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NEWS AND COMING EVENTS

NEWS

'Warts make media stars

In the space of two weeks the night running exploits of the 'warts came to the attention of the rest of the World. The Independent on Saturday 23 October featured a small feature together with double page photograph of 'warts in action - reproduced as a centrespread in this newsletter! Two weeks later a Radio Sheffield reporter tried to find out what it was all about and the subsequent broadcast of him running through an underground river at night with no light carrying a tape recorder and trying to interview Jim Fulton made entertaining listening! Full transcript in the next newsletter!

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Dark Peak training helps Jenny reach the World Orienteering Championships

Jenny James, a regular at Wednesday night sessions since last winter, produced a set of outstanding performances in the World Orienteering Championships this October. The World Champs has a three race format but the 'classic', the long race, is the real thing and in this Jenny was placed 16th, the 3rd highest position ever achieved by a British woman. Jenny is now 2nd in the UK orienteering rankings.

The WOC were held near New York, USA. The courses were tough and technical, on mind boggling maps, with rough terrain and torrential rain. Jenny has run in the World Champs and other major internationals before but lacked endurance. The Wednesday night sessions last winter lay the basis for a late surge at the end of the summer.

Jenny's 1994 season starts with selection for World Cup series starting in New Zealand in April. Then she'll be back at Dark Peak for another season of good endurance training.

Hilary Bloor

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Racing Highlights

Among the highlights of the Autumn: the men finish 7th and women 5th in the FRA Relay. Peter Gorvett and Howard Swindells finish 2nd in the karrimor long score class and Howard also wins the veterans trophy at the end of the 9 race Trunce series. Full details later in the newsletter.

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New Restrictions Planned for Peak Access Land

"Mountain biking, orienteering and fell running events are effectively banned in large areas of the Peak National Park. Landowners and national park officials are thrashing out new laws controlling the use of access land."

"The bye-laws, which replace the current 30 year old rules, insist dogs are kept on leads because landowners regard them as a threat to the region's environment. Radios and other sources of 'noise pollution' are to be regulated along with metal detectors, kites and model aircraft."

"Mike Ingham, national park valuation officer, said: These are a modernisation of the existing bye-laws brought in many years ago. They are set to control the activities of today. Mountain biking is a serious problem on access land and landowners are set to ban it."

"Hikers escape the brunt of the bye-laws but organisers of large fell running or orienteering events will face problems. Mike said: Although there will be a bye-law restricting these events, organisers must ask permission and they will no longer give it. each landowner can list what activities are not permitted on his land in the access agreements we are now negotiating."

"Another rule likely to be introduced reclassifies land from Site of Special Scientific Interest to Special Protected Area, in line with an EC bird protection directive. Hopefully this will be all sorted out by mid 94 but until then the old agreements will stand."

Extract from "Trail Walker (Nov 93)"

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CLUB RUNS

Wednesday night training sessions continue throughout the winter from the Sportsman, Lodge Moor. There's the usual choice:

80-90 minutes road running with plenty of hills and suitable for a wide range of abilities (pauses to let people catch up and usually some long/short/fast/slow alternatives).

On the moors with the 'warts for around two hours of fell running including many of the usual summer routes. Like last year the 'warts will be featuring a few alternative venues, contact regular 'warts (e.g. Dave Holmes or Jim Fulton) for details. Events will include a run from Bar Dyke above Bradfield and a gentle Watershed warm up from The Plough (near Leadmill Bridge) on the Wednesday before the big night!

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RACES

Dark Peak club races

- Sat 8 Jan Burbage Baffler, Burbage Bridge, 10:00
Teams of 4 (1 star, 1 woman, 1 vet and 1 'wart) are invited for this unique experience. Everyone runs two legs of approximately 3 miles... faster runners run further! Make up your own teams to challenge last years victorious Armistead/Armistead/Swindells/Pedley combination.
- Wed 26 Jan Warps Night Race, meet at Sportsman at 6:30
Start at Redmires at 6:45. A route of approximately 5 miles, navigational skills useful! Compass, whistle and kag essential.
- Sat 5 Feb Margery Hill, Fairholmes 9:00
The usual slow, medium and fast starts at 9:00, 9:15 and 9:30 for this 14 mile event.
- Sat 12 Mar Not the National, Long Lane Rivelin, 10:30
6 miles of proper cross country, hills mud and even a water splash.

Local Races

- Sun 13 Feb Tigger t'Higger Tor, Tigers Rugby Club, 11:00
- Sun 27 Mar Edale Skyline, Edale, 10:30
Entries in advance, for further details see the FRA fixture list or ask on a Wednesday night but don't forget that lots of helpers are needed to this Dark Peak showpiece event..

