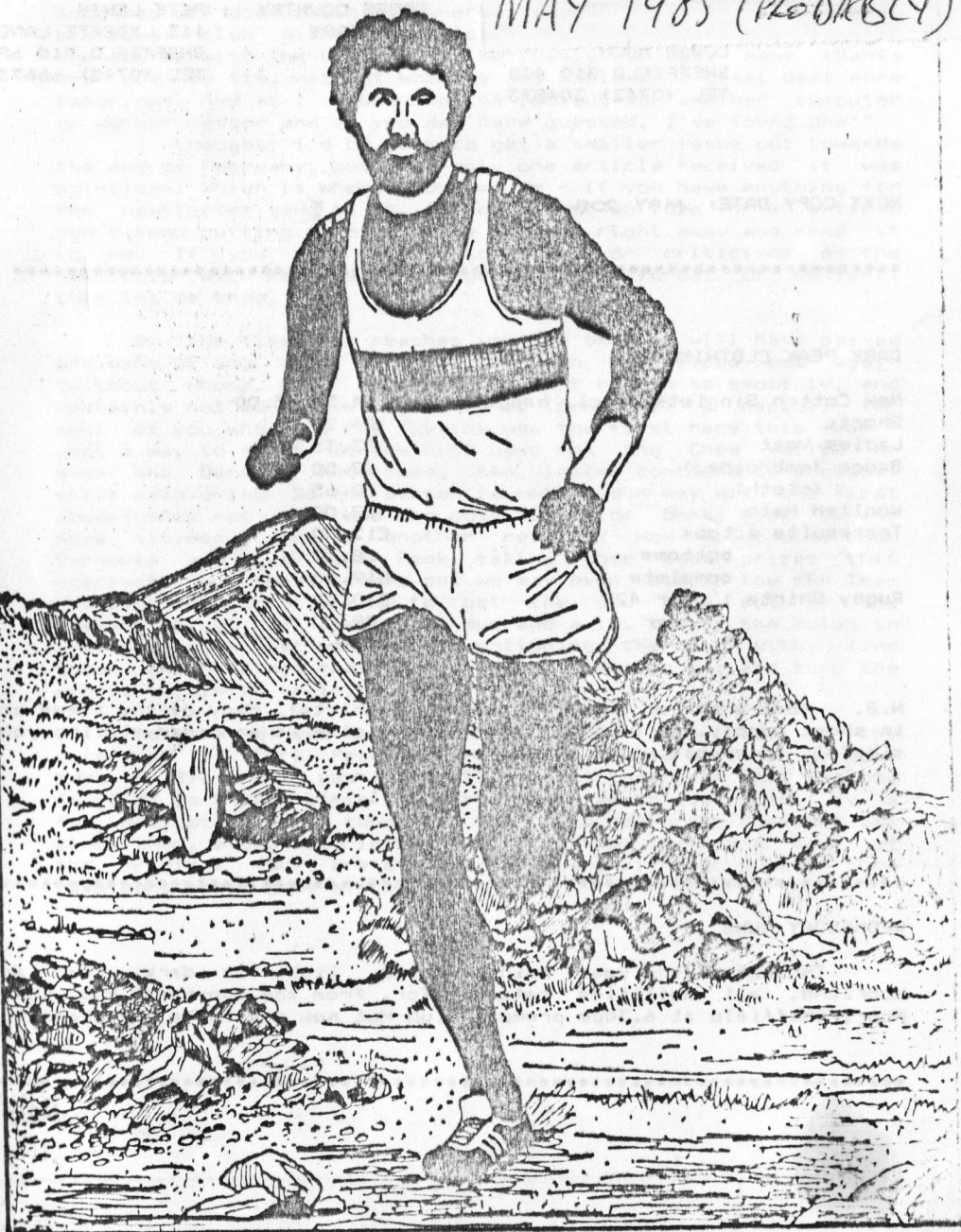


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DARK PEAK CLOTHING

New Cotton Singlets (incl. badge)	£4.50, £5.00
Shorts	£4.20
Ladies Vest	£3.35
Badge (embroidered)	£2.50
(cloth)	£0.65
Woollen Hats	£2.00
Tracksuits : tops	£12.00
bottoms	£8.50
complete	£19.50
Rugby Shirts : over 42"	£10.00
under	£9.00

N.B. More stock on order (T. suits, R.shirts). Many of the items are in short supply, so we would like you to give us an order stating your size(s), to enable us to order new stock.

Chris Worsell.

WEDNESDAY RUNS

Throughout the year, rain or shine, light or dark, road and moorland, all abilities catered for, from the Sportsman Pub, Lodge Moor, Sheffield at 6.30pm prompt! Club Hut now available for changing.

EDITORIAL

Many of you were probably thinking "Isn't it about time we had another newsletter?". Some of you may not miss it! Anyway, sorry for the delay, but due to unforeseen circumstances Tim Dennish, whose computer I used to use, got himself a job and buggered off down south somewhere. Rumour has it to form a breakaway club with Adrian Pickles in Cheltenham. What's more, the job is with the NCB - SCAB! Seriously though, many thanks are due to Tim, without whom my job would be a great deal more laborious. And so I've been on the lookout for another computer or wordprocessor and as you may have guessed, I've found one!"

I thought I'd be able to get a smaller issue out towards the end of February, but with only one article received it was pointless. Which is where YOU come in - if you have anything for the newsletter send it in. If you've got an idea for an article don't keep putting it off, write it down right away and send it to me. If you have any suggestions or criticisms of the newsletter with regards to changes in the format or content, then let me know.

By the time this reaches you the Skyline will have passed and many of you will have either run or helped out again (without whose help the race couldn't be run as smoothly, and certainly not as safely, as it is at present.) I expect, for most of you who ran, the Skyline was the first race this year - what a way to start! Others will have run the Chew Valley or even the Derwent Watershed, the latter contestants probably still recovering. So the season is well under way with the first championship race over and the possibility of Dark Peak taking some titles again is another reality? How about some good turnouts and see Dark Peak taking some team prizes this year: with our best teams out we may even rate in the FRA Team Championship?? So it's time to get the old FB's out of the cellar, brush off last years mud and mold, sew up the holes in that old brown vest you've been polishing the car with, find those green things that the cats been sleeping on, and turn the months of winter training into results.

