBO/05/05/03 Mountain Men – Correspondence with BBC TV in respect of this series (6 x 50 minute episodes, 1986), includes research material on Lucy Walker (script by Fay Weldon), Mrs Aubrey Le Blond, Tschingel (originally Christian Almer's dog, later W A B Coolidge's), Melchior Anderegg, Frederick Gardiner and A W Moore; first and second drafts of treatment for Herman Buhl episode (Jan 1984-Oct 1985) 1 folder. BFI has a copy of this programme

CBO/05/05/04 Mallory film – Correspondence and treatment for film accompanying expedition to Mount Everest with Brian Blessed, includes research material supplied by Captain John Noel. As Bonington pulled out of the expedition the film was never made (Mar 1984-Oct 1987) 1 folder. See CBO/01/25 for expedition papers

CBO/05/05/05 Joe Tasker film – Produced in two parts The Himalaya Years and the Making of a Climber includes correspondence, background notes and draft schedule for BBC TV production (Jun 1987-Mar 1990) 1 folder. BFI has a copy of this programme. Reference to this also in CBO/02/14/3.

CBO/05/05/06 The Mountaineers - Correspondence, background notes and treatment for joint BBC TV & FR3 production. This series came to be re-titled "*The Climbers*" (Oct 1988-Apr 1993) 1 folder
Also see CBO/02/10 for papers concerning background research and book production. MHT has a copy of the accompanying book.

CBO/05/05/07 Leading to the Top – Correspondence with Guild Sound and Vision re production of this leadership training film. Also includes users guide, promotional leaflet and stills from the film (Oct 1986-Apr 1994) 1 folder. Reference to this also in CBO/02/14/3.

CBO/05/05/08 Great Railway Journeys – Correspondence re involvement in this programme with a trip across Canada, made by Triple Echo Productions for BBC and transmitted 16/10/1996. Also includes itinerary for filming schedule, chapter for accompanying book and letters of appreciation from viewers (Dec 1994-Mar 1997) 1 folder.

CBO/05/05/09 Correspondence re other media projects such as interviews, personal appearances and provision of film material for use in other programmes (Jan 1997-Feb 2007) 1 folder

CBO/06 Lectures

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Identity Statement

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/06/01-11

Title: Lectures

Date(s): 1973-1995

Level of description: sub-fonds

Extent: 1 box

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Papers, including itineraries, concerning lecture programmes held in addition to those attached to specific expeditions together with details of other personal appearances.

System of arrangement: Original order maintained which is approximately chronological.

Allied Materials

Related units of description:

CBO/01 Expeditions

Access Points

Subject terms:

Leadership

Lecturing

Mountaineering expeditions

Public relations

Catalogue

**CBO/06/01 Lecture tour
Series, 1 folder**

Jun 1973-Aug 1974

Papers and correspondence re potential plans to lecture in Australia and New Zealand during the early part of 1974 plus reference to potential trekking partnership with Ausventure

**CBO/06/02 Everest - The Hard Way
Series, 2 folders**

1977-Mar 1980

CBO/06/02/1 Lecture notes and A/V script for presentation plus itineraries for two other bookings

CBO/06/02/2 Papers depicting storyboard of film material in a frame by frame layout with added comments, one of which for IBM booking

**CBO/06/03 Lecture tour
Series, 1 folder**

Nov 1982-Oct 1986

Papers, itineraries and correspondence re plans to tour the "Horizons" lecture in Australia in November 1984 at the invitation of and organised by Australian Himalayan Expeditions

**CBO/06/04 Lecture tour 1989
Series, 1 folder**

May 1989-Feb 1990

Papers, itineraries and correspondence plus associated publicity schedule for tour of British Isles between 14th November and 15th December 1989. Also includes breakdown of sales (books and posters) and costs incurred. The lectures given were Thirty years of Climbing, The Everest Years and Menlungtse – Search for the Yeti

**CBO/06/05 Lecture tour
Series, 1 folder**

Jul 1989-Feb 1991

Papers, itineraries, travel schedules, press cuttings, promotional flyers and correspondence re tour of the "Mountaineer" lecture plus a leadership seminar in New Zealand between 22nd September and 10th October 1990 and the "Mountaineer" Lecture in Australia between 10th - 16th October 1990.