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EDALE SKYLINE 1994

Next March seems a long time ahead, but no sooner have we thrown away the turkey then we shall be putting the clocks forward and it will be 27 March and time for the Don Morrison Memorial Edale Skyline Race. Put a big note in your diary now! The Edale Skyline is Dark Peak's showpiece so it is important that a) the organisation is faultless and b) that safety measures are strictly adhered to.

That particular time of year (27 March in case you have already forgotten) is peculiar in that the weather can vary enormously from snowstorms and freezing rain to warm and sunny. More often than not the cold wet conditions prevail and the chances of runners getting into difficulties are obviously increased. The main requirement if a runner is missing or injured is to know roughly in what area he or she is likely to be found. The only answer is to have lots of marshals, and that is

DARK PEAK CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS AND HANDICAP

Tradition used to be that the winner wrote the report. Well, the winner has sneaked off to New Zealand for Christmas so you'll have to make do with a view from 7th place (or 2nd in the handicap). Rumours were rife that the late lamented 'classic' triple crossing championships route (Edale-Snake Bridge-Downfall-Edale) was to be revived. A later rumour even suggested that a 'classic reversed' would be run. Both rumours had some truth in them but Dave Holmes sprung a surprise that, once again, produced a course with some superb route choice.

The Route

'Classic reversed'... but with an extra control at the end on a wall corner below Grindslow Knoll which made for a fascinating last leg.

From Edale to Kinder Downfall most people chose a route to the west of Grindslow Knoll and into upper Crowden Brook, though a few headed straight over the top of Grindslow Knoll and others tried the direct (Peninne Way) line from just east of the Knoll to the Downfall. Finally, Alan Yates, followed by Kirsty Bryan-Jones tried an alternative via Fairbrook which never got to the Downfall!

From the Downfall to upper Fairbrook you chose your grough and take your chances but there's little time difference gained or lost. Down Fairbrook most used the main path but in doing so missed out on one of the Peak Districts more relaxing descents (and probably lost a little time as well)!

The real interest was saved until last. What would have been, on the old route, a crocodile back to Edale produced at least four variations and no obvious 'best route'. Most, including the winner, headed up the path towards Seal Stones and then went East of Seal Stones into Blackden. For those of you thinking about emulating Alistair's route, be warned... on reaching the edge path East of Grindsbrook he took a direct line (South) to the wall corner!! The 'Swindells variation' stuck to the wall up to Seal Stones and then crossed direct to Grindslow Knoll. A 'Pedley/Goldsmith' alternative used the path as far as the wall but then climbed South West and crossed into Upper Middle Seal Clough where it met up with the 'Warts Special Route', being pioneered by a Gorvett/Holmes/Ansell combination. This went back up Fairbrook from Snake Bridge and via Middle Seal Clough into Upper Grindsbrook.

Even the last leg had its alternatives although those who headed down into Grindsbrook did not fare as well as the majority who contoured back to the Grindslow Knoll path.

Another excellent route, congratulations to Dave - it was so good that even the course planner is still having second thoughts about which route he should have taken!



