

Akureyri in Northern Iceland.

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Rignys Bjerg Area, Various Activity. The Rignys Bjerg mountains lie some distance east of the Watkins Bjerge and Ejnar Mikkelsens Fjelde areas at approximately 69° 5' N, 26° 30' W. In late May, Nigel Edwards and three others were flown into the area. Due to a misunderstanding, their pilot set them down at the location used by British groups in 1998 rather than their intended, more easterly site. Despite this mix-up, the team made a total of ten first ascents in this mostly unexplored region before being picked up by the flight taking the Scott Umpleby/Jim Gregson group into the Watkins Bjerge (see account below).

JAMES GREGSON, *Alpine Club*

Lindbergh Fjelde, Various Activity. On July 25, Paul Walker of Tangent Expeditions International flew a team comprising Ralph Atkinson, James Berry, Luke Francis, David Howe, Phil and Anita Jones, Malcolm Minchin and Owain Turner into the Lindbergh Fjelde. At 69° N, 31° W, this area lies 60 kilometers northeast of the Lemon Mountains and a similar distance northwest of Gunnbjørns Fjeld. Apart from a visit to its southern edge by a British group in 1992, it had never been explored or climbed in. Walker's group reported some poor-quality rock but large numbers of very attractive snow and ice peaks. Over a period of 16 days, the team made 20 first ascents of mountains between 2600 and 3200 meters high; the weather was perfect throughout this time. The group was flown back out to Iceland on August 11.

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LEMON MOUNTAINS

Lemon Mountains, Various Activity. The Lemon Mountains are one of Greenland's geological freaks; their spiky peaks sit uncomfortably between the usual Greenland domes on either side. You can find them on the map at the northern end of Kangerdlugssuaq (68° 30' N, 32° W), a large fjord halfway between Ammassalik and Constable Pynt on the east Greenland coast.

Our group of eight "youngsters" (Rupert Gladstone, Rupert Finn, Dr. Sarah Walmsley, Andy Parker, Tim Harvey, Dan Haywood, Tom Chamberlain and I) spent four weeks climbing 18 routes (including 12 first ascents) on the Hedgehog Glacier, including several peaks opposite the Cathedral, the highest mountain in the region. The Lemons are only 2000 to 2500 meters in height, but from a base at 1100 meters we had climbs up to 1000 meters long. We were delighted to find sound rock and ice, and climbed routes from F- to TD+.

We reached the area by a ski-equipped Twin Otter directly from Iceland with an airdrop of supplies by a Piper Chieftain. As a group of eight, we made most efficient use of the planes, although the trip still cost £2000 a head. The expedition report can be found at www.wayupnorth.clara.co.uk

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SCHWEIZERLAND

Schweizerland, Various Activity. From July 22-August 22, Britons Al Powell, Kenton Cool,