How many of you know that this is the 10th year of the existence of Dark Peak. The Club was formed by Chris Worsell back in 1976 and it was in the Skyline of that year that the now familiar Dark Peak strip was first revealed to the world, by a few dedicated fell runners. The club has grown considerably since then, especially in the last couple of years and many of the original faces are still to be seen, although some of them have gone a bit grey since.

"SPONSORSHIP! - We don't want that." was the general impression I got from reaction to the article in last September's issue, and this was reflected in the two letters in the last issue - I tend to agree. The form of sponsorship we were offered was not acceptable. Personally, I'm all for companies or shops or whoever, sponsoring particular races by means of providing prizes in return for some publicity as long as it doesn't interfere with the running of the race or its name, e.g. The Ron Hill Sports Cutler's Relay to me is too much, whereas 'The Cutler's Relay, sponsored by....' is acceptable. The question of sponsorship is, I'm sure, going to crop up again and will undoubtedly always be a topic for conversation as one reader of Athletics Weekly realised, and wrote in to voice his opinion. Here is the article for your consumption.

An Open Letter to Fell Runners

Unfortunately, the writer of this letter did not include his name and address when submitting it to 'AW'. We feel, however, that the subject is worth airing, and if the author would like to contact us (in confidence if anonymity is wanted or otherwise if the omission was accidental), then we will pass on any feedback as it comes in - Ed.

THERE ARE several parallels between the development of orienteering 15-20 years ago and the major changes in fell running going on now. The last couple of years has seen control over administration and legislation of fell running finally being vested within the sport itself, as it is in orienteering. The advent of international competition, albeit after a very limited fashion, and the consolidation of true national championships for the Home Counties has also mirrored orienteering's progression (although the championships are very different in character).

There is, however, much more to it than this rather structural comparison. The development of orienteering began as a coming together of mountaineers and runners who saw the tremendous possibilities of a cross-fertilisation of their two sports. Fell running really took off a few years ago in a similar spirit of innovation. The

very lack of rules, structure and organisation formed the early attraction. I well remember one leading runner declaring "You should be able to write the rules of fell running on a postage stamp". There was, in short, a marked affinity with the ethics and values of the mountaineer. I was not around in the early days of orienteering, but I know enough of the people who were to believe that a similar kind of spirit existed then. It was sufficient for the early orienteer to get away to the hills and forests. He did not need a map 19 shades of green to gain the thrill of navigating himself through a wood. Rules and organisation were simple.

This pioneering stage has been replaced in orienteering by a secondary stage, in which improvement has been the keynote. There are guidelines on how to make better maps - hence the 19 shades of green! On how to plan courses better. On how to control and organise events better. And, crucially, orienteers are obsessed by the aim of producing a world champion. To this end, the squad has developed. Orienteering has all sorts of squads - national, regional, junior - all dedicated to the principle of elitism and all subsidised by the rest, who in practice rarely have the chance of competing against this elite.

Which brings me to professionalism, which is linked to all of the above and is probably the cornerstone of orienteering's second stage. The development of the sport was felt to necessitate a national officer - a paid, full time appointment. Together with the proliferation of committees seeking grants and sponsorship, and the driving force towards 'improvement' of all aspects of the sport, this really sounded the death knell of the early 'happy-go-lucky' character of orienteering. The hope was (and still is) that, one day, if 'standards' could be raised orienteering would be

'accepted' as a major sport. I cannot hide my feeling that this development of orienteering is not one for which I have much time.

The reason for which I write this rather savage criticism is that my own sport, fell running, stands today at a cross roads in its development. In its early days, the FRA existed more as a club than as an authority. It linked people with a common interest and promoted the Fell Runner of the Year. It produced a magazine and, crucially, a calendar of events. The sport was characterised by a healthy and vigorous spirit of friendly competition on the fell. A spirit of unity existed because everybody, whether champion or duffer, was in the same race and the same pub afterwards! As the sport grew, it became clear that the average fell race contravened several of the AAA laws, and to prevent us all being barred, affiliation was sought. Now that affiliation has been achieved the FRA has become the rule making body, and its character has changed overnight. It, or we as its members, can take the sport where we want it to go. That is something we should all think about.

We, all of us, have thought of little ways of improving the organisation of our favourite races. Many of us will have fantasised in years gone by about international championships and other grand ideas. But have we looked at the trappings that might accompany such schemes? Do we really want commercial sponsorship? To see Kenny sipping his Bovril on TV every night? How long will it be before the FRA has its own professional officer - paid out of our subs? Will there be a national squad who we will no longer see at 'domestic' races? When will the FRA get around to vetting which races it will support and to barring its members from running in any others?

Far-fetched? Not when you consider that representations have already been made by the FRA to change the rules of one of our oldest races by having it completely flagged for the benefit of non-map reading Italians. Not when you know that the FRA has tried to have other race organisers change the dates of their race to fit in with the championship.

There may be a majority in the sport who would like to see a progression along these lines. There will be those to whom development naturally means more publicity and popularisation through the media, to whom sponsorship is a trend to be welcomed. If there is such a majority, then fair enough, I wouldn't want to be accused of standing in the way of progress. In fact, I'm in favour of international competition, so long as it doesn't cut across the character of fell running as we know it.

I believe there are many who share my unease; who believe that its character is the most attractive thing about our sport - and the most fragile; who came into fell running to escape the bureaucratic, over-commercialised, over-organised world of 'accepted' sports. For me, fell running is in grave danger of becoming far too serious a business. To run up a fell is the simplest thing, let's not make it complicated.

I must point out that the author has a few of his facts wrong, especially regarding the orienteering world, but this is not the space for putting him right, suffice to say that members subs are not used to finance the squad. My feeling is that he is over-reacting. He fails to recognise the basic differences between sports like fell running and orienteering and other sports that have become 'commercialised' through excessive sponsorship, and that is that fell running, like orienteering, is not a spectator sport in the sense that football or athletics is, and never will be due to its remoteness. As long as TV cameras can't monitor every step of the race, and they won't because for one thing its too expensive, were safe. Neither fell running nor orienteering will ever be a viable proposition for commercial sponsors for these reasons. But some of you may feel differently....