Dark Peak Fell Runners Club Championships 1993

Time to

Position	Name	Checkpoint 1	Checkpoint 2	Checkpoint 3	Finish
1	Alistar Landells	0-28-30	0-45-40	1-13-30	1-21-41
2	Tim Tett	0-30-00	0-47-47	1-16-00	1-25-42
3	Andy Harmer (V)	0-32-00	0-51-03	1-21-00	1-30-21
4	Andy Poirrette	0-35-00	0-53-22	1-26-00	1-36-01
5	Graham Berry (V)	0-33-00	0-53-26	1-27-00	1-36-18
6	Bob Berzins	0-34-30	0-53-10	1-28-00	1-36-27
7	Mike Pedley	0-35-00	0-54-46	1-29-00	1-37-51
8	Keith Tonkin	0-36-00	0-57-41	1-30-00	1-39-12
9	Howard Swindells (V)	0-36-30	0-58-06	1-32-30	1-41-19
10	Robert Davison	0-37-00	0-56-15	1-34-00	1-42-37
11	Peter Gorvett (V)	0-38-30	0-58-22	1-34-30	1-42-56
12	Paul Sanderson	0-38-00	0-58-50	1-35-00	1-46-09
13	Neil Goldsmith (V)	0-40-00	1-01-51	1-37-00	1-46-25
14	Rick Ansell	0-37-30	1-00-09	1-37-00	1-47-44
15	Roger Wood	0-36-00	0-57-32	1-37-00	1-48-19
16	Tony Trowbridge (SV)	0-38-00	0-59-42	1-40-00	1-51-30
17	Richard Baxter	0-42-30	1-03-46	1-42-30	1-52-09
18	Dave Holmes	0-39-00	1-00-28	1-41-00	1-52-35
19	John Myers (Handicap Winner)	0-43-30	1-05-52	1-45-00	1-54-19
20	John Armistead (V)	0-39-30	1-03-36	1-44-30	1-55-18
21	Dave Moseley (V)	0-39-30	1-02-51	1-44-30	1-55-22
22	Andrew Jenkins	0-35-20	0-56-15	1-46-30	1-56-34
23	Clive Last (V)	0-43-00	1-05-59	1-47-00	1-57-36
23	Jim Fulton	0-41-30	1-04-01	1-47-30	1-57-36
25	Jackie Smith (LV)	0-41-30	1-06-04	1-47-30	1-58-19
26	Pete Griffiths	0-41-00	1-09-21	1-49-00	1-58-56
27	Colin Hughes	0-40-00	1-04-09	1-49-00	2-02-17
28	Clive Wilson	0-42-00	1-05-48	1-51-00	2-03-30
29	Martin Fox	0-41-00	1-06-14	1-50-30	2-03-44
30	Will McLewin (SV)	0-46-30	1-10-18	1-54-30	2-03-48
31	Peter Kohn (SV)	0-41-00	1-08-57	1-51-00	2-05-09
32	Pete Dyke (V)	0-43-00	1-10-38	1-55-00	2-06-16
33	Chris Barber	0-41-00	1-04-33	1-55-30	2-06-22
34	Barry Needle (SV)	0-42-00	1-07-34	1-54-00	2-06-23
35	Colin Henson (SV)	0-46-20	1-12-15	1-56-30	2-06-39
36	Deirdre Ni Challanain (L)	0-43-30	1-19-50	1-55-00	2-06-43
37	Mike Browell (V)	0-44-00	1-12-26	1-54-00	2-07-47
38	John Woodcock (V)	0-44-30	1-09-34	1-56-00	2-07-49
39	Hilary Bloor (LV)	0-44-30	1-10-48	1-57-30	2-07-51
40	Mike Hayes (SV)	0-38-00	1-07-18	1-55-30	2-07-56
41	Kevin Borman (V)	0-47-00	1-11-18	1-58-00	2-08-12
42	Howard White (V)	0-42-30	1-09-40	1-58-30	2-11-18
42	Dick Pasley (SV)	0-49-30	1-15-15	2-00-30	2-11-18
44	Ted Mangion	0-47-30	1-13-52	2-00-30	2-13-07
45	Phil Jones (V)	0-48-00	1-11-01	2-03-00	2-15-36

·FEATURES

POLARIS MOUNTAIN BIKE MARATHON - 1

Seeking some gentle cross-training on the Pre-Karrimor weekend I rashly agreed to participate in the Polaris Challenge. After all, it was located within a short stumble of the KIMM venue in Galloway and involved similar route-planning decisions.

A polar front brought a crystal clear overnight sky with a savage frost on the Friday night. Within minutes of loading the bike up, fingers and toes were numb despite goretex gloves and wet-socks. The toes were never to recover...

An ominous clue at registration should have alerted me to the problems. The 1:50,000 master maps had generously proportioned (300m) triangles to indicate control sites. Fortunately, there were written descriptions and six figure references to verify locations. Then at the beginning of Day one another ominous clue. The start had been mislaid and was five minutes further than indicated on the map.

Route planning at the control issue point was a rapid process, the choice being very narrow. Feeling conspicuously alone, we set off in search of the first control. Arriving at the map reference described as "forest edge" nothing was evident and after another five minutes checking on foot we had collected another dozen competitors. As a long shot we returned 300m to an earlier forest edge - and found the misplaced punch!

Our next control epitomised the lunacy of mountain biking and exposed the weakness of the argument that bikes cause no environmental damage. A soft surfaced long distance bridleway ran over lumps and bumps before climbing steadily to a summit with the highest scoring control on the event. The control was at the edge of the map and was clearly 'out and back'. At the start of the briefing we had been told that it was permissible to leave the bikes and run to dead-end controls.

We took a fairly obvious alternative to the bridleway via five miles of road and forest track. This put us within thrashing distance of the forest edge, and a short flog on foot to the summit. Arriving at the summit we were accosted by two bike pushing competitors who felt so moved by our tactics that they raised a complaint!

The polaris organisers must be persuaded to adopt an enlightened and environmentally sensitive attitude to control approaches. Controls should be either located where a bike makes it quicker or allow competitors to exercise judgement in the mode of access.

We arrived at our furthest point from the overnight camp at almost half time

and the return route was simple and high scoring. Unfortunately we had misinterpreted two permissive path connections. As we struggled with our bikes through the first kilometre of forest ficht and tussock grass we reassessed our chances of finishing without penalties. Twenty minutes later a broken chain slowed us again and we began to worry but all seemed possible until we arrived at the second two kilometre carry. This took 40 minutes and a second mechanical breakdown soon followed. Our mega-score evaporated at the crucifying rate of 10 points per minute.

White Laggan Bothy camp site will be familiar to Rock & Run competitors but this time there was serious money around. Each tent had its own little nest of high value mountain bike, some padlocked for security. The vision of having bikes nicked from such a remote location seems improbable.

