

## Grinshill

**Introduction:** Grinshill is now a reasonably attractive venue for a handful of local climbers and boulderers. There has been plenty of new route activity at several of the outcrops and quarries and one or two new areas have also been discovered.

**Grades:** Please note that adjectival grades are provided at the bottom of this update for a selection of the new routes and for some of the existing routes that have now either been led or soloed. This is something of an experiment for Grinshill. However, the provision of adjectival grades will help to encourage those climbers who decide to lead or solo at Grinshill as the sample of adjectival grades provided are "realistic" ie: they reflect the nature of the rock, the risks involved etc. In this way climbers who lead or solo will be fairly rewarded for the commitment they make. If this experiment is successful adjectival grades could be fully introduced for every route in the next edition. Comments and feedback would be appreciated.

**Access:** Climbers are requested not to park in Clive village and reminded that the use of the crags by organised groups is prohibited. Thanks to Adrian Baugh and Martin Crocker for their assistance. All routes are described from **Left to Right:**

### Church Quarry

#### 5. **The Nebuliser** 6b \*

First recorded lead by Martin Crocker in 2002.

Brief and unconfirmed details have been received for two routes on the steep wall to the right of *The Nebuliser*:

#### 5a. **Utopia** 6c

The thin crack to the right of *The Nebuliser*.

**First Ascent:** Mick Ayling 12/10/94.

#### 5b. **Sunflower** 6a

The short wall to the right of *Utopia*.

**First Ascent:** Mick Ayling 1/1/96.

### Second Church Quarry

**Approach:** Walk up from Church Quarry towards the Far Rocks. When over the rise bear down and right to find a small quarried bay. Due to the tree felling activity this quarry can now be seen from the lower track, ie: from down and to the left of the Far Rocks.

#### 6a. **Layback and Think of England** 3a

Climb the obvious short flake with great care; the flake would appear to be loose. Short, scary and a poor route.

**First Ascent:** Adrian Baugh solo 29/12/00.

#### 6b. **Crumbling Arete** 4b

To the right is a system of grooves and an arete. Climb this, initially on poor rock and then on more solid but less substantial, holds.

**First Ascent:** Adrian Baugh solo 29/12/00.

### The Outcrops

There has been substantial tree felling activity on the hillside beneath *The Far Rocks*, *Middle Rock* and *The Top Rocks*. This currently looks rather unsightly but it will certainly help the outcrops to dry out faster after rain and it also makes it easier to see the lie of the land. In particular the tree at the start of *Sugar Magnolia* and *Sweetie* has now been felled. Also, the left hand section of *Broken Buttress* (where no routes were previously recorded) is now a very much more open and attractive area.

### The Far Rocks

On the short 'blunt' buttress approximately 15 metres to the left of *Clare Has Wings* is:

6c. **Powder Keg** 4c

Start beneath an overlap with a groove above it. Climb up the short slab, through the overlap and up the pocketed groove above. Make an awkward step left and finish more easily.

**First Ascent:** Adrian Baugh solo 12/3/00.

8a. **What Has It Got In Its Pocketses?** 4a

Start 5m right of the crack adjacent to *Bleed With The Moon* in a shallow groove immediately left of a small v-shaped overlap. Climb the groove to a sloping ledge and continue direct, exiting behind a tree root.

**First Ascent:** Adrian Baugh solo 1/8/00.

**The Sugar Lump**

Two routes have been added to the impending green wall forming the left hand side of the narrow gully to the left of *Sugar Baby Love*:

14a. **Fillings** 5a

Climb the left hand side of the impending green wall via a large pocket. Reach the sandy break above and finish more easily up the slab above. Rather nondescript.

**First Ascent:** Adrian Baugh solo 29/9/00.

14b. **A Visit To The Dentist** 5c \*

Start just to the right of *Fillings*. Climb the centre of the impending wall using tiny holds and a small pocket to a good slot immediately under the nose. Climb directly through the (sometimes rather sandy) overlaps and finish more delicately above.

**First Ascent:** Adrian Baugh solo 29/9/00.

15. **Sugar Baby Love** 5c

Now soloed by Martin Crocker on 24/6/00.

Please note that the tree that used to reside underneath this route has fallen over and a fall from the top moves would now be rather more serious.

15a. **Grinning Fearfully** 6a \*

The arete direct. Step off the leaning silver birch and follow spaced pockets up the blunt arete; finish direct over the roof on jugs as for *Sugar Baby Love*. In the event of a fall, avoid the tree!

**First Ascent:** Martin Crocker solo 24/6/00.

**The Doughnut**

18a. **Endless Wall** 5c

From the foot of the step down, climb direct up the compact wall to finish with difficulty up a small flake crack to the left of *Tea Time*.

**First Ascent:** Martin Crocker solo 24/6/00.

19. **Tea Time** 5b

Now soloed by Martin Crocker on 24/6/00.

20. **Tart** 6a \*

Now soloed by Martin Crocker on 24/6/00.

22. **Cream** 6a \*

Now soloed by Martin Crocker on 24/6/00.

23. **Fillo** 5b

Now soloed by Martin Crocker on 24/6/00.

**Roly Poly Wall**

24. **Twenty Five Ways To Eat Fish** 5b

Now soloed by Adrian Baugh on 29/9/00.

26. **Spotted Dick** 5c

Led by Martin Crocker in 2002.

28. **Drive** 5a

Now soloed by Adrian Baugh on 12/3/00.