LETTERS

FROM OUR MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDANT

I'd been in the Middle East almost exactly a year before it happened. I should have known it would happen eventually but I thought that with 1984 safely behind me I was probably safe. But no, January 14th it was (Will I ever forget that date?), I was about to celebrate one year out of the UK and my escape from the Inland Revenue -after 365 days they can't touch you for tax - when it happened. A brown envelope. Chris Worsell had written to me. "Dear David" (unusually friendly for him!) "On checking our records" (records!!) "we find that your subs are still outstanding for the year 1984." My heart sank. Worse was to follow. "Subs for 1985 are due by the end of March."

It seems that I may be immune from the Inland Revenue whilst residing abroad, but the long arm of DFFR can still reach me. What if I were to emigrate for good - would I have to pay my DFFR subs for the rest of my life? Will my widow have to pay them after my death? If I refuse to pay should I constantly be looking over my shoulder? Can I expect to feel the heavy hand of an officer from Interpol on my collar? (Could be worse. It could be someone from the Committee.)

Anyway I'll risk it and not pay up, but Chris's letter did sting my conscience sufficiently to make me pick up a pen and write a few words about running in the United Arab Emirates.

I'm working in a town of about 14,000 people, about 10,000 of whom are blokes on 'single status' contracts with the oil companies. The sports facilities are absolutely superb and as there are no birds to chase and there's little else to do in the evenings other than play sports, you'd think these blokes would be superbly fit. They're not! And should any of you be running round with the idea that there's no alcohol to be had out here, let me disabuse you of it. Saudi Arabia may be 'dry' but the UAE

isn't and I've never seen so many piss artists as there are among Brits out here.

There aren't many hills to run on where we are, anything over 50ft being exceptional, but we have got plenty of desert, and running across it is quite entertaining. For Alan Yates sake I should add that a camel's hind feet are far too big to fit down the front of his wellies. 200 miles north of us near the Omani border, there are some very impressive mountains. Not particularly high but totally barren. Nobody runs on them, nor even walks on them, but if I could find someone barmy enough I'd love to try.

What about the heat? I've been pleasantly surprised. For eight months of the year the weather in the evenings is absolutely perfect for running. No risk of either dehydration or penile frostbite. It can get pretty hot and humid in the summer months, particularly July and August - 120 degrees and 100 per cent humidity at midday, but people do run 4 or 5 miles even in the summer evenings. I ran 4 miles a couple of times in the afternoons with the temperature at 110 and survived. Mind you the feeling in my mouth and throat was a whole new experience, like someone had lit a fire on my tongue. However all the buildings are air-conditioned, even the huge sports halls, so there's no problem playing squash, basketball etc.

Talking about indoor sports brings me nicely to the subject of exercise bikes. Now I've always despised people who have these things in their houses (rowing machines too for that matter.) I've always considered them to be at best posers and at worst pansies, or even downright pooftahs. Now I've got one myself. "Is he going soft?", "Has Moseley lost his marbles?", "Has he been running without a sun hat?" Let me explain.

In the past year there have been about half a dozen road races in Abu Dhabi, the capital. Races of 10km are usually won in about 31 to 33 minutes, but outside the first five or six runners the standard drops off pretty rapidly! In the town where I live there have been two races and the standard of the runners is, well, mediocre. The average DFFR member would do pretty well. They're that poor. But the prizes are spectacular, however lowly the race.

Last week we had a 7km road race here. When I tried to persuade the organisers that it could be a run across the desert and over a little hill they stared at me in disbelief. I proudly sported my Dark Feet vest (In that case you'll have to pay your subs. - Ed) Result!

1st Dave Moseley (DFFR)	24.08
2nd Ismail Khalif (Egypt)	
3rd Mohammed Abdulla (Somalia)	

42 runners in total. Honestly they're that bad.

First prize? A large trophy and a '120 exercise bike. So people who have exercise bikes aren't that bad after all. But 17m still not sure about rowing machines.

Dave Moseley.

To whom it may concern,

It has been brought to my attention that certain actions of both myself and my partner in this years KIMM have provoked a great deal of criticism and ill-will. These events ultimately resulted in our disqualification, thereby confirming a well known proverb which does not need restating. However I feel that I should also offer my deepest and sincerest apologies to all members of the club for taking some of the shine off an otherwise spotless reputation. In particular, to those of you who competed and found our actions offensive, possibly even regarding them as a personal insult, I must give my assurance that no malice was intended. I am truly sorry if anyone felt this to be the case.

In a somewhat lighter vein, I have to apologise (this time in advance) to another specific group within the membership; namely those who saw the 'funnier side' and were hoping for a repeat performance. Also included in this set, at some personal expense, are all who especially appreciated the joke about the rock. To these people, I must say "Enjoy it while you can.", I do not intend to let it happen again.

To conclude, I wish to offer my congratulations to all who competed in the event. You all command my respect and admiration, particularly if you managed to complete the course. This was something I personally could not do.

-
Apologetically yours,

Fete Collingwood.

Eds note. A fuller apology was also received by the committee from Fete. He specifically asked for the above letter to be put in the newsletter. An apology was also received by the committee from Andy Moffatt.

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DARK PEAK AGM

Friday 10th May, 7.30pm, at Grindleford Station Cafe.

Any member who wishes to have a meal first can book this through Chris Worsell (Tel 304873) if they can get there by 6.30pm. Light snacks can be ordered on arrival for the interval at 8.45. Liquid alcoholic refreshment available all the time!

Please notify any committee member prior to the night, if you have any points you wish to raise at the meeting. All members welcome.