Another cold and clear night with -10C frost gave a magical appearance in the morning, though its hard to appreciate such beauty with frozen extremities and frozen Walshes. Cramming feet into unyielding trainers and dismantling a freezing tent with screaming hot-aches took much too long. A 20 minute late start ensued.

Toes frozen from the start didn't stand a chance. Toe clips perform as radiators and heat loss was continuous. Passing a heap of road salt led to an urge to bury the feet in the hope they would thaw. Funny how desperate you can be. The final sprint along the road with more penalties clocking up was fortunately mainly downhill, passing other teams who seemed to have all the time in the World. They probably did!

It wasn't until well down the M6 that the tingling sensation announced the return of frost nipped toes and now, even after four days, they seem strangely numb.

The event was interesting but is in need of some ethical fine tuning. It would benefit from more skilled control placing and route planning choice and information on unrideable ground where the 1:50,000 map gives inadequate information.

Mike Browell

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POLARIS MOUNTAIN BIKE MARATHON - 2

Anthony the Ardvark Goes Orienteering on a Mountain Bike

Dark Peak has long bee the home to all sorts of different perversions involving physical abuse of the body in the fells: Lakeland Triathlon, Man versus Bike and Dungworth. The latest indulgence is the Polaris Mountain Bike Challenge. It's similar to the Karrimor except you do it with a bike and the rules require that the mountain bike code is followed, i.e. you can only ride roads, tracks and bridleways.

Both Gerry and I took part with different partners. Gerry in the Ladies and I in the Veterans (over 40) event. Galloway is an area with names that could be straight

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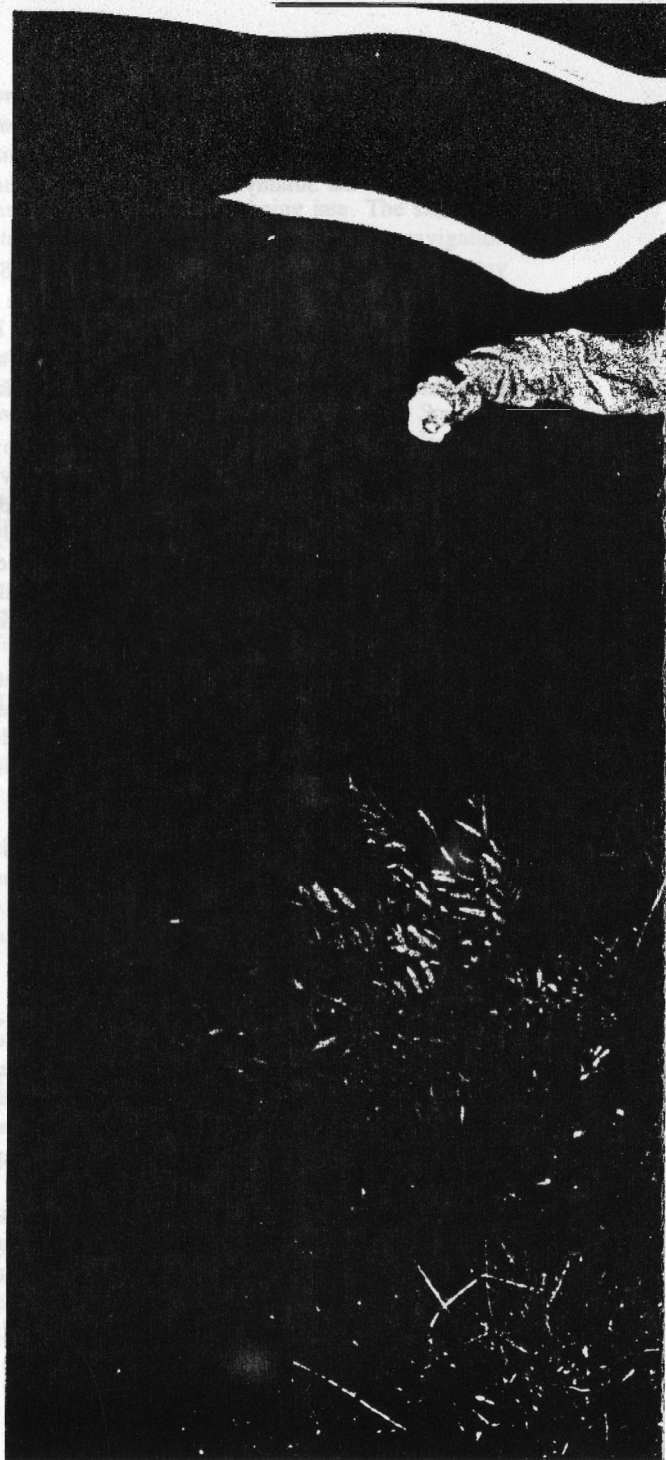
Light fantastic

The road stops beside a large expanse of water. You know it's water, because you can see it glinting in the moonlight. There are quite a few stars out but it's still black on the moors above Sheffield. Look down and you see nothing; the mud sucks on your shoes. On up to the moor, over the greasy wet slabs of the Roman road leading to Stannage Pole and beyond, you make the best guesses possible in the blackness of the night. Then you see them coming up behind you – a posse of lights moving fast across the squelching turf. Could they be miners in pit helmets, accustomed to the dark? But they're moving too fast. Then you hear the banter: "Just think of those poor bastards running down Manchester Road now." They all laugh. "The fumes!" "All that shit out of the back of those cars."

