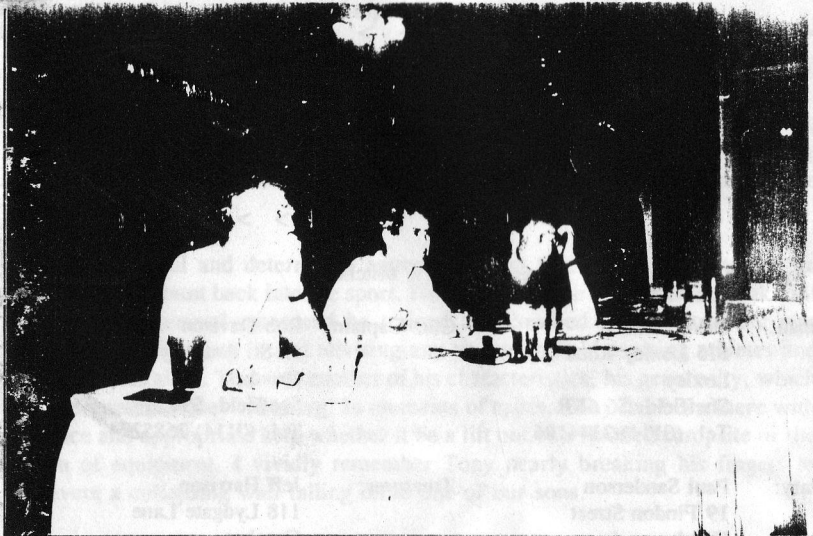


Summer 97

Dark Peak News

"No Men in Blazers"



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TONY TROWBRIDGE

Graham Berry gave the following address at the funeral of Tony Trowbridge who died at his home on March 15th 1997.

"I am here today because I knew Tony through running. And it was through running that we became close friends. The more I thought about this brief address the more I felt I could not do full justice to Tony - but I will try."

"I first met Tony over 20 years ago when he had decided that his next sport was to be running. Before this he had been involved in car rallying, football, tennis and squash. It was characteristic of Tony that he had succeeded in each of these sports because of his determination, commitment, ambition and enthusiasm. His approach to running was the same. We became training partners and intense rivals in competition."

"His committed approach to running brought him many successes including victories in the Marsden to Edale race and, more recently, the Hallam Chase. He not only had successes in fell running but also in cross country and road marathon running. Tony continued to race and two weeks ago he was racing in the Lake District and on the day before his death he had had a good run on Kinder Scout."

"His thoughtful and determined approach meant that he was able to put an enormous amount back into the sport. He had been chairman of Dark Peak Fell Runners, organised races and he trained and coached top athletes. He was generous in listening to and advising any young and old aspiring athletes and non-athletes alike. This was another of his characteristics, his generosity, which was sometimes overwhelming. In moments of crisis, Tony has been there with advice and appropriate help whether it be a lift out of a flooded campsite or the loan of equipment. I vividly remember Tony nearly breaking his fingers to prevent a collapsing wall falling on to one of our sons."

"This was Tony; generous, determined, thoughtful, committed. We and our families became the best of friends. We holidayed with Tony, Wendy, Sally and Stuart. Tony and Wendy became godparents to our daughter Katy. Tony will be missed by us all but he will be remembered for what he achieved, not only in the sporting world but also in the academic world - but that's another story."

"Tony we will miss you."

[News of Tony's death reached many athletes via the pages of Athletics Weekly which is reproduced on page 7]

NEWS

Thornbridge Weekend 97

The club's summer weekend at Thornbridge Hall is definitely ON after earlier doubts following changes at Thornbridge. The weekend will take place on the 15th-17th August. Likely events include a run or race on the Saturday morning and barbecue on the Saturday night. As ever, there will be plenty of space to camp and for kids (old and young) to run around. As before, there will be a small charge per person (a few pounds) to cover camping fees and use of facilities. Please remember to contribute before you leave.

Everyone is welcome. It's an ideal weekend to bring the family (it's a fairly safe place for kids and running only takes quite a small proportion of the time). See you there!

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Grindleford Cafe event

It is still hoped to have an event at Grindleford cafe, possibly one Friday night in late summer. Details will be circulated on club nights once they are known.

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Dark Peak Airways Takes Off

In another first for the club; some of the DPFR contingent in the Jura Fell race in May flew to the event. By travelling in a pair of small aircraft piloted by "Wing Commander Tett" and "Squadron Leader Moseley", the group cut the normal half day travelling time to little over two hours in the flight to the neighbouring island of Islay. In the race itself the honour of first Dark Peaker went to Ron Caves who had travelled by more traditional means showing that a flying visit can't make up for a good land recce.

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50 at 50

To celebrate his impending 50th birthday, Howard Swindells spent the preceding week visiting 50 Munro's. Highlights included Glenshee to Glen Muck via 11 Munros and the South Clunie Ridge including Sgurr na Sceine and The Saddle (9 Munros). Perhaps even more remarkable than the 140+ mile run itself was that he got good views from almost every summit in a largely dry and sunny week. Full report on fine week out in the next issue.

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MOUNTAIN MARATHONS NEWS

Boats and Beaches in a Jura Adventure

The Lowe Alpine Mountain Marathon somehow managed to exceed even it's own high standards for adventure and organisation with a memorable event on the Isle of Jura. Not content with the logistics of getting over 600 runners onto the island and a competition area (and camp) with no road access, organiser Martin Stone and course Martin Bagness included another "surprise" for the "A" and "Elite" runners; a time-out after about 3 hours running and a boat trip across a sea loch to a "day 1 - part 2" in a different competition area on the Northern part of the island.

At an idyllic overnight camp helpers and equipment were ferried in by boat. Competitors relaxed on the beach or soothed their sunburn and sore feet in the cold waters of the Atlantic. Everyone went up a pap (there was a control on the summit of the highest one) and most finished early enough on the Sunday to be ferried across the Sound of Jura in small boats to the waiting Cal-Mac ferry.

Report and results from a truly memorable weekend in the next issue.

Saunders - Book now for 98?

The Saunders Mountain Marathon was reported to be fully subscribed by November 96 for the July 97 event; hence the lack of adverts this year. Rather like summer package holidays will we soon have to start booking more than a year in advance?