THE DARK PEAK FELL RUNNER OF THE YEAR

Chris Worsell has come up with an idea to find the best all rounder, over the fells, in the club. There will be two 'competitions', one for men and the other for women. The year will run from November 1st to October 31st. The basic idea is to award points to all Dark Peakers who finish in fell races held within a 30 mile radius of Sheffield. Every finisher will receive some points no matter how many Dark Peakers are running. The person with the highest total at the end of the year wins! The scoring system will be as follows -

UP TO 10 RUNNERS - 11 points for 1st DF finisher, 9 for 2nd, 8 for 3rd, etc.
UP TO 20 - 21,19,18,17,.....
UP TO 30 - 31,29,28,27,.....
UP TO 40 - 41,39,38,37,.....

This is only provisional. Any suggestions on improving the scoring system will be welcome, but this system will encourage more of you to run, we hope, and will reward everyone - even if your the only one to run you'll get 11 points!

The races to count will be

SHORT : Crookstone (16.12.84), Headstone (22.12.84), Last Gasp (27.12.84), Penistone (6.5), Shining Tor (15.5), James Blakey (22.6), Crookstone (26.6), Mt.Famine (30.6), Hope (2.7), Hathersage (8.7), Bamford (17.7), Bradwell (8.8), Lantern Pike (21.9), Eccles Pike (28.9)
MEDIUM : Chew Valley (2.3), Teggs Nose (10.8), Shelf Moor (29.9), Meltham Cop (20.10)
LONG : Marsden-Edale (2.12.84), Edale Skyline (24.3), Roaches (30.3), Kinder Trog (16.6), Glossop (28.7)

Other races will be included if you let Chris know at least a week in advance. Races with no dates known so far are Doughtybridge, Totley, Blacka Moor, and Andy Harmer's Races.

Provisional rankings will be published in the next newsletter and on the noticeboard in the club hut. Remember to send in the results from races, especially if there are only a few of you there - we can't give you points if we don't have the results.

SUNN ST - SPRINGVALE SPIRAL

A SHORT HILLY, INFORMAL, ROAD RACE FROM NICK AND CAROL FORWOODS, 3 WARWICK ST, CROOKES, SHEFFIELD TEL 68700.
ON THURSDAY 2ND MAY, FOLLOWED BY BAKED SPUDS ETC.
BRING A BOTTLE. START AT 7'ISH.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fell Races.

- 13.4 AM Fendle, 4.5m,1500' (6.4)
- 14.4 * AM Kentmere, 12m,3300' (EOD)
- 21.4 * AS Blisco, 5m,2000' (15.4/EOD)
- 21.4 AM Kinder Downfall, 10m,2150' (EOD)
- 28.4 AL Three Peaks, 22m,4500' (16.3)
- 4.5 * AM Coniston, 9m,4500' (EOD)
- 6.5 BS Beacon Hill, 1.5m,500' (EOD)
- 12.5 N Buttermere Sail Beck H'shoe, 9.5m,3700' (EOD)
- 12.5 BM Darwen Moors, 11m,1800' (6.5/EOD)
- 15.5 N Shining Tor,5m,1400' (EOD)
- 18.5 BS Clougha Fike, 5m,1150' (4.5/EOD)
- 19.5 * AM Fairfield, 9m,3000' (EOD)
- 22.5 AS Blackstone Edge, 3m,1000' (13.5/EOD)
- 25.5 AL Bens of Jura, 16m,7500' (11.5/EOD)
- 1.6 AS Fenygent, 5.5m,1500' (31.5/EOD)
- 2.6 AS Saddleworth, 3m,950' (27.5/EOD)
- 8.6 * AL Ennerdale, 23m,7500' (EOD)
- 9.6 AL Chevy Chase, 17m,4500' (9.5)
- 9.6 BM Muncaster, 10m,1800' (EOD)
- 15.6 AS Buckden Pike, 4m,1500' (EOD)
- 21.6? Crookstone Crashout.

Local Road Races.

- 9.5. Damflask Road Relays,Bradfield.
- 16.5. Bradfield Beast - Uphill Mile.
- 23.5. Speedy Mile,Dore. - Downhill Mile.

FRA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP - A Personal Opinion.

At the last Dark Peak AGM in Grindleford Cafe we discussed whether or not the club wished to be a part of the FRA team championship, a newly formed competition for 1984. Several very respected and senior members of the club spoke out very strongly against Dark Peak taking part in such a championship ("It's not in the spirit of fell running to be partisan! It's an individuals sport." etc....).

A few, myself included, generally less senior members spoke for the opposite view. Chris Worsell, bless his heart, while I suspect he secretly sided with the former argument, acted as a mediator and suggested that those who wanted it should have the possibility, and those that didn't could ignore it. This seemed to me very sensible and fortunately was the view that prevailed. We registered with the FRA as a club taking part in the championship.

And so the 1984 season came and went and as a club we didn't make a serious attempt on the title. Some of our individuals did extremely well. Ray Aucott again dominated the Vets and incidentally did OK in the overall championship. While Micah Wilson beat some really class opposition to take the

junior title in a nailbiting finish at Butter Crag. Malc Patterson performed superbly in all the races he participated in (including the International in Italy.) and one wonders whether if he took it seriously he could beat Kenny Stuart and give Dark Peak a clean sweep of the mens titles. In fact thinking about the female talent (mmhhh!!) there's no reason why we shouldn't take the lot!

So what about the team? Well, I reckon our participation was a success. We finished 5th out of about 30 clubs. I'm sure no one felt under pressure to race for the club so the majority of the objections were unfounded. In fact surely it gave more purpose and pleasure than any problems it would have caused.

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TOUR OF FENDLE : OCT '84.

Well you know well enough my love of Fendle and the Bowland area to the north, so I wont write on that theme further, except to say that the Curlew's call haunted the fells, the air was bright and expectation filled my senses. What a day for a run.

Will McLewin arriving in his Dark Peak Road Show threw me. He was there at least half an hour before the start! Even so I composed myself as we rattled away up the valley. The early pace was vicious, so much so that Taylor, Irwin and Rowlinson all bonked over the last sections.

At the top of Bighill 4 I was in 5th spot and feeling good, but the hard walking sections took their toll and I

dropped a couple of places. Behind Tony and Bob had settled in the next pack and Tony held on well for 12th, whilst Bob explored every divet of Big End and by the end was ready to eat the heads off jelly babies. With Graham and Mike well up Dark Fealshowed a spirited challenge to the Rossendale alcoholic machine. Whilst Bob Berzins gave notice that within weeks he would rattling a few cages.