They are members of the Dark Peak Fell Runners, founded in 1976 and named after a section of the Peak District. The off-road runners, most of them over 40, call themselves "warts", as in stalwarts. A note on the blackboard in their club hut, at the back of the Sportsman pub in Lodge Moor, Sheffield, had read, "Warts have gone – Hathersage via Pole." Alan had arrived late. You could see him pondering whether to try to catch up. "I'm a spent force as far as the off-road running is concerned," he said. "My ankles and knees have had it." All that rough terrain in the dark? "No, I feel off my son's skateboard." Not that the moor isn't dangerous; warts have suffered agonising close encounters with barbed wire that their head torches failed to illuminate. The highlight of their year comes in February with the High Peak marathon, 40 miles over the Derwent Water Shed, run in groups of four. The race starts at midnight.

Back on the moor, the torches pick me out with the force of car headlights. For a second I can see spots of heather and stream and crooked stone; then it's blackness again. As I stand in the middle of the moor trying to separate figure from ground, the warts are already on the horizon, triumphantly approaching Stannage Pole, then down over the moors towards Hathersage. The little beams are fading.

Geoffrey Beattie





DARK PEAK AWARDS 1993

Club Champion (winner of club championships)

- 1 Alistair Landells
- 2 Tim Tett

Handicap

- 1 John Myers
- 2 Mike Pedley

Lady's Trophy

- 1 Jacky Smith
- 2 Deidre ni'Challanain

Veterans Trophy

- 1 Andy Harmer
- 2 Graham Berry

Frank Galbraith Old Beggars Trophy (over 50)

- 1 Tony Trowbridge
- 2 Will Mclewin

Lady Veterans Trophy

- 1 Hilary Bloor
- 2 Maggie Gallagher

Pertex Award (for incompetence in the mountains)

Andy Harmer (for incompetent pacing followed by drinking a bottle of maths instead of water wrecking himself and any remaining slim chances his team might have had.)

Local League Trophy

- 1 Andy Harmer
- 2 Howard Swindells

Ian Roberts Memorial Trophy (1st all-DPFR Watershed team)

Howard Swindells
Alan Yates
Peter Gorvett
Pete Jones

Chris Worsell Trophy (discretionary award for achievement/contribution to DPFR)

Howard Swindells

RACE REPORTS AND RESULTS

LONG MYND VALLEYS : 21 FEBRUARY 1993

1	A. Trigg (Glossop.)	1:37:12	249	B. Thackery	2:14:32
73	A. Harmer	1:48:47	268	P. Dyke	2:17:33
107	C. Crofts [3rd L]	1:55:54	291	M. Sims	2:24:16
138	T. Trowbridge	1:59:58	308	F. Thomas	2:27:47
237	B. Wilson	2:12:23	376	finished	

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KINDER DOWNFALL : 18 APRIL 1993

Hayfield Championship - race 1

1	G. Mahen (Notts AC)	1:11:00	113	T. Mackey	1:30:36
5	A. Poirette	1:14:25	120	G. Diprose	1:30:54
26	G. Berry	1:20:47	121	A. Jones	1:31:01
29	R. Wilson	1:21:01	171	H. Bloor	1:39:38
36	H. Swindells	1:21:44	176	P. Dyke	1:43:11
45	A. Harmer	1:24:05	225	J. Myers	1:53:11
67	R. Horsfield	1:25:18	249	J. Fulton	2:13:19
87	J. Smith	1:26:47	266	T. Woodhouse	3:??:??
88	M. Fox	1:26:48	268	P. Brunt	3:??:??
103	J. James	1:29:50	272	finished	
107	B. Thackery	1:30:06			

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THREE FEATHERS : 1 MAY 1993

1	P. Wheeler (3rrw)	51:12			
81	F. Thomas [1st V50]	1:09:20			

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KINDER TROG : 4 JULY 1993

Hayfield Championship - race 3

1	A. Trigg (Glossop.)	1:48:46	138	W. Mclewin	2:37:26
49	J. Smith [1st L]	2:10:00	139	A. Bond	2:38:01
52	F. Thomas [1st V50]	2:10:27	142	R. Amor	2:38:41
58	B. Thackery [2nd V50]	2:12:20	143	J. Harrison	2:39:22
62	M. Fox	2:12:41	153	J. Myers	2:45:33
64	J. Lawrenson	2:12:55	155	T. Woodhouse	2:46:22
110	P. Griffies	2:27:20	156	P. Pryor	2:46:31
123	J. Fulton	2:32:29	167	A. Vickers	2:56:24
127	P. Dyke	2:33:19	181	finished	

