

The MEF/BMC application was looked at on paper 8/3/2004 by their expedition committee so we are now waiting to hear.

We will endeavour to raise the profile of our expedition, any assisting company, and the 'Alpine Fund' Charity through pre and post-expedition publications and media contributions. Companies will of course be acknowledged in the trip reports and write-ups for the club journals we are involved in including JMCS, LMC, AC, FRCC and possibly the SMC as well as for the climbing magazines.

We would undertake to provide Photographs, copies of the Written report, Gear reports and any other support that we can give.

A map of the area will be produced showing all known ascents with names, along with a data base of the details.

The final Report will be permanently on the "therockface" website with links to other websites and Equipment web-pages and we would offer to give slide shows to our own and other local clubs as well as at the FRCC annual dinner. I plan to publicise the trip and the Charitable fund-raising through the local papers and other news formats if possible, TV and Radio.

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Expedition budget including personal contributions

6 people	Expedition Expenditure	
Travel -		£ 4500
Food and Stores -		£ 4500
Peak Fees and Liaison Officer -		
Hire of Labour -		
Insurance -		£ 1200
Other and contingency -		£ 1500
	TOTAL	£11,700

6 Members Expedition Income

Personal Contributions –

All that is needed up to £11,700



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The team will be trying to raise some cash for the "Alpine Fund" a Kyrgyzia based Charity. This will be done by getting sponsorship for a 'Shaun the Sheep' who will accompany the climbers to the peaks that they reach.



KYPTYZIA

Zaalayskiy Ridge

2004

The Zaalayskiy Ridge Expedition will take place between the 22nd July and 22nd August 2004 when the team will be visiting the Kyrgyzya border area where China and Tajikistan abut it.

Because of the language difficulty we have engaged ITC Asia Mountains, a Kyrgyzstan company, which was suggested to us by Garth Willis, the founder of the charity "Alpine Fund" which we are endeavouring to support in some small way. ITC Asia Travel are organising the in-country travel and base camp equipment and organisation.

A particular objective is the first British ascent of Kurumdy Peak 6613m in Alpine Style. Further to that and as part of the acclimatisation we will also be seeking out unclimbed peaks on or near the border ridge



Support Applied for

While the area has been visited before and one UK team did attempt the peak it awaits a visit from a British Team. In 1932 Kurumdy Peak was climbed for the first time from the southern, Chinese, side and has recently ,2001, been ascended from the north by a team from Bishkek. It awaits its 3rd ascent and the 1st by any UK party.

In 1999 Paul Deegan led a party to the area and climbed a number of sub-5000m peaks around the outflow of the Kurumdy glacier. This was followed in 2000 by EWP, a commercial firm, and a team led by Tom Avery. Both expeditions climbed peaks south of the main ridge at heights between 4200 and 5400. In 2003 a team from Welbeck college went with EWP to the eastern 'Nura Glacier' area

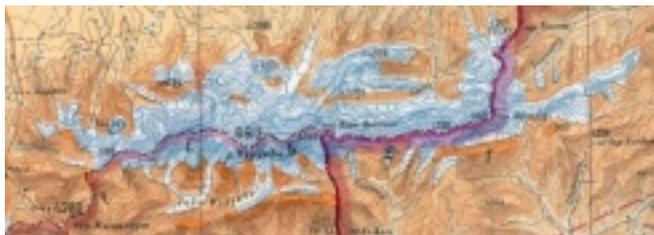
In 2000 a group from Bishkek successfully scaled Kurumdy from the north using fixed ropes on some sections. This is only the second ascent of this peak.

We have contacted numerous people during our research, including Paul Deegan of the Motorola Pamirs Exped-1999, Welbeck College Expedition who used EWP in 2003 and visited the NURA Glacier area and Tom Avery.

EWP has not divulged any activities since 2000 on their website and have not responded to our requests for information. Other sources contacted include the websites of EWP, Mountain.ru and Planet Fear. Lindsay Griffin, Prof. D Waugh in Seattle, Stuart Gray in New Zealand, Garth Willis of the Alpine-fund charity, the BMC, the Kyrgyzya Embassy in London and Mr. Aksenov of ITC Asia Mountains have also been contacted

The BMC "Take Responsibility for Your Rubbish" document is one that the expedition will follow. While any visit to a wild area will have consequences our aim will be to minimise that effect. This is both important for those that follow but more importantly for the place itself. As well as the BMC article we will endeavour to live up to the UIAA charter 2000.

KYRGYZYA



TAJKISTAN

CHINA

The members of the expedition are a combination of 'old' experience and new enthusiasm;



The 'Old'

Ian Arnold is now 47 and has been about quite a bit. Aconcagua, Kanchenjunga via NW face (reached 7000m), 7 small expeditions to Karakoram and Nepal with ascents of Diamond Couloir and Ice Window routes on Mt. Kenya thrown in. As well as 15 seasons in the European Alps and 30 years worldwide rock climbing and British Ice he has been sailing for 35 years. Setting out for bread at the corner shop one day he did not stop until he had completed a solo cycling tour across the USA and then Australia. There is more!

Ken Findlay at 46 has been on 9 previous expeditions to the greater ranges including Pakistan, Bolivia, Tien Shan, Peru, Greenland, Argentina and Mongolia. These expeditions have included First ascents and many First British ascents. He also has 18 Alpine seasons and is a member of the FRCC, Alpine Club and the Leeds MC.

Paul Hudson is 54 and the organiser of the trip. He has organised six of the seven expeditions he has been on to remote the mountain areas of the world; making first ascents in Pakistan, Tien Shan & Peru: also first UK ascents in Bolivia & Mongolia. (www.therockface.co.uk) Collecting clubs he belongs to the FRCC, AC, LMC and is a Fellow of the RGS.

The 'New'

Susan Jensen, 36, came to the UK from America in 1998 and took up climbing in 2000. She has shot through the grades and is now to be seen every weekend on rock or ice, Point Five and Last Post are her latest conquests. In 2003 the Alps called and now it gets bigger! JMCS, LMC.

Paul Lyons is 30 and has visited the Alps three times with ascents of Tour Ronde, Castor, Pollux, Weissmies; he climbs to HVS and is a member of the Leeds MC

Will Parsons is the youngest at 28. He has 4 Alpine seasons with ascents including the Alphubel, Weissmies and Aig du Tour. Leeds MC