KIMM - New address

Unlike the Saunders, the Karrimor International Mountain Marathon operates a lottery system to select successful entrants. Whilst the organiser hasn't changed, the address for entries has:

Jen Longbottom
Old Rising Bridge Mill
Blackburn Road
Rising Bridge
Lancashire
BB5 2SB

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Thunderbolts and Lockwoods

Dave Lockwood's early May attempt at the Joss Naylor challenge came to a wild, wet and premature end after a downpour and electrical storm on Bowfell. Maybe this is just the first stage of the lakes redressing the balance after 2 years of near perfect weather for BG attempts? Dave, together with Alan Yates, hopes to have another attempt in June.

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Taxing cars in the Peak...

The British Mountaineering Council has launched a "No Park Tax" campaign against the introduction of parking charges and restriction in off road parking. They are producing "No Park Tax" publicity and stickers, urging members to write letters of protest, and have held discussions with members of the National Park. Sadly little progress seems to have been made.

If the use of Pay and Display spreads it is likely to hit club members hard since many live in, or on the edge of the Peak and frequently drive in so they train for only an hour or two on the right sort of terrain not to mention getting away from the trappings of urban life... like parking meters!

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...and people on the mountains

A Fort William councillor has proposed charging £1 per person to walk (run?) up the Ben. Fortunately, it now looks as if the idea will be thrown out. (But for how long?). His real objection seemed to be the coach fleets of "British 3 peaks challenge walkers" which brought put several thousand people onto Scafell, Snowdon and Ben Nevis last year and may well do so again this year. His concern is one we can all identify with. His solution isn't.

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Women age later!

The veteran's category for women is to be aligned with that of the men and start at 40. This decision by the BAF fell and Hill racing Commission comes several years after dark Peak took a similar one for its own club races. Glad to see we were so far ahead of our times.

The new category, applicable to all FRA events will start from next year (1998).

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COMING EVENTS

DPFR CALENDAR: SUMMER-AUTUMN 97

For full listings of FRA events throughout the country see the FRA calendar. All club members should consider joining the Fell Running Association. At a cost of £9 a year it includes 3 magazines plus the full calendar of fell races. For details contact the Membership Sec., Pete Bland Sports, 34a Kirkland, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 5AD.

Jul

Tue	1	19:30	Local race	Hope	4ml/650'
Wed	2	18:30	Club run	Sportsman	
Sun	6	11:30	Local race	Peakers Stroll, Peak Forest.	25ml/4000'
Sun	6	11:00	Local race	Kinder Trog, Hayfield Scout Hut	18ml/3490'
Mon	7	19:30	Local race	Hathersage	4.5ml/800'
Tue	8	19:00	Relay	Dearne Way Relay, Travellers Rest, Denby Dale	
Wed	9	18:45	Club run	Curbar Gap	
Wed	9	19:30	Local race	Baslow, Baslow Sports Field	
Sat	12		Club race	Loxley Lunge, Dave Holmes' house, 615 Loxley Road Start any time from 16:00-19:00	
Sat	12	11:00	English C	Wasdale (entries close 4/7/97)	21ml/9000'
Wed	16	18:45	Club run	Yorkshire Bridge	
Wed	16	19:30	Local race	Bamford	3.75ml/600'
Sat	19		Long-O	Capricorn (2 day long O in the Scottish Borders)	
Sun	20	11:15	Local race	Peak Forest	6ml/650'
Mon	21	18:45	XC race	Trunce 6, Waggon and Horses, Oxspring	
Wed	23	18:30	Club run	Sportsman	
Thur	24	19:00	Local race	Sheldon, Cock and Pullett, Sheldon, Bakewell	4ml/521'
Sat	26	11:00	Club event	DPFR Biathlon, Sportsman (see below)	
Wed	30	19:00	Club race	Cakes of Bread	

Aug

Sun	2	12:00	British C	Donard-Comedagh, Newcastle, N. Ireland	7ml/3100'
Wed	6	18:45	Club run	Hope	
Wed	6	19:30	Local race	Bradwell	
Mon	11	18:45	XC race	Trunce 7, Waggon and Horses, Oxspring	
Wed	13	18:30	Club run	Sportsman	
	15-17		Club event	Thornbridge Hall weekend, Great Longstone	
Sun	17	12:00	English C	Winder Grind, Sedburgh (men's start: 13:00)	6ml/2970'
Wed	20	18:45	Club race	Alport, Birchin Clough lay-by, Snake Pass	
Wed	20	19:30	Local race	Cracken Edge, Kinder Rescue HQ, Hayfield	
					7.5ml/1450'
Wed	27	18:30	Club run	Longshaw	
Sun	31	10:30	Local race	Totley Terminator	18.5ml/3000'

Sep

Mon	1	18:45	XC race	Trunce 8, Waggon and Horses, Oxspring	
Tue	2	18:30	Local race	Eaym/Barrel Inn, Hawkhill Rd car park, Eya	5ml/900'
Wed	3	18:30	Club run	Cutthroat Bridge	

Fri	5	18:45	Local race	Great Longstone Chase, Great Longstone.	5ml/950'
Sat	6		See below	Summer in South Pennines, Mike Pedley's, Cragg Vale	
Sun	7	13:15	Local race	Padfield Torside Scamper (see below)	6.5ml/1050'
Wed	10	18:30	Club run	Sportsman	
Sun	14	14:00	English C	Shelf Moor, Old Glossop	5.9ml/1500'
Wed	17	18:30	Club run	Sportsman	
Sat	20	11:00	English C	Three Shires, Little Langdale	13ml/4000'
Sat	20	15:00	Local race	Lantern Pike, Little Hayfield	5ml/1050'
Wed	24	18:30	Club run	Sportsman	
	26-28		Course	FRA safety and navigation course, Elterwater. Details: Lyn Eden, 99 Harewood Rd., Harrogate HG3 2TJ	

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Wed	1	18:30	Club run	Sportsman	
Sun	5		Relay	Ian Hodgson, Brotherswater	
				First of the big 3 autumn relays. Very restricted entry. Contact Rob Davison if interested	
Sun	5	09:00	MM	Open Country mini mountain marathon, "Northern England". Details: Mark Seddon, 55 Prince Edward Avenue, Denton, Manchester. M34 6AS.	
Wed	8	18:30	Club run	Sportsman	
Wed	15	18:30	Club run	Sportsman	
Sun	19		Relay	FRA Relay, Lancashire. See Rob Davison if interested.	
Wed	22	18:30	Club run	Sportsman	
Wed	29	18:30	Club run	Sportsman	

Advance notice:

Nov

Sat	8	10:30	Club race	CLUB CHAMPS - venue to be agreed.
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Sun	14	08:00	Relay	Calderdale Way Relay, See Mike Pedley if interested.
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Dearne Way Relay - Tuesday 8th July

Dark Peak actually hold the record for this event from back in 1989 although the details of that team are probably lost in the mists of time. The event is for teams of three each doing 2 of the 6 legs. Total distance is 17 miles. Entry fee £1.50 per head.