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PEAK CHALLENGE : 5 SEPTEMBER 1993

Long Course (45km)

1	N. Sercombe (?)	4h18m
4	A. Yates	4h50m

132 started

Short Course (25km)

1	J. Cant	2h28m	7	J. Myers	2h42m
2	H. Swindells	2h31m	8	J. Harrison	2h49m
3	R. Woods	2h32m	9	D. Lockwood	2h52m
4	R. Davison	2h32m	10	D. Pasley	2h57m
5	K. Jones	2h35m	13	C. Henson	3h11m
6	J. Armistead	2h42m	142	started	

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SHELF MOOR : 5 SEPTEMBER 1993

1	M. Kinch (Warrington)	42:48	61	R. Marlow	55:04
6	J. Cant	45:40	62	N. Goldsmith	55:16
12	G. Berry	47:35	69	G. Diprose	55:54
44	R. Amor	52:34	84	J. Fulton	58:51
60	B. Thackery	54:53	97	H. Cotton	1:05:00
			104	finished	

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TOTLEY TERMINATOR : 12 SEPTEMBER 1993

1	A. Jones (Glossopdale)	2:17:30	73	K. Borman	3:11:28
9	G. Berry	3:32:13	76	R. Small	3:13:27
10	J. Cant	2:32:19	85	P. Kohn	3:20:31
30	P. Gorvett	2:50:31	91	P. Pryor	3:22:34
33	K. Jones	2:51:04	97	K. Wiley	3:25:42
41	G. Clegg	2:56:06	98	J. Myers	3:25:48
42	B. Sprakes	2:56:10	102	A. Wright	3:35:57
48	J. Lawrenson	2:58:40	103	M. Musson	3:38:57
58	H. Mathieson	3:02:31	105	J. Fulton	3:40:03
60	M. Poulter	3:04:10	123	C. Elliot	4:15:57
61	R. Amor	3:04:14	128	finished	

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LANTERN PIKE : 18 SEPTEMBER 1993

Hayfield Championship - race 4

This was the third time that I have completed the Hayfield series. Unfortunately, in the Kinder Downfall race I made a slight navigational error in the low cloud and went too far left of South near Kinderlow. Luckily a hiker told me that the buildings I could see were in Barber Booth so I only lost about half an hour. This put me near to bottom in the series, a position I consistently held for the rest of the year.

The Lantern Pike race was my favourite. The race itself is nothing special but the day out is excellent with all the usual country show attractions like clog dancing, sheep dog trials, beer tent with armchairs made out of bales of straw and a display of rare breeds. The best of these were the pigs that looked like their skin had grown quicker than their bodies or they had run into a wall at speed. I entered the home grown produce section again and won third place for the size of my marrow and the shape of my onions was commented upon.

Jim Fulton

1	C. Addison (Camb. U)	30:04	136	B. Thackery	42:14
24	J. Cant	34:36	152	G. Diprose	43:14
92	T. Trowbridge	39:40	177	J. Fulton	45:12
128	R. Marlow	41:53	197	A. Bond	47:40
			245	finished	

Hayfield Championships Results

1	D. Gatley (Glossop)	1:12:21	0:44:34	1:54:24	0:33:46	4:25:05
19	B. Thackery	1:30:06	0:52:53	2:12:20	0:42:14	5:17:33
33	J. Fulton	2:13:19	0:58:37	2:32:29	0:45:12	6:29:37

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THIEVELEY PIKE : 25 SEPTEMBER 1993

An excellent short classic, two very steep climbs followed by one gradual and one steep descent. The only bit it could do without is the quagmire of a field which must be run around at the start and crossed to reach the (uphill) finish.

1	M. Keys (Rossendale)	25:33
48	M. Pedley	30:41
82	T. Trowbridge	33:22
166 finished		

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DUNGWORTH : 2 OCTOBER 1993

Race Report

1992 champion, Dave Cartwright of Penistone, had previously turned up and run round the course on the date in early August originally announced for the race. It was a relief to the organiser that Dave did not initiate legal proceedings and, instead, both officiated at the start and marshalled the gate on Ughill Wood side.

After keeping a low profile on this one for some years, Bob Toogood returned to claim the coveted Granville Harper Memorial Trophy cleaning up, in the process, on all the veterans and local's categories. Former champion, the evergreen Andy Harmer, retained his early lead until the final stages but couldn't match BT's surge. In the female division, Maggie Gallagher made an impressive debut on the course, and special mention should be made of Estelle Brown's display of effort contained by the prospect of an early start in Sunday's Sheffield Triathlon to followed by a game of rugby!