Andrew Harmer.

RESULTS

1 D.Cartridge. (Bol)	2.15.56	57	M.Stone.	2.41.29
8 A.Harmer.	2.21.59	99	B.Thackery.	2.59.16
12 T.Farnell.	2.26.07	110	W.McLewin.	3.03.14
31 G.Berry.	2.34.59	115	A.Riley.	3.07.26
34 M.Hayes.	2.36.09	129	C.Henson.	3.11.23
53 B.Berzins.	2.41.03	145	T.Norris.	3.25.13
55 R.Pearson.	2.41.24	153	A.Wright. (L)	3.48.39

CROOKSTONE CRASHOUT : 16.12.84

The quantlet had been thrown down; no 4 inches of snow - no race. The gods obliged with snow and thick mist and 13 intrepid souls lined up for Mary Sant to photograph the mottley crew.

Phil Murray blinded all opposition on the right side of the gully with his socks and sped away from the floundering Tett. The organiser of this foolishness took the left flank with Bodger and Big Bob in attendance. By the knoll (11.14) Malcolm and I were clear, with Phil 80 metres adrift and Tett a further 100 metres back, as we sped away towards Madwoman Stones. The thick mist and deep snow took their toll as we both struggled to find the Trig point. Tett meanwhile had sped past all of us in the mist with an accurate bearing, and on finding the trig point first, naked of any footprints, sprinted for home in disbelief. Andy Moffatt followed his excellant summer run on the hill and passed Phil to finish 2nd. The hares had to make do with 4th and 6th; perhaps we should reort to fables or just the compass.

My thanks to Pete Dyke, Dave Sant, and Tony Trowbridge for supporting all four of my ventures this year. Next year they will all reappear with the addition of a Margery Hill and the Stones race appearing on the calender.

Andy Harmer.

1 Tim Tett.	33.11	8	Paul DeMengel.	39.18
2 Andy Moffatt.	34.48	9	Tony Trowbridge.	39.19
3 Phil Murray.	35.56	10	Tim Norris.	43.12
4 Malc Fatterson.	36.12	11	Pete Dyke.	45.14
5 Bob Berzins.	36.14	12	Alison Wright.	49.05
6 Andy Harmer.	37.05	13	Colin Henson.	49.05
7 Dave Sant.	38.13			

HEADSTONE HEADACHE : 22.12.84

RESULTS.

1 S.Hale. (Univ)	27.43	34 S.Clayton.	35.20
2 T.Tett.	28.07.	37 T.Trowbridge. +1	35.32
3 M.Patterson.	28.42	38 W.Lightfoot. (L)	35.35
6 D.Bradley.	29.28	45 C.Wilson.	36.27
=8 A.Moffatt.	30.54	49 H.Biggin.	36.59
=8 P.Webster.	30.54	54 M.Spence.	37.27
10 A.Bradley.	31.05	58 C.Worsell.	37.46
11 G.Sellens.	31.19	65 B.Hodges.	38.01
12 G.Berry.	32.15	66 F.Dyke.	38.02
16 D.Sant.	32.56	75 C.Henson.	40.01
20 P.Lewis.	34.00	77 J.Harrison.	40.46
21 A.Forsyth.	34.02	78 K.Whittle. (L)	40.55
24 D.Holmes.	34.09	79 I.Wainwright. +1	41.01
26 J.Abbott.	34.33	97 T.Kohn. (L)	42.05
27 H.Swindells.	34.37	101 D.Mead. (L)	42.27
28 G.Desforges.	34.39	106 T.Sayles.	43.06
29 L.Dunn. (L)	34.45	114 B.Griffiths. +1	44.35
30 P.Jones.	34.51	133 R.Hulley. +1	49.?
32 P.Kohn.	35.06	141 A.Yates tribe	52.?

ROUND ROTHERHAM RUN : 29.12.84

For those who do not live in South Yorkshire, the event starts the night before at Rotherham Harriers Xmas Social. Afterwards we spent the night at the Harney Hilton in Rotherham. The chef June (soon to be Harney) cooked a hasty supper whilst the boss was cajouled into marking the route on three OS maps while his supper went cold.

After a very cold and frosty night, the morning was less cold but the ground was still icy. The race started from Tinsley school at 8.15 and there were about 40 starters for the 48 mile, anti-clockwise circuit around the Rotherham boundary. There were six runners from Dark Peak, plus one with dual allegiance running for Rotherham. Fears about navigation problems were unfounded, the route was well marked with yellow paint and Stones Beer mats at places where you needed help.

Except for about 15 miles of road, the rest of the route consisted of muddy tracks, ploughed fields, canal banks and colliery areas. There were checkpoints at sensible intervals where refreshments were available, but the main eating point was at Maltby church where a substantial dish of fresh stew was available.

Shortly after Lindrick, Roger B. was seen emerging from some gorse bushes (don't know what he had been doing). Dark Peak were soon packing well, with a group consisting of Roger, Alan, Ian, and Nigel soon catching a walking a walking Pete Lewis. Somewhere behind was Dave Jones, and somewhere ahead was Brian (last years winner.).

For various reasons, like calls of nature, physical problems and route aberration Ian and Nigel were the first of the group to arrive at Maltby and pressed on alone. The afternoon turned colder and it started to rain, but this could not make the underfoot conditions any more difficult.

Tales from route marshals that Alan and Roger had collapsed at Maltby were unfounded, although suffering, they decided to carry on. Whilst drinking some lemonade at an unofficial checkpoint (a filling station near Elsecar) Dave Jones caught us, so we went on as a team again for a few miles, before Dave mysteriously vanished.

The rain became heavier, and by the time we reached a gigantic phallus (known as Keppels Column) it was quite dark. Luckily there were only five or six miles to go. These last few miles along the river Don, canal bank and sewage works were completed in inky blackness, before reaching the main road again just before the finish.