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Baslow Race confirms return to traditional finish

The organiser of the Baslow Race has written to assure us that the traditional Chatsworth Park finish will be restored for this year's event which will be held on 9th July starting at 7:30pm. The new (free) parking, bar and barbecue introduced last year on Baslow Sports Field, and regarded as an improvement by many, has been retained. It could make for a really good evening with a chance to run one of the Peak's best village fell courses.

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AGM

MINUTES OF THE 1996 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF DARK PEAK
FELLRUNNERS HELD AT THE MAYNARD ARMS GRINDLEFORD ON 23RD
APRIL 1997

Apologies

Apologies were received from Chris Worsell, Colin Lago, Tony Farnell (?) and Dave Green. It was noted that Alan Yates had sent a postcard to the Sportsman.

Minutes of 1996 AGM

These were accepted as a true and accurate record

Matters arising

There were no matters arising from last years minutes.

Chairman's report

The Chairman's report elicited a good deal of discussion regarding safety. Ann Watmore agreed with what was said and felt that there was a problem with safety on the roads during the winter particularly when large numbers of runners were involved. Dick Pasley suggested that club runners should be encouraged to wear more reflective clothing. Andy Harmer suggested that the 'warts' would be more than happy to accommodate new members on night runs and they wouldn't need to wear reflective vests. Suggestions were made that all runs whether they be on the road or fell should if possible be split at the start. The report and the idea of a club safety code was accepted by all present.

Secretary's report

In the case of the Secretary's report a great deal of discussion occurred on the Bob Graham round. It was pointed out by Colin Henson that on Bob Graham's original round he recommended 4 supporters per contender in which case we would have had 36 supporters on each leg last year. Mike Hayes recounted that Bob Graham had in fact trained over Scafell in bare feet then cooked breakfast for his supporters and perhaps this should be adopted by the club. Roy Small said that as a supporter on the night section there was a safety issue when so many contenders were involved. Ann felt that the contenders should take more responsibility for their own round i.e. looking after their gear and knowing where it is. Mike Pedley suggested that we could stagger the start and this would avoid large numbers setting off at once. Colin Henson rightly pointed out that the club rounds of 1995 and 1996 have been the best since the 1980's for weather and that we've been very lucky. He also pointed out that Fred Rogerson thought it was fantastic that a club could achieve such levels of support and commitment.

TREASURERS REPORT ON FINANCES OF DARK PEAK FELL RUNNERS
PERIOD 1.5.96 TO 30.4.97

<u>CURRENT ACCOUNT</u>		<u>DEPOSIT ACCOUNT</u>	
Opening Balance	2554.43	Opening Balance	1050.60
Income	5632.31	Interest	1.32
Expenditure	<u>6435.08 (802.77)</u>		
Closing Balance	<u>1751.66</u>	Closing Balance	<u>1051.92</u>

ANALYSIS OF CURRENT ACCOUNT

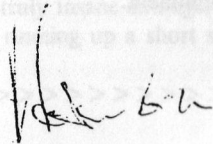
	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
Subscriptions *	698.00	---
Equipment (Clothing etc.) **	2421.81	2341.32
Timing Equipment ***	---	268.71
Newsletter	---	688.50
Edale Skyline	---	33.00 (1996)
	790.45	863.08
Thornbridge Weekend	60.00	172.57
Annual Dinner and Club Championship	1550.00	1520.93
Race Fees & Affiliations	24.00	284.00
Joss Naylor Donation	88.05	200.00
Bank Commission & Sundries	---	62.97
	<u>5632.31</u>	<u>6435.08</u>

* Approx. £175 subscription cheques received but not yet paid into bank account.

** Unsold stocks with approx. cost value of £450

*** We now possess two stop-watches. One with paper printout facility.

Jeff. Harrison
Treasurer



Treasurer's report

Jeff outlined the clubs income and expenditure. Equipment alone amounts to £2500p.a. turnover. The club had purchased 2 stop watches to be used on club races and the Skyline. He pointed out that club subs had been £3 since 1983 (originally £1 in 1976) and there was currently no need to increase subs to cover normal expenditure. The Skyline in 1997 did make a small loss but this was because of reduced levels of entry and that usually (like last year) we make a profit.

Editor's report

Mike Pedley give a report on the production of the newsletter. Pointed out that cost approx 50p an issue to produce and distribute. Thanked Dick Pasley for getting it printed at such a reasonable cost. He made an appeal for both articles as he was running short, and for ideas for the front cover.

Election of Officers

Howard Swindells had decided to relinquish the post of equipment officer this year. Dave Holmes suggested that the title for this position be changed. Suggestions included Quartermaster, fashion guru (as brown is now a fashionable colour!) or Equipment Entrepreneur. Richard Hakes had offered to take on the role and decided that Equipment officer was still the most appropriate. As his parting gift Howard presented a number of items that still remained in the "Baumeister box" including the last remaining "DPFR white tracksuit" top. Following Richard's appointment Frank Galbraith suggested that his first major challenge was to obtain a supply of suitable vests in the original brown colour. Howard was thanked for his service to the club by all those present.

Memory of the rest of this part of the meeting seems to have passed me by as I can't remember anybody standing for election or any votes being taken. I assume that all other current officers were re-elected unopposed.

Edale Skyline report.