The renowned delights of the 'Half-Ughill' course were enhanced by running the event in October instead of August providing some nice and slack consistency underfoot. Conditions meant that times tended to be about half-a-minute to a minute slower, although stalwart Pete Griffies was a notable exception to this.

Thanks are also due to the enthusiastic timekeepers and finishing crew. Special thanks go also to Jeff Harrison for course marking and sweeping and to Squire J. B. Edwards on whose participation more anon...

The Mystery of Hiro's Fan

This esteemed trophy, awarded for the most inspired walk-about during the race, had disappeared after being entrusted by 1991 winner John Norman to the care of Squire J.B. Edwards (originator of the famous 'Edwards Alternative' finish). It was reported that the fan had been left in a car which had been subsequently sold. Anyway, the 1992 winners, John McCall and Dick Pasley, never set hands on the award.

The suspicious role of JBE in all these mysterious circumstances is complicated by the fact that the most meritorious bid for this year's tenure of the fan was made by Colin Henson's audacious dash for Load Brook from the double stile in Ringwood Lane which had been flagged that morning by none other than JBE himself. What are we to make then of John's generous sponsoring of the handsome moose-head etched in Swedish crystal offered by him as a substitute (and avidly accepted by Colin) followed by the announcement, 24 hours later, that the precious fan had mysteriously turned up again.

Should the fan be presented to Colin in a specially arranged ceremony? In which case, what should be done with the moose-head paper-weight?

Dungworth Despatches

The presentation of the awards, graced by the attendance of Mrs Harper, was made in The Royal Hotel, now under new management and saved from a dire fate. The warm welcome extended to runners augurs well for the carol singing season which begins on the first Sunday after Armistice Day.

Granville Harper was related to the legendary Ernest Harper of Stannington: Granville's father was Ernest's cousin.

Accounts

£34 were collected in entry fees (including some old 10p pieces and a Canadian token). £33 went to buy chocolates and sherry for the three farmers whose land parts of the race are run and whose continued cooperation is appreciated by all. The small residue will be carried forward to next year's event, provisionally scheduled for the first weekend in October.

Alan Yates

1	Bob Toogood	35:05	19	Pete Farrell	41:45
2	Andy Harmer	35:15	20	Neil Goldsmith	42:02
3	Graham Berry	36:10	22	Andrew Moore	42:31
6	Howard Swindells	37:32	23	Jim Fulton	42:37
7	Rob Davison	37:32	24	Peter Dyke	43:35
9	Dave Holmes	38:01	25	Dave Moseley	43:41
11	Alan Yates	38:18	26	Will McLewin	43:44
12	Bob Berzins	38:36	27	Maggie Gallagher	46:37
13	Gavin Williams	39:33	28	Alan Wright	46:38
14	Pete Griffies	39:56	31	Colin Henson	48:30
15	Mike Hayes	40:31	32	Les Outwin	49:32
16	Roy Marlow	41:33	33	JohnManthorpe	51:57
17	Colin Lago	41:42	36	John B. Edwards	63:33
18	Martin Fox	41:45	Sweep	Jeff Harrison	67:35

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MELTHAM COP : 17 OCTOBER 1993

My first mistake was to turn up early for this race - one week and 40 minutes to be precise. The second mistake was to turn up at all. The only other Dark Peaker I saw there was Roy Marlow who remarked how strange it was to turn up for a race almost on the doorstep and find only 2 of us there.

The race is run on a combination of football field, track, farm fields, stiles, a reservoir wall and one short descent. Then you are back to the start and have to go round again. I don't know whether Roy will be going back again but I shall give this one a miss in future.

Jim Fulton

1	D. Woodhead (Horwich)	44:48
73	R. Marlow	55:45
96	J. Fulton	59:51

134 finished

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FRA RELAY CHAMPIONSHIPS : 17 OCTOBER 1993

The day dawned clear and cold. Milk was frozen, water was frozen, camping gas and bananas were frozen and, worst of all, the toilets were frozen. A few of us had camped the night before. We thought we were brave huddled in our tents at -6 deg C but not as brave as the hard men from West Yorkshire bivvying out with no more than a sleeping bag and a skinfull of McEwans to protect them from the cold.

The event itself had a thoroughly good atmosphere. The mens A team were in 4th place after the second leg with a superb run from Mike Jubb and Mark Hayman. Time stood still when the third leg was nowhere in sight. Fifteen seconds of "Dark Peak where the **** are you?" seemed like an eternity but Gavin soon made up the time setting off like a frightened rabbit. The team finished 7th after another top class leg from Alistair Landells and Andy Poirette on number four.

The womens team on the other hand, despite being highly enthusiastic and well organised, mostly turned out ill on the day. Wendy's careful recce of the 4th leg whilst the event was in progress allowed us to gain a position to finish 5th. No disgrace but no star performance.