This was a well organised race. It was hard going underfoot for most of the way and I will never understand how the course record could be broken in such conditions. Unofficial Dark Peal placings were :

1	?	(Roth)	6hrs 58mins.
?	Brian	Harney.	7.45
11=	Ian	Roberts.	8.40
11=	Nigel	Fobinson.	8.40
13=	Dave	Jones.	8.55
17=	Roger	Baumeister.	10.20
17=	Alan	Ireland.	10.20

Fete Lewis retired.

Ian Roberts.

BURBAGE BAFFLER : 12.1.85

A new year, a new event, and an old venue! Burbage Brook, a very familiar training ground for many Dark Peakers provided the setting for what started out to look like an unmitigated disaster as I seriously underestimated the 10 level of our editor!?! (Now how does it go?...one foot at a time... left, right and off! ..faster..Yes, I am running now!) (How much was John Ed. paid to lead our team - obviously the favourites - astray, and who was it? - Ed.)

The day beckoned cold and clear and in customary fashion, Jane and I arrived in plenty of time to set the course, only to find the car park full of very puzzled looking runners. I made no excuses and set off at a healthy pace to set the specially designed white flags to match the snow, around the 5km loop. I enjoyed this part and left Jane to collect team names - we had anticipated 10 teams at most; 16 in fact started (more of

that later).

Having returned from the loop I then had the dubious task of explaining (many thought confusing) the basic principles of the race to the assembled throng. 'Batons' of all descriptions were produced, including a Banana. Will Mclewin commented on how many possible combinations there were for running in pairs. He found out later that to run twice against his team member (who seemed hell-bent on beating him both times) reduced the practical combination to one, and then he wished he didn't have to do that one!

"All's well that starts badly." 1st leg, 1st pair, Tim Tett v Gerry Goldsmith. A healthy pairing on paper, positively diseased in practice. How Tim missed Gerry I will never know! After the first leg was completed Andy Harmer and company were leading. Andy finding out that against female opposition he really had his work cut out. He told me later that he actually felt stiff on Sunday as he was having to run very hard to keep up with Jackie on the other side of the valley.

Another little gem came from Tim Dennish Ph.D. - he hadn't realised that he was running twice and arrived back at Burbage Bridge after his first lap exclaiming "I wouldn't like to do that again in a hurry." He did. (God help the examiners when that's the level of comprehension from written instructions.)

Dave and Mary Sant - "We do everything together." as they arrived back at exactly the same time!

Rob Fearson - "Joel's great. He just sits there and suffers. Maybe we should use him as a Baton!?"

Alan Yates - "I must be a Wally to run this stupid event." He was.

Unanswered Question - Isn't Andy Harmer a Vet? or does he just look like the old man of the mountains.

The last team, but by no means least, included Tom Foley and housewife superstar Margaret Edwards (fresh from her devastating run in the Last Gasp). Tom commented "Where the hell is she? I can't see her on the other side!" Panic sets in, but fortunately for Tom he got back before her, so that he was able to return to his post-operative self.

Drinks and food ensued at Roach Road, except that ALL food was consumed in a very short space of time and Jane and I begged the odd crumb for the rest of the weekend as Tesco's had closed!

Same time, same place next year by popular request. Well done to everyone.

Martin Spence

RESULTS

1* Andy Harmer.	1.21.33	9* Chez Demengel.	1.31.52
Jackie Smith.		Andy Nicholson.	
Pete Collingwood.		Pete O'Donovan.	
Simon Martland.		Bob Berzins.	

2	Rob Fearson. Jenny Fearson. Robin Stansfield. Fete Webster.	1.23.48	10	Gerry Goldsmith. Neil Goldsmith. Tim Tett. Billy Wilson.	1.32.15
3	G.Sellens. Jane Richmond. Fete Jones. Alan Yates.	1.25.51	11	Mavis Wilson. Micah Wilson. Fete Dyle. Jeff Harrison.	1.33.40
4*	Angela Carson. Colin Hughes. Tim Daniels. Steve Clayton.	1.30.25	12	Jane Spence. Alan Sanderson. Howard Swindells. Howard Riggins.	1.36.40
5*	Adrian Riley. Ray Whittle. Don Hill. Dave Bradley.	1.30.40	13	Mary Sant. Dave Sant. Mike Theobald. Geoff Evans.	1.37.27
6*	Martin Stone. Arun Sahni. Tim Dennish. Terry Sayles.	1.30.43	14	Angela Soper. Jack Soper. Will McLewin. Brian Wood.	1.41.40
7	Pete Sweet-Escott. Chris Worsell. Tony Farnell. Di Mead.	1.30.50	15	Wendy Trowbridge. Graham Berry. Fiona Berry. Tony Trowbridge.	1.41.55
8	Tricia Kohn. Peter Kohn. Mark Harvey. John Clarke.	1.31.24	16	Margaret Edwards. John Edwards. Enid Foley. Tom Foley.	2.03.05

(* = Non-competitive team.)

MARJORY HILL (FEBRUARY FROLIC) : 2.2.85

At 9am from near the Dam Wall a group of eleven sped away, some of them not to be seen again until the finish. Dave Sant, not known as a con man, ran round much faster than some of the group 3 contingent. Whilst Jackie Smith and Pete Collingwood led the charge over a very windswept course, especially on the Wilfred Edge on the way to Marjory Hill.

John Fisher ran superbly well in the second pack, which left at 9.20, finishing seven minutes ahead of Keith Tonkin.

As for the 9.45 mob, the early pace was very fast so that Tim and myself were well clear on Lost Lad. By Marjory Hill, after Tim had gained half a minute on a better route over Abbey

Brook, I had opened up a similar gap (only 'cos I got blown over twice! - Ed). But if you don't look after Norman's shoes, they will open up to the skies. A hasty repair and a hobble left me adrift of a speedy road man. The real pain was watching me walk up the steep bit in the woods to Alport (I was waiting for you Andy. - Ed) - still he hurtled along the ridge and was a clear winner in 1.44. Solid runs by Tony and Bob added to the sub 1.50 times.

The best run of the day was undoubtedly by Jacky, who beat half the field and led one or two old stages over Marjory Hill, who should know their own way. As for Colin Henson, at last he was scuppered from winning pots - sorry about the leg Colin.