Dick thanked everyone that had been involved especially Frank Galbraith and Roy Small. It was also noted that no one had let Roy down. The race was again run over the new course but due to reduced entries this year the club made a loss on the event. As the main trophy had now been won for 3 years in succession and the winner was entitled to keep the trophy - due to precedent Dick reported that we would have to purchase a replacement with the value of approx £200. A proposal was received from Neil Goldsmith (sec Ann Watmore) that the next trophy purchased by designated a perpetual trophy so that we didn't have to give it away if it was won consecutively. This was passed unanimously. Dick proposed that we introduce an over 50's trophy and this should be called the "Tony Trowbridge Memorial Trophy". Seconded by Tim Tett. Tony had had a long association with the race and it was thought this would be a suitable way of marking his involvement. It was also felt that. It was asked (Bob B) if the race could be put forward as a championship race and there appeared to be no problem. Dick was re-elected as co-ordinator for next years race.

Club Championships.

Following the successful return to the original triple crossing last year discussion occurred about the possible use of this course in the forthcoming year. Due to the influx of new members many were unfamiliar with this route and therefore we had received a good entry last year. It was noted that it is not the event which is the problem but car parking. Another issue raised was the nature of the event did the club want a championship as a navigational "mountain trial" or as a familiar route known in advance? A proposal was received from Bob Berzins (sec. Andy Harmer) that the club championships be a mountain trial event 3 years out of 5 and revert to the original route in between. This motion was amended by Frank Galbraith to read 2 years out of 3. This was passed unanimously by those present. Dave Sant proposed that we look at 3 venues such as Old Glossop, Hayfield and Edale and rotate between them. It was felt by the meeting that this should be left to the race organiser and/or club officials to decide where the championships should be held.

A proposal was received from Mike Hayes that we should insist that all runners carry a 'Buffalo' mountain shirt or equivalent in all club races. This was thought to be a dangerous precedent and that the FRA requirements were adequate. It was pointed out that runners are expected to show a degree of common sense (Ann W) and that the requirements are to carry adequate gear, not comprehensive (Bob B).

Jim Fulton proposed that Dark Peak Fell Runners should make an application to either / or both the sports Council and the lottery commission for a grant to benefit the club facilities and the environment in General. [Full details of this innovative idea on p.18]

Meeting closed 10.25pm approx.

Paul Sanderson

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Secretary's report 1997

So Dark Peak's 20th Year in existence is confined to the annals of history. Although it probably wasn't celebrated in quite the style we had anticipated I'm sure most members enjoyed sporting the excellent *20 years under a brown sky* T-shirts, even if they had to explain the slogan to those not in the know. Over the year we witnessed a number of fine athletic achievements, have seen an increase in club membership to over 300 and saw the retirement from racing of the club president at the age of 73. Unfortunately it was with great sadness that we've also had to say goodbye to one of the clubs original members, Tony Trowbridge.

Dark Peak again showed that we are not just a club of individuals with teams featuring in all the major relay events in the year. Of particular note was the fine performance of the ladies team in the FRA relay. Rob Davison and Roger Woods again triumphed in the Saunders MM and had an excellent run in the Lowe Alpine MM. In the FRA English championships Colin Henson finished 3rd in the O/60's. Away from the fells, Brett Stocks won the mens and Ann Watmore the ladies vets title in the South

Yorkshire cross country. To further add to our strength in depth many of our orienteering members achieved success in both national and international competition.

In June last year the annual club gathering at Threlkeld occurred with one thing on the mind. "The Bob Graham round". A record number of successes were recorded with nine runners achieving their ambition. I know from discussions held since this event that there are some strong views on whether this years Bob Graham round has taken the "Dark Peak machine" to the extreme. Although a highly successful weekend for supporters and contenders alike, I think the point of attempting the BG, with the club may have been lost somewhat. If I quote from one of the accounts; *"We were pulling ahead of our pacers , feeling strong and confident and not a little annoyed that we couldn't get a drink, so much for the close support we had come to expect"*. I think the key word here is expect. Contenders should not expect anything other than a good day on the fells. It just so happens that we have a club that has possibly more BG experience than any other and there appears no need for the contenders to do anything other than turn up and put one foot in front of the other. In the past it was recognised that it was up to potential contenders to become familiar with the round by supporting an attempt themselves. They were encouraged to recce sections they were unfamiliar with and arrange support accordingly. It was therefore the contenders responsibility to get round successfully and this required some navigational knowledge as to where they were, and where they were going. It now seems fair game to criticise supporters in the newsletter for not going fast enough or getting contenders lost. Criticism of supporters does seem a bit rough considering the attention which is given at the time. Perhaps these problems have arisen due to the adoption of the term "Dark Peak machine". The club BG attempt is not a machine even though it may appear like one at times. It consists of a group of individuals united by the fellowship of the fells who go out of their way to assist others to achieve their goal of a successful round.

As part of the year's celebrations an old friend was brought out to play with a welcome return of the original club champs route to the calendar. Unfortunately the day was in some way spoiled by the actions of some individuals who should have known better and some who, following the experience, will hopefully have learnt the importance of the map and compass. My thanks must go to Pete Dyke for organising such a great day, its a pity, however, he was put in such a difficult position.

On the social scene the Club weekend goes from strength to strength. The extra night and a great fell race, thanks to Hugh Cotton, made for an excellent weekend.

Over this last year Dark Peak as a club has witnessed a significant increase in club membership. Over the winter months Club runs at the Sportsman were regularly attracting 50 plus runners. Certainly from the number of enquiries I've received over the year Dark Peak is not likely to suffer from a declining membership. Lets hope that these new members take to wearing the Brown, Purple and Yellow with pride and Dark Peak continue for many years to come. You never know, we may even see some new Dark Peak members running the Wasdale this year !

Paul Sanderson

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Chairman's Report "No men in blazers"

I suspect I will not be alone in feeling slightly out of place tonight, as we hold our first AGM away from Dark Peak's traditional second home at the Grindleford Station cafe. The cafe fits Dark Peak like a glove. Both are rough and ready, and decidedly informal; they both offer outstanding value for money, and both have a warm honesty and heartiness about them.