**CBO/06/06 Lecture tour 1990
Series, 1 folder**

Jul – Dec 1990

Papers, itineraries and correspondence plus associated publicity schedule for tour of United Kingdom between 16th November and 5th December 1990. Also includes breakdown of sales (books and posters) and lecture engagement confirmations. The lectures given were Thirty years of Climbing and Menlungtse – Search for the Yeti

**CBO/06/07 Lecture tour 1991
Series, 1 folder**

Jul – Dec 1991

Papers re tour of British Isles between 1st October and 9th December 1991. Also includes lecture engagement confirmations. The lectures given were Thirty years of Climbing and Greenland 1991.

**CBO/06/08 Lecture tour 1992
Series, 1 folder**

Jul – Nov 1992

Papers re tour of British Isles between 18th October and 21st November 1992. Also includes lecture engagement confirmations. The lectures given were Thirty years of Climbing and Panch Chuli.

**CBO/06/09 Lecture tour 1993
Series, 1 folder**

Sep 1993–Jan 1994

Papers, itineraries, lecture engagement confirmations and correspondence for tour of United Kingdom between 10th October and 6th December 1993. Also includes papers re tour of USA in November 1993. The lectures given were That Highest Place – the Story of Everest.

**CBO/06/10 Schedules
Series, 1 folder**

Feb 1993-Aug 1994

Itineraries re daily movements

**CBO/06/11 Lecture tour 1994
Series, 1 folder**

Jun 1994-Jul 1995

Papers, itineraries, lecture engagement confirmations, accommodation bookings and correspondence for tour of United Kingdom between 28th October and 8th December 1994. Also includes papers re tour of USA in November 1994. The lectures given were Thirty years of Climbing, Challenging the Unknown and That Highest Place – the Story of Everest.

**CBO/06/12 Lecture tour 1995
Series, 0.25 folder**

Dec 1994-Jan 1996

Papers, itineraries, lecture engagement confirmations, accommodation bookings and correspondence for tour of United Kingdom between 3rd October and 3rd December 1994. The lectures given were Drangnag Rii, Mountaineer-Thirty years of Climbing, History of Everest and Greenland.

**CBO/06/13 Lecture tour 1996
Series, 0.25 folder**

Mar-Oct 1996

Papers, itineraries, lecture engagement confirmations, accommodation bookings and correspondence for tour of United Kingdom between 28th September and 21st October 1996. The lectures given were Drangnag Rii, Mountaineer-Thirty years of Climbing and That Highest Place – the Story of Everest.

**CBO/06/14 Lecture tour 1997
Series, 0.25 folder**

Oct-Dec 1997

Papers, itineraries, lecture engagement confirmations, accommodation bookings and correspondence for tour of United Kingdom between 29th October and 27th November 1997. The lectures given were Sepu Kangri, Mountaineer-Thirty years of Climbing and Tibet 1997.

**CBO/06/15 Lecture tour 1999
Series, 0.5 folder**

May-Nov 1997

Papers, itineraries, lecture engagement confirmations, accommodation bookings and correspondence for tour of United Kingdom between 11th October and 19th November 1999. The lectures given were Return to Sepu Kangri, and Sepu Kangri 1998.

**CBO/06/16 Lectures
Series, 0.5 folder**

May 2001-Oct 2004

- a. One off lecture "Arganglas Ladakh" held at Darlington Civic Theatre on 11th November 2001
- b. Papers re potential lectures, one being "Spirit of Adventure" with Robin Knox Johnston in 2003
- c. Papers re potential involvement in motivational style lectures in 2004

CBO/06/17 Lecture notes
Series, 1 folder

1972-1999

Papers re lecture synopsis and notes for speeches given, background information for speeches, aide memoires, prompt cards and technical information re audio visual element of lectures

CBO/06/18 Bookings and Appearances
Series, 1 folder

Mar 1984-Aug 1986

Advice slips from Curtis Brown which provide details of bookings and appearances made during this period. Also contains some correspondence relating to a specific booking.