Although the crystal clear weather posed no navigational challenge for anyone with half a mind on what they were doing, there was a minor deviation by the mens B team. Well Matt Simms hasn't seen much of Dark Peak for a while so you can't complain if there was more chin wagging than compass work going on. They were an ad-hoc team with Derek Smallwood and Clare Barnes stepping into the breach and with Matt, poor lamb, running both long legs. They finished 59th (out of 60) but a

jolly good time was had by all, especially us who had time for three pints at the beer stand whilst waiting for them to finish.

Congratulations to Mike and Mark for 2nd fastest on leg 2 and Alistair and Andy for 3rd fastest on leg 4. Dark Peak clearly has the potential to do very well in events such as this.

Ann Watmore

Team result

1	Ambleside	3:15:58	
2	Mercia	3:17:56	
3	Borrowdale	3:19:55	
4	Bingley	3:20:33	
5	Clayton-le-Moors	3:20:38	
6	Horwich	3:20:45	
7	DARK PEAK	3:22:11	
8	Kendal Vets	3:22:43	1st veterans
9	Pudsey and Bramley	3:22:56	
10	Kendal	3:23:43	
38	Pudsey and B. Ladies	4:06:11	1st ladies
56	DARK PEAK LADIES	4:49:57	5th ladies
59	DARK PEAK VETS	5:09:09	

69 teams started, 60 finished, 9 disqualified (6 for carrying inadequate safety clothing)

Individual legs

Fastest times

Men:	1	S. Thompson (Clayton)	29:40	1
	2	M. Rigby and K. Anderson (Ambleside)	1:14:06	1
	3	G. Bland (Borrowdale)	24:45	1
	4	M. Wallace and G. Wilkinson	1:00:20	1
Women:	1	V. Wilkinson (Bingley)	37:45	1st L
	2	S. Rowell and C. Hunter-Rowe (P&B)	1:31:03	1st L
	3	S. McKay (Cumberland)	31:12	1st L
	4	M. Smith and M. Coleman (Livingston)	1:17:29	1st L
DPFR	1	Mike Pedley	34:31	25
	2	Mike Jubb and Mark Hayman	1:14:26	2
	3	Gavin Williams	30:20	31
	4	Alistair Landells and Andy Poirette	1:01:54	3
DPFR ladies	1	Hilary Bloor	42:59	6th L
	2	Kirsty Bryan-Jones and Deirdre ni Challanain	1:54:26	7th L
	3	Ann Watmore	34:35	4th L
	4	Wendy Smallwood and Maggie Gallagher	1:37:57	5th L

FRA Relay continued:

DPFR 'B'	1	Derek Smallwood	44:40	59
	2	Matt Sims and Tony Keddie	1:42:03	49
	3	Clare Barnes	43:30	60
	4	Matt Sims and Pete Dyke	1:58:56	60

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WARTS REVENGE : 28 NOVEMBER 1993

There was good turn out again for this classic bog trot over Hallam Moors. The 60 watt 9 inch ladies prize remains unclaimed. Due to the sub zero temperatures combined with wind chill factor, the competition for smallest packet was intense but after a stewards enquiry with a magnifying glass, Clive was awarded a new trophy.

Thanks to our sponsors (Sheffield's premier electrical contractors) for organising the event, providing race numbers, marshals at the controls, computerised results and a veritable cornucopia of prizes.

Jim Fulton

1	Tim Tett	1:10:54	100 watt bc pearl
2	Andy Harmer	1:14:17	
3	Alan Yates	1:23:31	Sponsors plug (13A)
4	Dave Holmes	1:24:27	
5	Howard Swindells	1:25:19	
6	Hugh Cotton	1:26:03	1st pro (red lamp)
7	Paul Sanderson	1:27:42	
8	Clive Last	1:31:05	Smallest Packet (15W pygmy lamp)
9	Jim Lawrenson	1:31:19	
10	Jim Fulton	1:31:26	
11	R. Freeman	1:31:31	1st novice (25W pink lamp)
12	Maurice Musson	1:31:42	Best kit (60W pearl lamp)
13	Roy Small	1:33:50	
14	Phil Smith	1:34:22	
15	George Diprose	1:36:52	
16	Mike Browell	1:43:02	
17	Andy Malkin	1:45:01	
18	Will Mclewin	1:45:16	
19	Dick Pasley	1:50:00	U shaped DUD flourescent

ROACHES RACE: Sunday 14th NOVEMBER 1993

1	M. Kinch (War)	1.57.33	103	B. Thackery	2.37.50
9	P. Crowson	2.09.08	107	J. Searle	2.38.29
59	B. Wilson	2.27.30	149	M. Musson	2.52.14
92	B. Sprakes	2.35.54	203	E. Mitchell	3.22.57
			208	C. Elliot	3.27.29

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