The cafe also helped keep our discussions simple and straightforward. A landscape of sauce bottles and tea mugs permitted no bombast or pretentiousness. There was no table top from which men in blazers could unveil grand plans. And members had to make their point succinctly when faced with competition from Phil announcing another high cholesterol masterpiece. What other club could come so close to electing "One bacon sandwich" as one of its principal officers?

We will be back with Phil for a social event later in the year, but tonight we settle into new surroundings and offer our thanks to the Maynard Arms for welcoming such a rag-tag assembly into their best function room. We may have a table top tonight but we still have no men in blazers, and I would like to think that the new surroundings will not affect the way we do business. The running comes first, for the officers as much as everybody else, and that gives Dark Peak an incentive to keep rules and administration to the very minimum. But while that ethos survives, our continuing growth in membership is starting to raise questions which go beyond the location of the AGM.

For many years we have trespassed responsibly and with cunning. "Just a group of friends out for a run - not really organised in any true sense", has been our pat response if challenged by officialdom. How do we say that with a straight face when over 50 runners might be snaking across the moors on a Wednesday night?

How do we hold the club together as its activities diversify and new faces appear faster than names and personalities can be memorised? As Paul ponders in his report, how do we retain the magical flavour of low key events like the Bob Graham weekend when tens of people might legitimately want to be involved?

I do not suggest that these questions are yet pressing or urgent. So far the club still feels like the one I joined in 1981 - a collection of kindred spirits bonded by a love of running wild. But this will need careful nurturing as issues associated with size do grow more pressing with time.

I think one of these issues is already upon us: What do we do about safety? I have always taken there to be a tacit bond of trust between us all on this one - an understanding that we owe it to each other to wield competence and nous when taking Dark Peak's name onto the hills. But with membership now at 300 and covering a very broad range of skills and backgrounds, that tacit understanding may need to be explicitly stated.

The view came home to me when I rang the police during this year's club championships to say that a runner was missing and we needed mountain rescue...

"Do you know what equipment he has with him, Sir?"

"No, I'm sorry, I can't be certain"

"Can you tell me where he was seen last?"

"Again, I'm not sure."

"What about his competence on the hills. Does he have navigation skills?"

"Er....."

I am not trying to be smart after the event and certainly do not want to be seen pointing the finger of accusation or blame at any individuals. The fact is we were all caught out to varying extents by the weather. But we should acknowledge we were fortunate nobody died. If that had happened, there would have been a coroners inquest. Club officials and race organisers would have been called to give evidence on oath. We would have been asked detailed questions about our safety policy. and what precautions we had taken to prevent inexperienced people getting out of their depth. What would we have said?

I don't suggest a detailed authoritarian code which would then require policing. That kind of thing can be left to the men in blazers and I suspect none of Dark Peak's present officers would want to have anything to do with it. But I do think we should have a simple statement which can be printed in each newsletter and on each membership application. It should explain that Dark Peak's runs and races are potentially dangerous, that we expect members to understand the conditions that they may encounter, and that we also expect them to have the appropriate skills and equipment. If members choose to ignore this, that is their own business. But we should have a clear point of reference which would afford us some protection if things go wrong. We would all know where we stand.

I think such a policy would be in keeping with Dark Peak's minimalist approach to rules and regulations. I also think it is the least we can do to protect the club's officers and event organisers and leave them free to concentrate on the running. In submitting this report, I would ask you to accept this proposal and delegate your officers to work on the detail.

Generally speaking though, I think we enter our third decade in fine fettle, good heart and moving faster than ever on our Wednesday night runs. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could translate that into some more team victories in the big events?

David Holmes
April 1997

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Proposal by Jim Fulton at the 1997 AGM

Thankyou for giving me the chance to speak this evening. I would just like to say what a privilege it is to have me speaking to you. In my view there has been a large North South bias between the distribution of assets from the Lottery proceeds. A particularly relevant example of this which I will mention later is the building of a solar / water powered Ferris wheel in London.

Many of you will have noticed the now redundant cooling towers next to Meadowhall shopping centre affectionately known locally as the Tinsley Twins. For a few of the previous summers, Dark Peakers will have also noticed that the reservoirs have been empty of water and closer inspection at the top end of said empty dams showed a large area of terminal moraine comprising peat washed down from the surrounding hills. Ladybower top end was filled for 1/2 mile with thick loamy peat washed from Kinder Scout. If the peat was dug out, then when the dams refilled, there would be more room for water in the dam.

If collecting boxes are placed around the city, especially in the sports shops, a collection of old and redundant trainers could be organised then runners on training runs could collect these and take them to the Tinsley Twins to start the building of a large mound of old trainers.

Then we could organise the transportation of the peat from the dams to cover this mound inside the cooling towers to build an indoor fell running course. The top of the towers would of course be left open to encourage rain to come in to keep the peat moist. Any lack of moisture would be compensated by lifting water from the adjacent River Don by the means of mechanical pumps powered by a Ferris wheel like structure which would in fact be not dissimilar to a large Hamster Wheel powered by runners doing on site training. A simple gearing system would also drive a camera obscura projecting through the top of the towers to give a moving panoramic display of clouds onto the walls to give the impression of being outdoors.

If there is a lack of that familiar boggy smell associated with peat bogs due to the newness of the construction, this would be compensated by the importation of a few lorry loads of shit from the adjacent Blackburn Meadows Sewage Treatment Works to give the required Midden like texture.

For authentic practice nights the provision of strategically positioned smoke machines would create the ambience of a claggy atmosphere. For people only able to practice at night, the building would be lit by environmentally acceptable gas lighting powered by the ignition of Carbon di-backside, the gas produced at the nearby Sewage works.

The exterior of the Towers would be clad with climbing holds to expand the use of the building to other similarly minded outdoor enthusiasts, this would of course also be the means of access to the mounds of peat inside the Towers. Access to the Centre would be first rate as it is next to Motorway, tram, rail and road links.

FEATURES

BEFORE BOB GRAHAM

Many members of Dark Peak, and indeed most of those who have attempted are about to attempt or who are thinking about an attempt on the Bob Graham Challenge are under the impression that a) Mr Bob Graham invented the idea of running or walking over the most fells of the Lake District and b) that he was the first person to do so. Research has shown this not to be the case and, in fact, certain citizens of Threlkeld are in some doubt as to whether he actually completed "the round" at all to say nothing of his sexual orientation. The fact that his gravestone records his journey as 136 miles does cast some doubt on the accuracy of his claim.