CBO/07 British Mountaineering Council

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Identity Statement

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/07

Title: British Mountaineering Council

Date(s): 1976-1997

Level of description: sub-fonds

Extent: 2 boxes

Context

Administrative/Biographical history:

The British Mountaineering Council (BMC) was formed in December 1944 by Geoffrey Winthrop Young and Leo Amery to provide mountaineering advice to the wartime authorities and is the representative body that exists to protect the freedoms and promote the interests of climbers, hill walkers and mountaineers, including ski-mountaineers. It has several committees, known as specialist programmes which report on various activities to the BMC's Executive Committee who then agree practices which are actioned by BMC staff. Sir Chris Bonington was BMC President 1988-1991 and acted as vice president between 1976-1979 and 1985-1988. He has been a Patron since 1991.

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Papers of BMC Committees reporting to its Vice President and President when the post/s were held by Sir Chris Bonington.

System of arrangement: Original order maintained which is approximately chronological.

Access Points

Subject terms:

British Mountaineering Council

Personal names:

Cuthbertson, David J (1948-), known as Smiler

Gray, Dennis Dillon (1935-)

Catalogue

CBO/07/01 Executive Committee

Series level, 0.25 folder

Sep 1988 – May 1990

Agendas, minutes, papers and associated correspondence

CBO/07/02 Committee of Management

Series level, 0.25 folder

Apr 1988 – Apr 1991

Agendas, minutes, papers and associated correspondence

CBO/07/03 Corporate Plan Series level, 0.25 folder	Oct 1986 – Aug 1989
Minutes and drafts	
CBO/07/04 Standing Advisory Committee Series level, 0.25 folder	May 1979 – Oct 1990
Reports on the BMC and Plas Y Brenin (Dec 1985) and Plas Y Brenin in the 1980's plus recommendations	
CBO/07/05 Climbing Walls Series level, 0.5 folder	Jun 1985 – Nov 1989
Correspondence, memoranda, reports and minutes	
CBO/07/06 Climbing Competition Series level, 0.5 folder	May 1988 – Apr 1991
Correspondence, copy articles, memoranda, statements and press cuttings	
CBO/07/07 Publications Committee Series level, 0.25 folder	Jun 1984 – Sep 1990
Correspondence, agendas and minutes including details of dispute regarding Rockcraft	
CBO/07/08 Guides and Guidebooks Committee Series level, 0.25 folder	Dec 1988 – Apr 1990
Correspondence, agendas and memoranda	
CBO/07/09 Public Relations Committee Series level, 0.25 folder	Jan 1989 – Jul 1990
Correspondence, minutes and papers	
CBO/07/10 Film Festival & Conference Series level, 0.25 folder	April 1989
Correspondence and reports	
CBO/07/11 Whillans Memorial Hut Series level, 0.25 folder	Nov 1985 – Apr 1991
Correspondence and progress report re suitability of Rockhall Cottage, The Roaches, Derbyshire	
CBO/07/12 Lake District Area Committee Series level, 0.25 folder	Nov 1989 – Nov 1991
Agendas, minutes and correspondence	

CBO/07/13 Lancashire and Cheshire Area Committee **Feb 1988 – Nov 1990**
Series level, 0.25 folder

Report on Training committee proposal and related correspondence

CBO/07/14 Peak District Area Committee **n.d**
Series level, 0.25 folder

Discussion paper re in-situ protection

CBO/07/15 International Committee **Jan 1985 – Jun 1991**
Series level, 0.5 folder

Correspondence re UIAA, details of the Annapurna Premier 8000 event and the awarding of the Match d'Or to Bonington for "Great Himalayan Ascent" in 1990

CBO/07/16 General Papers **Oct 1976 – Mar 1979**
Series level, 0.5 folder

Circulars re BMC involvement with Council for National Parks, Ordnance Survey Review and papers re Glen Brittle Memorial Hut

CBO/07/17 Annual Reports **1982-1989**
Series level, 1 folder

Yearly produced publication reviewing activities of the BMC

CBO/07/18 Scotland **Feb 1988 – Feb 1991**
Series level, 0.5 folder

Correspondence and papers re the appointment of a National Officer for the Mountaineering Council of Scotland plus published response to "The Mountain Areas of Scotland: Conservation and Management" by the Countryside Commission for Scotland