Some confusion has been experienced with the location of *Grip*

and *Mr Creosote* (routes 29 and 30). Amended location details are therefore as follows:

*The wall just to the right of Drive is crowned by an overhang but the lower wall is poor and very broken. Just to the right of this and at a slightly lower level is a steep red/brown wall. On the left hand side of this wall there is a sloping ledge, this is the start of Grip.*

### Middle Rock

#### 31. **Captain Haddock** 5b

Now soloed by Martin Crocker on 24/6/00.

#### 32. **Snowy** 5b

Now soloed by Martin Crocker on 24/6/00.

The small tree at the start of *Tom Tit* and *Caesar's Palace* has now gone.

### The Top Rocks

#### Broken Buttress

Two routes have now been recorded on the left hand section of *Broken Buttress*. Traverse leftwards from the base of *Evensong* and drop down to reach an area recently cleared of trees.



#### 44a. **Hour Of Rebirth** 5a \*

Climb directly to the short roof crack in the upper overhang and finish through it.

**First Ascent:** Adrian Baugh solo 12/2/04

#### 44b. **Harvey Denton's Toads** 4b \*

The obvious rightwards trending groove is followed in its entirety.

**First Ascent:** Adrian Baugh solo 12/2/04

### Main Buttress

#### 62. **Main Eliminate** 5c \*

Now soloed by Adrian Baugh on 16/4/00 and also led by Martin Crocker in 2000.

### The Upper Quarries

#### First Upper Quarry

#### 66a. **Times Of Sand** 5a

A direct line up the slender green slab around to the left of the narrow pillar taken by *Sands Of Time*. A hanging rope is recommended for the precarious exit.

**First Ascent:** Adrian Baugh solo 12/2/04.

#### Second Upper Quarry

There is evidence of some activity in the *Second Upper Quarry*. The very steep wall to the left of *Shiver Me Timbers* contains a number of pegs just to the right of the undercut arete. The centre of the equally steep wall to the right of *Shiver Me Timbers* also contains a couple of bolts although the hangers have been removed. No further details are available for these two routes/projects.

## The Far Quarries

The three small quarried bays now provide the following routes:

### 72a. **Far Quarry Corner** 4c

Climb the rather vegetated corner of the left hand quarry, stepping left just below the top to exit at a tree by the wooden railings.

**First Ascent:** Adrian Baugh solo 29/12/00.

### 72b. **Spiderman Corner** 6a \*

Climb the short technical corner just to the right of *One Minute To Glory*. A particularly nice problem despite the rather grotty finish.

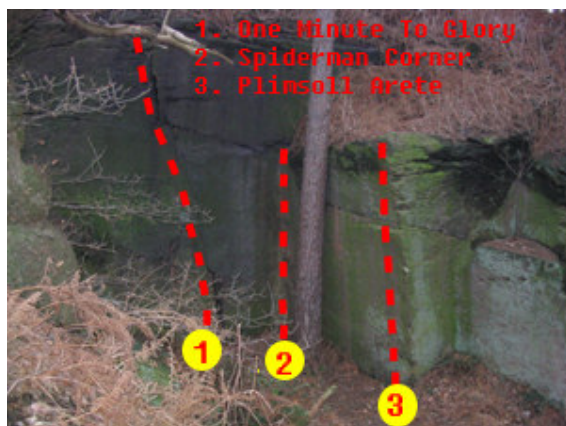
**First Ascent:** Adrian Baugh solo 29/12/00.

### 72c. **Plimsoll Arete** 5a

Boulder up the short arete right of *Spiderman Corner*, most easily on its left hand side.

**First Ascent:** Adrian Baugh solo 29/9/00.

The wall between *Spiderman Corner* and *Plimsoll Arete* is 6a (to the right of the tree) but it is very artificial due to the presence of the tree.



### 72d. **Fear and Loathing** 4b

Climb the slab just left of the right hand quarried bay on appalling rock. Not recommended.

**First Ascent:** Adrian Baugh solo 29/9/00.

### 72e. **Half Moon** 5b

Climb the left hand arete of the right hand quarried bay on its right hand side. The substance of this route is provided by the boulder problem start.

**First Ascent:** Adrian Baugh solo 29/9/00.

### 72f. **Flaky Wall** 4c

Ten metres downhill from the central quarried bay is a small steep slab covered with tiny, but apparently quite strong, flakes. Starting at the lowest point, climb these directly.

**First Ascent:** Adrian Baugh solo 29/9/00.

By traversing left from *Flaky Wall* a rather interesting slab can be found. This has been climbed to provide **Hidden Slab**, 4c, (Adrian Baugh solo 29/9/00) but this route should not be repeated as it lies directly above a house and a fall from the slab would cause considerable damage to both the climber and the house.

### Grades (see introductory notes)

Martin Crocker has provided adjectival grades for his new routes and for a number of other routes as follows:

The Nebuliser E5 6b\*

Sugar Bullets E2 5a\*

Sugar Baby Love E4 5c

Grinning Fearfully E5 6a\*

Endless Wall E3 5c

Tea Time E2 5b

Tart E4 6a\*

Cream E5/6 6a\*

Fillo E3 5b

**Grades** (cont'd)

Twenty Five Ways To Eat Fish E1 5b

Spotted Dick E3 5c

Captain Haddock E2 5b

Snowy E3 5b

Tin Tin E3 5c\*

Main Overhang E2 5c\*

Main Eliminate E3 5c\*

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