On a recent damp evening (well about 1 inch of rain per hour was falling) when the attractions of the hostelry 2 miles away seemed less attractive, the fire was well stoked at a certain Fell and Rock hut and reading matter was limited to early copies of the FRCC journal my eye fell upon an article entitled "Lake District Fell Walking". Nothing very exciting in that considering the publication and location until I saw the sub-title "An Account of Mr Eustace Thomas' Record" and a table of times later on.

It seems that the idea of traversing, by walking, the highest points of the Lake District Fells has been an ambition of many since the early 1800's but the earliest authentic record is that in 1870 of Thomas Watson of Darlington and "Wilson the Lodore guide" when they set off from Keswick and climbed Scawfell (sic) Helvellyn, Saddleback and Skiddaw in 20 3/4 hours. Obviously a number of fells in the modern itinerary were omitted but it doesn't take much imagination to appreciate the achievement. Incidentally, was this the first appearance of Wilson of the Wizard or even "Our Billy" or was it Mike Hayes in drag?

There were some attempts after that but getting nearer to our idea of the BG was Dr. Wakefield in 1905 who completed a round in 22hrs 7mins which took in:

Robinson, Hindscarth, Dalehead, Brandreth, Green Gable, Great Gable, Kirk Fell, Pillar, Steeple, Red Pike, Yewbarrow, Scawfell, Scawfell Pike, Great End, Esk Pike, Fairfield, Dollywagon Pike, Helvellyn, Saddleback and Skiddaw.

As can be seen some familiar names are missing from the list, the most obvious ones being the Langdale Pikes and the tops to Steel Fell as are Seat Sandal and Great Calva. The Helvellyn Dodds are not mentioned as it appears that he may have walked to Threlkeld via Thirlspot, which is a long way round but perhaps misses out some of the ascent. Dr Wakefield's record stood for 15 years despite many attempts to break it when along came Eustace Thomas in 1920. At that time he was 51 and it was thought incredible that a man of that age could possibly attempt such a feat. Indeed the Fell and Rock article comments that "Mr Thomas' feat must put new vigour and ambition into many". I, myself, am still looking for this new vigour and ambition! Compare this with Colin Henson's success at the age of 58.

The description of his attempt is a reminder of a different era when a "motor car was chartered for his helpers" and his careful planning allowed for trying the car before he settled down for a meal the evening before his attempt. Although the article does not describe his clothing and equipment it is a fair assumption that would wear tweed knee breeches and probably a tweed jacket and broad brimmed hat to say nothing of his heavy leather well studded boots. Those of you who wear next to nothing when traversing the fells might think how you would fare if you were "properly dressed".

However, after trying the car and comparing watches, Eustace Thomas set off from Keswick at 1am using the anticlockwise route i.e. Robinson first, which may have been the traditional route at that time. This was, after all, the route used by Dark Peak for many years.

The article itself is fascinating to read and perhaps anyone staying at a Fell and Rock Hut might care to read it in full; see the reference below. We are told that Colin Henson's predecessor was Mr Harry Summersgill who planned the bulk of the arrangements. Mrs Thomas took charge of the feeding "entirely vegetarian and consisting chiefly of eggs and milk". Take note those who have failed in the past. Great care was taken over the timing with the watches being checked before and after the walk against the accurate watch of an independent member.

The tables show below an attempt to compare the actual times taken by Eustace Thomas and the Dark Peak schedule used on the anticlockwise round. Note that the early times are geared to half minute intervals which to use seems unnecessary. The route to Wasdale appears identical to the modern way with the time to Robinson being 14.5 minutes slower and about 19.5 minutes longer to Wasdale. The scheduled rest was virtually the same.

As mentioned earlier, the route seems to differ from Langdale to Fairfield. Since Grasmere is mentioned it is possible that Thomas walked along the road from Langdale after what appears a fairly leisurely stop at the Old Dungeon Gill (now known fancifully as the Old Dungeon Ghyll). I cannot imagine CH allowing the party to get out of hand for 3/4 hour in the aforesaid hostelry.

We are told that he entered the "welcoming portals of the Kings Arms Hotel" (next to the Moot Hall at 10:26pm and one wonders whether drivers and other helpers had as an uproarious time as does the Dark Peak contingent after a successful attempt. Mind you, 1996 was a classic in all respects and should be savoured and remembered as such.

Frank Galbraith

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On the next page is the comparison between Mr Eustace Thomas and Dark Peak. Step forward any heroes who could walk the route in heavy boots on a diet of eggs and milk.

Mr Eustace Thomas 1920 and Dark Peak schedules for the Lake District Round

	Eustace Thomas	Dark Peak
Keswick		
Robinson	1:39:00	1:25
Honister	2:33:30	2:15
Great Gable	3:48:30	3:20
Wasdale (in)	6:34:30	6:15
Wasdale (out)	7:03:00	6:45
Bowfell	10:21:00	9:43
Dungeon Gill (in)	11:03:00	12:45
Dungeon Gill (out)	11:46:00	13:15
Fairfield	14:08:30	14:40
Helvellyn	15:26:00	
Saddleback	18:40:00	20:00
Skiddaw	20:25:00	22:10
Keswick	21:25:00	23:00

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THE OREGON TRAIL

A year spent on the Pacific Rim. What a romantic idyll, full of prospects of every sort, many of them to include plans for epics and adventures galore. The opportunity to swap jobs, houses and lifestyle came under the auspicious guise of the Fulbright Exchange Program and led to the Desforges family leaving for Portland Oregon on August 5th.

Within days of arrival I was running ecstatically in the Crater Lake National Park, high in the Cascade Mountains of Central Oregon. Mt Scott, the highest peak at 8926', in front, the incredible blue of Crater Lake behind. At 1900' in depth, the deepest lake in the States has caused photographers headaches because of the unbelievable nature of its colour.

On reaching the summit I was drinking in the majesty of the panorama only to be interrupted by a broad Lancashire accent owned by a runner coming from the other direction. He was a graduate from Sheffield University and a renowned expert on mosses as an indicator of pollution. We had a bizarre conversation (given our position) on the fell races of the Peak and we went our separate ways.