CBO/07/19 Sports Council **Feb 1985 – Dec 1989**
Series level, 0.5 folder

Reports, correspondence and minutes of evidence presented to the House of Commons Environment Committee. Also includes correspondence re Plas Y Brenin Committee and the Climbers' Club grant application for Ynys Ettws hut

CBO/07/20 Brazilgate **Oct 1988 – Feb 1996**
Series level, 1 folder

Correspondence re hoax application from a climber in Brazil made to Dennis Gray as General Secretary and the investigation into potential fraudulent activity and its effect on administrative functions and procedures. Also includes resignation of Ken Wilson and re-instatement to Management Committee due to the BMC's stance on completion climbing. **CLOSED UNTIL 30 YEARS AFTER DEATH OF D GRAY**

CBO/07/21 Cuthbertson hearing
Series level, 2 folders

Jun – Oct 1997

Papers compiled for presentation at the hearing of David ‘Smiler’ Cuthbertson conducted by the British Mountain Guides (BMG) Professional Standards Committee at Plas y Brenin on 28th September 1997 in respect of the fatal accident of Gerard Hedley during an ice climb on Mont Blanc whilst under the professional guidance of Cuthbertson. Also contains correspondence between the BMG and the BMG Professional Standards Committee and Bonington’s involvement as an independent observer whilst serving as President of the Alpine Club. **CLOSED UNTIL 30 YEARS AFTER DEATH OF D CUTHBERTSON**

CBO/08 Memorial Funds

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Identity Statement

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/08/01-03

Title: Memorial Funds

Date(s): 1978-2002

Level of description: sub-fonds

Extent: 2 boxes

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Correspondence and papers related to Bonington's involvement with the Boardman Tasker Award, Alison Chadwick Trust Fund, Nick Estcourt Award, Andy Fanshawe Memorial Fund, Mike Jones Memorial Fund and Al Rouse Memorial Fund.

System of arrangement: Original order maintained which is approximately reverse date order.

Access Points

Subject terms:

Awards

Memorial

Mountaineering expeditions

Personal names:

Boardman, Peter David (1950-1982)

Estcourt, Nicholas John (1942-1978)

Fanshawe, Andrew (1963-1992)

Jones, Mike [1951/2-1978)

Onyszkiewicz, Alison Chadwick- (1942-1978)

Rouse, Alan Paul (1951-1986)

Tasker, Joseph Thomas (1948-1982)

Catalogue

**CBO/08/01 Boardman Tasker Memorial Award
Series, 5 folders**

Nov 1980-Nov 2000

The award was established in 1983 to commemorate the climbing and literary achievements of Pete Boardman and Joe Tasker and to encourage future writers. Founding trustees were Dorothy Boardman (Secretary), Martin Henderson (Treasurer), Hilary Boardman, Chris Bonington, Charles Clarke, Maria Coffey, Dennis Gray, Dick Renshaw, Tom Tasker and Martin Wragg

Chris Bonington served as Chair of the Boardman Tasker Memorial Award between 1990-1996, thereafter he remained a trustee until [2000]. The BT Memorial Award became a charitable Trust on 02/02/1996. Its aim is to promote the education of the public through the art of literature by provision of awards to authors who create works based on the mountain environment.

CBO/08/01/01 Background information on Pete Boardman and Joe Tasker including a photocopy of Joe Tasker's diary (Nov 1980-Jul 1981) together with biographical notes, correspondence with family and friends and tributes (Nov 1980-Aug 1983) 1 folder PFN FENV Memorial funds Estcourt, B T

CBO/08/01/02 Correspondence re ideas for an Award and its administration (Jun-Dec 1982) 1 folder. PFN FENV Memorial funds Estcourt, B T

CBO/08/01/03 Agendas, Minutes and associated papers, including accounts from AGM's, Trust Deed, competition rules, correspondence re award administration, purpose and structure, publicity information, details of books entered and previous winners, appointment of judges and the decisions of the judging panel (Jan 1983-Dec 1984) 1982) 1 folder. PFN FENV Memorial funds Estcourt, B T