Andy Harmer.

RESULTS

1	Tim Tett.	1.44	14	Fete Kohn.	2.04
2	Andy Harmer.	1.45	15	Fete Collingwood.	2.04
3	Tony Farnell.	1.47	16	John Clarke.	2.05
4	Bob Berzins.	1.50	17	Billy Wilson.	2.07
5	John Fisher.	1.53	18	Martin Spence.	2.07
6	Dave Sant.	1.56	19	Fete Dellamere.	2.07
7	Rory Gregory.	1.57	20	Alan Yates.	2.07
8	Graham Berry.	1.59	21	Geoff Harrison.	2.08
9	Keith Tonkin.	2.00	22	Fete Dyke.	2.08
10	Tim Dennish.	2.02	23	Chris Worsell.	2.08
11	Graham Sellens.	2.03	24	Tim Norris.	2.08
12	Tim Daniels.	2.07	25	Colin Henson.	3.03
13	Jacky Smith.	2.16			

Times are a bit rough due to three starts and no static officials, sorry.

THE SPEEDY MILE

Thursday 23rd May, 7.00pm, at Long Line, Dore, Sheffield.

You all know about this one - 1 mile DOWNHILL. Record 3mins 44secs Tim Tett 1984. Can you beat Seb Coe's world record?

Changing etc at Ash House (bottom of Long Line) as for Last Gasp. Fee 80p. Entry forms etc from T.Tett (as above) Closing date 16th May.

LAST GASP : 27.12.84

RESULTS

1	Margaret Edwards.	33.10	39	H. Bigoins.	21.51
7	Fiona Berry.	36.19	42	G. Sellens.	19.38
9	B. Hodges.	23.11	43	M. Desforges.	20.43
12	J. Fearson.	22.21	45	D. Sant.	20.23
17	F. Dyke.	23.21	46	T. Trowbridge.	20.29
19	J. Abbott.	21.43	47	Wendy Trowbridge.	27.17
20	A. Sanderson.	24.53	50	H. Swindells.	21.36
23	M. Wilson.	17.36	51	T. Sayles.	24.09
25	F. Webster.	18.23	52	J. Edwards.	24.09
28	L. Outwin.	20.39	53	G. Berry.	19.43
29	R. Fearson.	17.52	54	Mary Sant.	28.09
30	I. Wainwright.	19.32	55	F. Lewis.	20.10
31	M. Spence.	21.22	56	C. Worsell.	22.29
32	P. Kohn.	21.37	58	A. Riley.	21.58
33	Trish Kohn.	25.57	60	B. Berzins.	20.12
37	T. Tett.	18.12			

NOTTS AC ROAD RELAY : 16.3.85

After 3 (out of 4) legs the Dark Peak Team were in 3rd position, less than 30 seconds down on 1st, but with no last leg runner! If anyone feels like doing any of these short relay races could they let me know, then maybe we could call in reserves when the team falls to pieces!

In the Womans race of 5km Jenny Pearson came third in 19.44. The winner was Jackie Beasley in 17.06.

Dark Peak failed to field a team in this years York Half Marathon, but I managed to put in a reasonable performance in 13th place with a time of 67.03, so we didn't get unnoticed, although the announcer at the prizegiving managed to come up with numerous other names before eventually hitting on 'Dark Peak' - obviously were an unknown!

In the Rank Xerox 10km race in Manchester the previous weekend a very weary editor just managed to qualify for the final in 48th position with a time of 32.09 - Watch out for that brown vest on TV on April 13th and for Micah Wilson in Hallamshire strip.

Tim Tett.

HIGH PEAK MARATHON : 1/2.3.85

RESULTS

1	Harry Hut Bouncers. (Addis, Stone (DFFR), Taylor, Ratcliffe)	9.36
3	Rude Boys. (Yates, Sant, Raumeister, Jones.)	10.22
4	Dark Peak Octoped. (Roberts, Ireland, Harney, Hayes)	10.30
6	Frankie Goes To Edale. (Thomas (DFFR), Stickland, Rudman, Hamilton)	11.01
11	Deep Peak Runners. (Biggins, Hodges, Hulley, Needle)	12.31
14	Gritstone Girls. (DeMengel, Robinson, Smith, Goldsmith.)	13.27
16	Dark Peak Gentlemen. (Edwards, Foley, Harrison, Piper.)	13.39

Retired at Snake - Fell Bashers (Gregory, Burke, Berzins, Fisher)
 Retired at Moscar - Contry Club (Swindells, Seagrove, Spence, Kohn)

ROAD SECTION

LOCAL FIXTURES - South Yorkshire Spring Road League.

19.4	Hallamshire. (Wisewood?)
24.4	Barnsley.
1.5	Rotherham.
15.5	Rochingham.
20.5	Aslern.

More details from Club Hut Noticeboard, Les Outwin (302615),
 Pete Lewis (666730) or Tim Tett (334667).

 NOTT UNIV ROAD RELAYS : 9.3.85

1	Leicester.	64.03	35	D.P. Scrubbers.	74.20
3	Sneffield AC	64.09		P. Webster.	(13.19)
4	Hallamshire.	65.31		I. Wainwright.	(14.11)
10	Dark Peak.	67.44		T. Trowbridge.	(14.30)
	G. Sellens. (27th)	(13.47)		L. Johnson.	(16.12)
	J. Clarke. (34)	(14.48)		I. Fyrah.	(16.08)
	T. Tett. (19)	(12.55)			
	D. Bradley. (13)	(13.05)			
8	T. Tett. (10)	(13.09)		Fastest Leg	12.22 (2.6 miles)

CROSS COUNTRY

Just a few results to finish off the season

S.Y.L. CAMPSALL : 9.12.84

1	M. Flint. (SAC)	33.56	44	I. Wainwright.	37.58
4	R. Fearson.	34.48	90	K. Jenkins.	40.17
7	M. Wilson.	35.03	126	S. Dean.	41.40
11	F. Webster.	35.32	141	L. Outwin.	42.26
17	D. Bradley.	36.14	148	C. Worsell.	43.01
18	F. Murray.	36.16	176	R. Hulley.	43.57
37	E. Toogood.	37.25	220	J. Edwards.	48.28