The trails of this area were barren, dusty, unfrequented and really beautiful. Well provisioned with water it was possible to run in wilderness for as long as family would allow. Bliss!

The next day was spent running in equal splendour in the Three Sisters Wilderness, an area of high (10,000') mountains but with more water, in the form of streams and small tarns. The combination of sun, stupendous views and wild flower meadows was worth any journey to experience. Shattered peaks, etched by the glaciers that are still present, formed magnificent backdrops to huge alpine meadows, all in an isolation such that I've never experienced before.

These forays were an acclimatization for my first competitive experience the following weekend. I had been entered by my new colleagues as part of the Clackamas College team in the Hood to Coast, a 180 mile relay race from Mt Hood to the Pacific. As part of a 12 person team I stood on the slopes of Mt Hood at 5pm on a Saturday afternoon in 100 degree heat. The experience that followed was brilliant.

The race is amazing in so many ways. It's sheer size, over 200 teams. It's organisation, it relies on each team providing 2 volunteers but other than a minimal presence at handover points relies on each team to look after itself. The support of spectators was amazing with more food and drink available at the roadside than I could manage to make anything but an extremely small dent in.

Teams set off in groups of 8 at 10 minutes intervals and legs vary from 8 to 3 miles with each runner running three legs. Average times vary from under 20 hours (Nike had three Olympians in their team, plus Alberto Salazar, the Nike Female team included Mary Decker) to up to 40 hours. One female ultra runner did the whole thing in just over 48 hours.

To run through the entire range of climatic conditions from arctic to maritime in one continuous process was special. The whole thing is done on a mixture of road and track, much of it quiet but some on main roads. The danger attached to running down the equivalent of the hard shoulder of the M1 in the middle of the night didn't fail to escape me. My first leg was a 7.5 mile one at 11pm With no reference points as to speed I ran my fastest ever time for such a distance, 40 minutes. I felt as if my calves would never loosen up again.

After a sleep and a drive to the next leg I was feeling even worse and was not encouraged to be offered an extra leg because one of the team had fallen into a ditch and fractured an ankle. So running a 12.5 mile second leg became my duty. This was much better than I had originally expected as it was through beautiful woodland, on tracks and no traffic. My last leg was down to the Pacific, which I reached just as the sun set into the waves 26 hours after setting out. A perfect end to my first week in Oregon!

Time passed with real speed. Work began and all the fun and excitement of coping with the various challenges facing all the family members made it pass even more quickly. There was still time for some fun in the mountains though. Early September saw the first snow in the hills. Running in the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness was a particularly memorable foray. A six hour epic along part of the Pacific Crest Trail. The snow line was at about 4500' and the many trails in the snows made the fact of

GOING THE DISTANCE

ELEVEN TRIGS IN ELEVEN HOURS

"There's not much room for letting up is there?"

Since completing a round of the 15 triggs in the Dark Peak a couple of years ago, I've had my eye on the possibility of completing it's sister run the White Peak. Both routes were originally conceived by the club chaplain, Professor Yates. The eleven triggs are those on the Harvey's Dark Peak South map, starting and finishing in the Sportsman.

Having mentioned the possibility to running partners (a way of psyching myself up!) a potential available Saturday suddenly appeared in the domestic calendar. Unfortunately this only appeared the previous Monday, giving only five days preparation time.

I am not aware of recent attempts on this run and so was interested on the Wednesday club run that week that Tom Westgate and Richard Hakes had successfully completed the route in 10h 48m the previous Saturday. In a conversation in the pub afterwards, Tom and Richard discussed their route and very kindly offered me their photocopied, A4 size, sections of map highlighting the routes between the checkpoints.

Previous conversations over the year, with Bob Marsden and Dave Lockwood revealed that water shortage generally on route and the route through Castleton Limestone quarries were the two principle challenges to be confronted. [See DP News Summer 1990 for their 1989 10h 48m, and Ed Hutt's 10h 24m, circuit]

A 6am start from the Sportsman saw me anxious to get going on what was a clear but slightly overcast morning through a desperately cold with a chilling wind. Needless to say by the top of Roper Hill (walked in classic BG fashion) I had warmed up a little and shed my pertex top. However, my gloves and either baseball cap or balaclava were kept on all day.

I proceeded past Ox Stones and along Houndkirk in a fine (shambling) athletic (if only) striding (stumbling) fast (slow) manner relieved that I didn't have to navigate until the back roads of Calver village. The trig at Big Moor (White Edge) was reached 15 minutes down on the fastest schedules I'd inherited, just 3 minutes ahead of Tom and Richard the previous Saturday.

Near Curbar Gap I retrieved a litre of orange and a tin of Frutini hidden in a wall. Travelling solo, I neither wished to carry too much liquid, nor be dependent upon cattle troughs or the Castleton toilets. I almost changed my mind when informed that the shop assistants in Tideswell and Bradwell were exceedingly friendly....

The Frutini was quickly followed by two honey coated tea cakes and a banana as I ran

down the hill into Calver for the first small bit of new navigation to get me up to Longstone Edge. Having carefully consulted the local oracle, Squire Henson of Thornbridge Hall, I went past but didn't get too close to the Longstone Trig. Having fallen over quite some time ago it was also, apparently, surrounded by "iffy" ground. The whole section was fenced off and there was much evidence of waste filling activity in the deep rake.

On the way to the third trig, Wardlow, I crossed the route of the now deceased "Thornbridge 20". Funny how different the country looks like going in another direction. Approaching Wardlow I caught sight of Dave Lockwood, Howard Swindells and John Armistead. The timing couldn't have been better. Straight over the gate and up, furtively, the first trespass of the day. Already my pace had lifted... alright for them I thought, they're not carrying a sac and haven't been running since 6am.

Dave (along with Howard and John) had offered to join me and navigated through this and the next two trig points, all reached in good time. Wheston proved a mite interesting, navigationally, as it was hidden from view by a wall and offered an excellent vista of a farm whose land we were probably trespassing upon!