CBO/08/01/04 Agendas, Minutes and associated papers, including accounts from AGM's, correspondence re award administration, publicity information, details of books entered and previous winners, appointment of judges and the decisions of the judging panel (Jan 1985-Nov 1991) 1 folder. PFN FENV Memorial funds Estcourt, B T

CBO/08/01/05 Agendas, Minutes and associated papers, including accounts from AGM's, correspondence re award administration, publicity information, details of books entered and previous winners, appointment of judges and the decisions of the judging panel (Jan 1992-Nov 2000) 1 folder. PFN FENV Memorial funds Estcourt, B T

**CBO/08/02 Alison Chadwick Trust Fund
Series, 0.5 folder**

Dec 1978-May 1985

Correspondence re setting up of the fund following her untimely death on Annapurna in 1978. Also contains information re the imprisonment of Alison's husband Janusz Onyszkiewicz for political activity. The aim of the fund was to provide financial assistance for women undertaking serious climbing projects among the great mountain ranges.

**CBO/08/03 Nick Estcourt Memorial Award
Series, 4 folders**

Oct 1979-Dec 2002

The award was established in 1979 to commemorate Nick Estcourt's climbing achievement and to encourage future generations of mountaineers. The Fund was initially under the administration of the Mount Everest Foundation until becoming an independent charity in July 1982. The Trustees at this time were Carolyn Estcourt, Chris Bonington, Paul Braithwaite, John Peck, Doug Scott and Martin Wragg.

**CBO/08/03/01
Sub series, 1 folder**

Jun- Nov 1978

Letters of condolence including poem written by Tom Tasker, obituaries written for publication, Memorial Service address and biographical notes PFN FENV Memorial Funds Nick Estcourt

**CBO/08/03/02
Sub series, 1 folder**

Oct 1979-Jan 1984

Agendas, Minutes of AGM's and associated papers including Treasurer's Report, press releases and new Constitution Also includes applications for grants and some progress reports. PFN FENV Memorial Funds Nick Estcourt

CBO/08/03/03
Sub series, 1 folder

Jan 1985-Dec 1987

Agendas, Minutes of AGM's and associated papers including Treasurer's Report. Also includes applications for grants and some progress reports. PFN FENV Memorial Funds Nick Estcourt

CBO/08/03/04
Sub series, 1 folder

Dec 1990-Dec 2002

Agendas, Minutes of AGM's and associated papers including Treasurer's Report. Also includes a list of previous winners, applications for grants and some progress reports. PFN FENV 53 Nick Estcourt Award 1990-2002

CBO/08/04 Andy Fanshawe Memorial Fund
Series, 0.5 folder

Mar-Nov 1992

Correspondence, obituaries, memorial service leaflet and flyer for the fund. Also includes biographical notes. The fund was created to give discretionary grants to young people who wish to visit mountainous areas and learn climbing skills.

CBO/08/05 Mike Jones Memorial Fund
Series, 0.5 folder

Mar 1978-May 1980

Correspondence re the above fund and making of a film regarding the Blue Nile expedition which Chris Bonington had previously reported on, also reference to relevant chapter in Quest for Adventure.

CBO/08/06 Al Rouse Memorial Fund
Series, 0.5 folder

Oct 1986-Jul1987

Correspondence re associated memorial activities.

CBO/09 Mount Everest General Papers

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Identity Statement

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/09

Title: Mount Everest General Papers

Date(s): 1922-2001

Level of description: sub-fonds

Extent: 1 box

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Correspondence, papers and photographs related to Mount Everest passed to or collected by C Bonington, details of 10th anniversary reunion and press cuttings.

System of arrangement: Original order maintained.

Condition of Access and Use of Area

Conditions governing reproduction: These items are copyright protected by the creator as appropriate

Access Points

Subject terms:

Everest, Mount

Personal names:

Gillette, Edward (1945-1998), known as Ned

Houston, Charles Snead (1913-2009)

Mallory, George Herbert Leigh (1886-1924)

Reneker, Steve

Smith, Richard Harold (1944-), known as Dick

Stelfox, James Dawson (1958-)

Venables, Stephen Malcolm Westmacott (1954-)

Washburn, Henry Bradford (1910-2007)

Catalogue

CBO/09/01 Everest papers

May 1992-2001

Series, 7 folders

Folder of Mount Everest related geographical data and photographs originally compiled by Brad Washburn and passed to Charles Houston before being sent to C Bonington.

