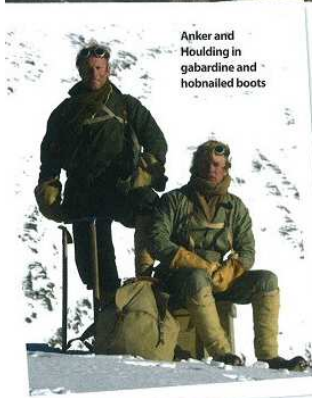


Mallory revisited



Anker and Houlding in gabardine and hobnailed boots

New film attempts to solve mountaineering's greatest mystery

A new film retracing George Mallory's final days on Everest before his disappearance near the summit goes on general release in August. *The Wildest Dream* features previously unseen footage and photos, plus a modern recreation of the ill-fated expedition by Conrad Anker and Leo Houlding.

In 1924 Mallory set off for the summit of Everest aiming to be the first to conquer it. However, he was last seen 800 feet from the mountain top when clouds moved in and the pioneering mountaineer vanished. In 1999, climber Conrad Anker discovered the body of Mallory in the mountain's 'death zone', but the mystery over whether he'd

reached the summit before he died was still not solved conclusively - or was it? The only item missing from Mallory's possessions was a photo of his beloved wife which he had promised to leave at the summit.

The Wildest Dream follows Anker and Houlding's quest to follow in the footsteps of Mallory up the North East Ridge of Everest. Recording footage as they went and fashioning mountaineering gear similar to what Mallory would have worn in 1924, the dramatic film that has resulted is narrated by Liam Neeson and features the additional voices of Alan Rickman, Ralph Fiennes and the late Natasha Richardson. Directed by Emmy Award Winner Anthony Geffen, the film premieres in August 2010.

Seven sum

Adventurer edges closer to his

Glaswegian Ricky Munday has already conquered the three highest peaks in Africa, and his next expedition takes him to the remote mountains of Papua New Guinea as he edges ever closer to his life ambition to be the first to climb all three highest peaks on each continent.

Joined by just one other mountaineer, this November the pair will set out on a 56-day trek, climbing Puncak Mandala, Puncak Trikora and The Carstensz Pyramid. He and climbing partner Carol Sparks claim to have three main motives for the adventure; to