Ladies

1	S. Singleton. (SAC)	26.34
3	J. Fearson.	27.42
24	K. DeMangel.	31.46

Girls 11-13

29	R. Hulley.	16.01
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Boys 8-11

54	M. Hulley.	7.37
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Boys 11-13

44	A. Hulley.	20.01
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YORKS. IND. CHAMPS. HILLSBOROUGH : 5.1.85

1	C. Thackery. (HH)	36.48	25	P. Webster.	41.17
15	T. Tett.	40.06	29	R. Fearson.	41.38
19	A. Harmer.	40.34	30	P. Murray.	41.42
20	D. Bradley.	40.42	47	P. Lewis.	43.09
21	M. Patterson.	40.49	69	A. Riley.	45.43

YORKS. TEAM CHAMPS, YORK : 26.1.85

1	C. Moore. (Bing)	37.39	129	B. Berzins.	43.50
23	A. Harmer.	40.34	131	I. Wainwright.	44.02
29	M. Patterson.	40.47	204	A. Riley.	46.21
48	P. Murray.	41.27	233	S. Dean.	47.06
50	T. Tett.	41.34	242	L. Outwin.	47.22
51	P. Webster.	41.35	254	T. Dennish.	47.49
53	A. Moffatt.	41.37	271	A. Hulley.	48.36
64	D. Bradley.	41.55	314	C. Worsell.	51.10

NORTHERN CHAMPS, THIRSK : 9.2.85

1	S. Cram. (J&H)	35.05	160?	R. Fearson.	..?..
57	T. Tett.	37.42	4..	P. Lewis.	..?..
105	M. Patterson.	..?..	?.	A. Riley.	..?..
120	D. Bradley.	..?..	?.	R. Hulley.	..?..

S.Y.CHAMPS, HILLSBOROUGH : 24.2.85

<u>Seniors</u>			<u>Vets</u>		
1	C.Maddocks. (SAC)	32.42	1	M.Martin. (SAC)	33.52
6	R.Pearson.	34.33	3	I.Wainwright.	36.06
46	K.Jenkins.	38.40	16	C.Worsell.	41.01

<u>Ladies</u>		
1	J.Clarke. (SAC)	22.13
3	J.Pearson.	24.25

THE NATIONALS - "A rather special race."

This year the 'National' was held on March 2nd at Cambell Park, Milton Keynes. Due to a conflict of fixtures (same weekend as the Chew Valley, High Peak Marathon and the British Orienteering Championships) we did not field a team. However, I'd planned to visit my brother, who lives in Milton Keynes, that weekend. I got in touch with Pete Lewis to enter me as an individual in order to sample what was described in this magazine as a "rather special race".

For those who have never attended one, the National is about as far removed from the solitude of the fells as one can get - a nine mile crowded tunnel being one description of Newark last year!

By an unfortunate twist of fate, the one year we declined to enter a team the race was run on a course that really would have suited some of our fell stars - several sharp hills and really heavy going on glutinous mud for virtually the entire nine miles. Certainly I've never seen so many people in a cross country race either dropping out or searching vainly for lost shoes in the mud! Add to that some drizzle and a cold wind, and it all made for a traditional cross country day. In fact the juniors were so covered in mud, I barely recognised Micah who came past in a very fine 24th position in a time of 31.30 helping Hallamshire to 2nd place in the team race.

Dave Lewis of Rossendale, an ex-fell runner, dominated the senior race and seemed to revel in the conditions. Suffice to say that Mr Lewis was probably showered, changed, completed tv and radio interviews and half way back up the M6 before some of us squelched over the finishing line to receive our position tags. Personally I was pleased to get round without having to stoop to collect errant shoes, and without falling over (the fate of many). Thanks to the folks giving a cheer for Dark Peak, and thanks for the run Pete. Some of the perverts in the club would have loved that course.

Steve Dean.

That just about winds up this years cross country season. Hope you all back again in the Autumn for the South Yorkshire League races. Meanwhile the Trunche's have started again, every three weeks on a Monday night. The first few dates are - 1st April, 22nd April, 13th May, 3rd June, 24th June....

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

New Members

Jim	Borrington	6 Wheeldon Way, Hulland Ward, Derbs. Tel Ashbourne 70150
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Micah	Wilson	as for Billy.

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BACK TOR AND BACK

We are hoping to hold a repeat run of this nasty little race on Monday 29th April at 6.30pm. Please make your own arrangements with the 'Strines' pub if you want food afterwards. No entry fee. Small edible prizes at the organisers whim. Entry on the day.

Route : Start 221909 (Open space at foot of Foulstone Delph)
Follow track to Bradfield Gate Head boundary stone and then to the Trig point on Back Tor. Then retrace your steps to the finish. 3.25 miles, 825 ft of climb. (just about grade A!)

Records : Men	- Micah Wilson	21.37
Ladies	- Jane Spence	26.40
Vet Men	- Billy Wilson	25.22
Vet Ladies	- Enid Foley	39.28

The following three races are being held to raise money to send a team of British orienteers to the World Championships in Australia in September. Please support us!

DAMFLASK ROAD RELAYS

Thursday 9th May, 7.00pm, at Low Bradfield, Sheffield.

The course is around Damflask reservoir and is 3.8 miles long. There is a Ladies race (of 3.8 miles) which starts at 6.45pm. The Mens Relay is 3 x 3.8 miles.

Changing facilities, toilets etc are in Low Bradfield Village Hall from 6.00pm onwards. Entry fee £3 per team. 80p for Ladies race.

Entry forms and more information available from Tim Tett, 15 Freedom Road, Walkley, Sheffield S6 2XA. Tel (0742) 334667 with an SAE. Closing date is 2nd May.

THE BRADFIELD BEAST

Thursday 16th May 7.00pm, at High Bradfield.

The course is 1 Mile UPHILL! with 590 feet of climb. See if you can break 7 minutes.

Changing etc in High Bradfield church hall from 6.00pm. Fee 80p. Entry forms etc from T.Tett (as above) Closing date 9th May.

see page 14.