CBO/09/01/01 Washburn Papers

Oct 1998 – Nov 1999

Sub Series, 1 folder

Information relating to the 1999 Mount Everest Research Expedition by National Geographic Society and Boston's Museum of Science together with other related information re altitude of Everest.

CBO/09/01/02 Dick Smith Images
Sub Series, 1 folder

Oct 1991-Nov 1996

Four copies, plus 1 negative of a photograph taken 15th October 1991 capturing the top of Mount Everest looking northward, showing the terrain including both its South Summit and the Hillary Step. One of the images is on board and includes notes indicating geographical features. The image was taken during a flight over the summit which was gathering weather data for balloonists.

CBO/09/01/03 Ned Gillette Images
Sub Series, 1 folder

May 1992

Photographs taken during the commercial expedition organised by "Adventure Consultants" on ascent of Mount Everest, 12th May 1992, including descriptive notes.

CBO/09/01/04 Dawson Stelfox Images
Sub Series, 1 folder

May 1993

Photographs taken during the first Irish ascent of Mount Everest from Tibet, 27th May 1993, including descriptive notes.

CBO/09/01/05 Steve Reneker Images
Sub Series, 1 folder

May 1995

Photographs and slides taken during the 1995 American Mount Everest Expedition of the final approaches to the summit from Tibet on 14th and 16th May 1995 including descriptive notes.

CBO/09/01/06 Mallory and Irvine Research Expedition
Sub Series, 1 folder

May 1999

Images taken by Conrad Anker and Thom Pollard during the expedition which discovered the remains of George Mallory on 1st May 1999 on the North Face, at 8,155 m. Also includes a memo regarding the 1924 ascent by Washburn.

CBO/09/01/07 Other images
Sub Series, 1 folder

1924-1991

Copy images including Colonel Norton at 28,000 ft in 1924 by H Somervell, Doug Scott on summit in 1975 by D Haston, French climbers atop summit snowdrift by Kurt Diemberger in 1978, Second Step by Antoni Sors in 1985, shadow of Everest at daybreak by Wally Berg in 1988 and two summit photographs by Mark Richie in 1991 including descriptive notes.

CBO/09/02 Everest Reunion
Sub Series, 1 folder

Jan-Dec 1985

Correspondence and papers re the 1975 South West Face Everest Expedition 10th Anniversary Reunion held at the Glenridding Hotel, Lake District over the weekend of the 13-15th September 1985. Members of both the 1972 and 1975 expeditions were invited including family members, film crew and widows.

**CBO/09/03 Everest General
Sub Series, 1 folder**

1953-1988

Collected signatures of the 1953 Everest Expedition team, at London Airport July 1953 (Band, Bourdillon, Hillary, Hunt, Lowe, Morris, Noyce, Pugh, Shipton, Stobart, Tensing family, Ward, Westmacott and Wylie) Information pack from the 1986 Mount Everest Expedition (NE Ridge including Brummie Stokes, Joe Brown, Paul Nunn and Mo Anthoine), letter re body on Everest, 1988 and partial transcript of interview with Stephen Venables re 1988 expedition to Everest

**CBO/09/04 Published material
Sub Series, 1 folder**

1922-1980

A selection of press cuttings and articles regarding the disappearance of Mallory and Irvine including a program of the 1922 expedition.

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Identity Statement

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Title: General Papers

Date(s): 1972-1995

Level of description: sub-fonds

Extent: 1 box

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Material in relation to biographical information, mountain medicine, climbing in general, manufacturers and other publications.

System of arrangement: Original order maintained.

Access Points

Subject terms:

Accidents
Biography
Everest, Mount
High altitude medicine
Kongur
K2
Manufacturers
Medicine

Personal names:

Chouinard, Yvon (1938-)
Milledge, Dr James, (1930-)
Tullis, Julie (1939-1986)
Ward, Michael Phelps (1925-2005)
Williams, Professor Edward S (1923/1924 -)

Corporate names:

Black Diamond
Patagonia
The Himalayan Club

Catalogue

**CBO/10/01 Biographical Information
Series, 1 folder**

Jun 1972-Jul 1980

Correspondence and papers re personal details recorded for inclusion in reference publications such as Who's Who, Debrett's and Dictionary of International Biography

**CBO/10/02 General Awards
Series, 1 folder**

May 1980-Jul 1989

Correspondence re awards bestowed namely the Mark Twain medal – “Knight of Mark Twain (1980); the Daily Star “Gold Star”(1985); the Lawrence of Arabia Medal (1986) awarded by the Royal Society for Asian Affairs, also includes an article based on the lecture given at the award ceremony and the Bernard A Gooch award for Cumbrian Personality of the Year (1989). PFN FENV20 Media Awards & Decorations

**CBO/10/03 General Climbing
Series, 1 folder**

c.1980's

Photocopies of articles from magazines and guide books detailing new routes including maps and notes in Austria, Germany, Italy, England (Lake District) and Scotland

**CBO/10/04 Mountain medicine and accidents
Series, 1 folder**

Nov 1981-Dec 1987

Correspondence, papers and articles concerning research into high altitude medicine, especially the effects of Acetazolamide, also known as Diamox, contributions from Dr J Milledge, Dr C Houston and the Birmingham Medical Research Expeditionary Society. Detailed information in respect of tests performed whilst on Kongur expedition 1981. Press cuttings concerning accident on K2 and death of Julie Tullis.

**CBO/10/05 Manufacturers
Series, 1 envelope**

Feb-May 1995

An article re Patagonia by Yvon Chouinard and another re Black Diamond Equipment Ltd by Peter Metcalf.

**CBO/10/06 Publications
Series, 1 folder**

Dec 1976-Dec 1979

One newsletter of The Himalayan Club plus monthly reports entitled *Alpine Information*, an American publication.

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Identity Statement

Reference code(s): GB 3075 CBO/11

Title: Personal accounts

Date(s): 1951-2001

Level of description: sub-fonds

Extent: 2 boxes

Content and Structure

Scope and content: Details of expeditions and trips recorded in diary format or as letters to Wendy Bonington.

System of arrangement: Original order maintained.

Condition of Access and Use of Area

Conditions governing access: This collection is **CLOSED** until 50 years after the date of death of CJS Bonington

Allied Materials

Related units of description:

CBO/01 Expedition papers

CBO/02 Books

Access Points

Subject terms:

Diary

Diaries

Personal account

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CBO/11/01 Climbing log detailing climbs in Wales and Scotland, Avon Gorge, the Alps, the Dolomites, plus itinerary re Annapurna II expedition (1951-1962), 1 volume

CBO/11/02 Diary re Nuptse expedition (11.02.1961-30.05.1961), water damaged, 1 volume

CBO/11/03 Diary re expedition to Central Tower of Paine (23.10.1962-22.01.1963), 1 volume PFN 23

CBO/11/04 Diary re trip to The Alps (12.07.1964-17.07.1964), 1 volume, PFN 26

CBO/11/05 Diary re expedition to climb and photograph the volcanic Sangay in Ecuador for Daily Telegraph article (6.05.1966-06.06.1966), 1 volume

- CBO/11/06 Letter diary re trip to Baffin Island for Daily Telegraph article (23.01.1967-29.02.1967), 1 volume PFN 9
- CBO/11/07 Letter diary re trip to Baffin Island for Daily Telegraph article (03.03.1967-?.?.1967), 1 volume PFN 25
- CBO/11/08 Letter diary re trip to Hunza for Daily Telegraph article (25.04.1968-02.05.1968), 1 volume PFN 21
- CBO/11/09 Letter diary re Annapurna expedition (13.03.1970-27.04.1970), 1 volume PFN 17
- CBO/11/10 Letter diary and note book re Annapurna expedition (11.04.1970-21.04.1970) PFN 24 1 volume
- CBO/11/11 Letter diary re Annapurna expedition featuring profiles of sherpas (19.04.1970-16.05.1970), 1 volume PFN 18
- CBO/11/12 Diary re Annapurna expedition (29.04.1970-29.05.1970), 1 volume PFN None
- CBO/11/13 Letter diary for Everest 1972 expedition (25.08.1972-12.10.1972), 1 volume PFN 16
- CBO/11/14 Letter diary re Everest 1972 expedition (02.10.1972-14.11.1972), 1 volume PFN 15
- CBO/11/15 Notebook for Indian British Garhwal (Changabang), Brammah and K2 Expeditions containing equipment lists and some letters (19.08.[1973]-[1978]), 1 volume PFN 12
- CBO/11/16 Diary re Changabang expedition (01.05.1974-17.06.1974, 1979), 1 volume, PFN 2
- CBO/11/17 Typed transcript of diary re Everest 1975 Expedition (04.08.1975-27.09.1975), 1 folder
- CBO/11/18 Letter book re Everest '75 expedition including logistical information (05.08.1975-25.09.1975), 1 volume PFN 5 (Everest)
- CBO/11/19 Diary for Ogre expedition also includes notes on equipment list for K2 expedition (01.06.1977-01.07.1977), 1 volume PFN 11
- CBO/11/20 Diary re K2 - West Ridge 1978 (15.05.1978-17.06.1978), 1 volume PFN 3 (K2)
- CBO/11/21 Diary re K2 - West Ridge 1978, loose pages, 1 envelope
- CBO/11/22 Letter diary re Kongur reconnaissance expedition (22.02.1980-5.07.1980), 1 volume PFN 10
- CBO/11/23 Transcript of diary re Mount Kongur expedition (14.05.1981-20.07.1981), 1 folder PFN 20
- CBO/11/24 Original and typed transcript of diary re Everest 1982 Expedition (12.03.1982-08.05.1982), 1 envelope
- CBO/11/25 Letter diary re Everest 1982 expedition (24.03.1982-8.05.1982), 1 volume PFN 8
- CBO/11/26 Diary and notebook re Everest 1982 expedition (13.05.1982-13.07.1982), 1 volume
- CBO/11/27 Diary re Gangotri expedition (13.09.1983-16.09.1983), 1 volume

- CBO/11/28 Diary re Mt Vinson expedition (12.11.1983-08.12.1983), 1 volume PFN Mt Vinson
- CBO/11/29 Typed transcript of diary re Antarctica Expedition (12.11.1983-08.12.1983), 1 envelope
- CBO/11/30 CBO/11/37 Typed transcript of diary re Norwegian Everest Expedition plus letters written to Wendy Bonington (22.02.1985-02.04.1985), 1 envelope
- CBO/11/31 Diary re Menlungtse expedition (8.03.1987-16.04.1987) 1 volume PFN 6
- CBO/11/32 Letter diary re Tibet 1988 expedition with original (partial and copy pages (04.04.1988-29.04.1988), 1 volume plus loose pages PFN 4 (Changabang)
- CBO/11/33 Letter diary re Greenland expedition (21.07.1991-31.07.1991) 1 volume PFN 7 (Greenland 91)
- CBO/11/34 Diary re Greenland expedition (03.08.1991-09.09.1991), 1 volume PFN Greenland
- CBO/11/35 Diary re Panch Chuli expedition (06.05.1992-02.07.1992), 1 volume PFN Panch Chuli
- CBO/11/36 Typed transcript of diary re Kinnaur Expedition plus audio tapes, labelled as 3 and 4 but appear to be tapes 1 and 2 (according to dates) as transcribed (16/06/1994-25/06/1994), 2 envelopes
- CBO/11/37 Diary re Drangnag-Ri expedition (25.03.1995-05.05.1995), 1 volume PFN Drangnag-Ri
- CBO/11/38 Diary re Sepu Kangri 1996 expedition (04.08.1996-30.08.1996), 1 volume PFN Sepu Kangri
- CBO/11/39 Diary re Sepu Kangri 1997 & 1998 expedition (17.04.[1997]-02.06.1997) & (28.08.[1998]-25.10.1998), 1 volume PFN Sepu Kangri
- CBO/11/40 CBO/11/31 Diary re Danga expedition (11.04.2000-15.05.2000), 1 volume PFN Danga
- CBO/11/41 CBO/11/32 Diary re Arganglas expedition (18.08.2001-23.09.2001), 1 volume PFN Arganglas
- CBO/11/42 CBO/11/35 Notebook re climbs in Lake District, n.d, 1 volume