An interesting route through Hargatewell farm saw us being eyed up by an alsation, a sheep dog and a runner who was lost. The dogs were his so the threat was removed. He ended up joining us for a safe passage of the farm we were approaching. Howard and I maintained our gait leaving Dave to converse with the lost stranger in baseball cap and following dogs. It turned out he knew Eric Mitchell and was training for a 24 hour challenge run (I thought Eric had retired?). At the top of Bole Hill Dave and Howard strode off back to Monsall Head, John had had to veer off in Tideswell, his injury causing too much discomfort.

The quarry wastelands of North East Buxton had then to be traversed. The road was too busy with lorries and I was glad to reach Townend farm Trig and find field paths to take me away from this industrial desert.

A pint of squash was quaffed whilst perched on a kitchen chair at a friend's in Smalldale (a full seating position would have vased the cushions!) revived morale. I'm not sure I had the same effect on my friend's family who seemed to be in various stages of getting up and my natural effluvia had had some miles to develop. Very politely they pretended they hadn't noticed the essence of 'testosterone-muskloago'. Refusing, extremely bravely, I thought, the offer of a lift home, I left with five minutes of arrival. Pity about the extra 150 metres I'd added to my route by running up their drive.

Oxlow and Mam Tor were reached within schedule. On the ascent of Oxlow I came across a convoy of six, four-wheel-drive Fronteras with stickers announcing France and Transafrica rallies. They seemed to be enjoying a contretemps with a local farmer and had been slowly negotiating a turn round. Perhaps France and Africa are more permissive places I mused.

Contrary to the Castleton loop taken by Dave/Bob and Tom/Richard, I'd chosen to reverse part of the route from mam Tor taking me past Rowter farm and Bradwell Moor quarries. Delicate navigation took me down Hartle, Jennings and Green Dales to another hidden litre bottle at Hazelbadge farm on Bradwell Road. Fortunately a footpath up the side of the barn gave way to a footpath up Deadman's clough bringing me to Abney Trig beneath hovering gliders. With the thought that the airfield might be one trespass too much for the day I hobbled down the moorland side of the wall. Unlike the teams mentioned earlier, I contoured Bretton Clough on the road rather than dropping into it.

Frutini and a mars bar were special treats as I reached Sir William Hill and caught the first of several flurries of sleet. I was overtaken by the Frontera Fleet again and wasn't impressed considering they had more litres under their bonnet than I had had at that particular point.

A long trot off Eyam Moor saw me shedding the top layer again in the valley's warmth. Careful map scanning revealed a path crossing the main railway line and leading up to Hathersage Booths. From the valley to the top of Callow Bank the lactic acid was beginning to burn and I could only manage a fast walk. Perhaps I should have gone through Hathersage like the others? Trying to banish such sabotaging thoughts I carried on.

A slow running approach to Stanage End evoked a response from an elderly 15 stoner sitting on a rock, "Surely you don't run up hills?". "Not often", I replied. To his following question I mumbled something about having been to Buxton and back and staggered past hoping I didn't slip on the climb to the trig and fall flat on my face. An hour and eight minutes to reach the Sportsman. Surely I could do that... couldn't I?

Not fancying the bog to Stanage Pole I chose the road from Burbage Bridge and took 11 minutes longer than Dave had in 1989. Bob, I understand, had taken a little longer. Exiting onto Fulwood Head Road I noticed a car. Not dark enough for courting couples I thought as Dave Lockwood popped out to "snap" me as I flowed past effortlessly (well I can dream, can't I?). A brief phase of wooziness was countered with a few dates before staggering across the football field to the club hut. I never knew football grounds were so long!

Dave and Elaine treated me to a pint in the Sportsman. It never touched the sides! I was very grateful for Dave's very kind gesture of "just popping out to see you get home safely".

All in all an interesting route and in Dave's words, "there's not much room for letting up, is there?"

Colin Lago

[See the next page for the schedule for Colin and others]

NOON STONE FELL RACE : 15 FEBRUARY 1997

The hills don't look particularly big from Lumbutts but this is not a race to be taken lightly. A tortuous start spreads the field out and doubles the climb to Stoodley Pike and the next section to the Noon Stone also makes you work by plunging into Withens Clough en route. The small (but perfectly formed?) Dark Peak contingent seemed to enjoy themselves on a fine sunny day but were out numbered by the Dark Peak Supporters Club!

MP (results from Bob B)

1 D. Neil [&1st M40]	1:07:05
31 B. Berzins	1:19:13
68 P. Sanderson	1:26:33

166 finished.

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BACK TOR AND BEYOND : 30 APRIL 1997

This was the third running of this extended Back Tor race with 2 new checkpoints plus the Back Tor trig itself. The controls were ; the top of a grassy spur above Abbey Brook , and rocks adjacent to the 499 spot height at Cartledge Flat. They could be visited in any order. As last year it was a choice between a clockwise or anti-clockwise route. Unlike last year it was a beautiful evening , and it was possible for me to start the race without insisting on heavy duty cagoules . Andy Harmer's 'baby grow' put in another appearance. On this occasion he was probably overdressed in it.

There was a record turnout of 49 runners, all of whom completed the course. Several young orienteers took part and one of these, Alastair Buckley, won just ahead of Alan Sealey. Andy Harmer was 1st vet less than a minute behind the winner, and Karen Dalton was first lady. It was good to see 7 women complete the race this year. During the last 2 years there have been none at all. Everyone seemed to enjoy the course. The climbs , although short, were steep and testing. As most people chose the clockwise loop they had a long run back from Cartledge Flat and the heavy going made it quite hard work.

All in all it was a good evening's sport. I will endeavour to change the checkpoints again next year. There are still lots of unexplored possibilities. There are two considerations on which I would appreciate some opinions. Firstly the keeper , who was quite happy with us running the race as it was planned, told me that if it was held a couple of weeks earlier, before the grouse started nesting, we could use the moorland north of the path. This would open up a lot more route choice but would necessitate an earlier start to avoid people being out in the dark. Secondly, it was a bit chaotic getting served in the Strines, despite them being warned that 50+ people were going to turn up. Maybe we should return to the Sportsman after the race next year and give Trevor our custom. He's used to coping with our numbers and our other idiosyncrasies . I'd appreciate some comeback on these points.

Thanks to Jack for timekeeping with the new Dark Peak gadget. Digital readouts below.

Howard Swindells

1 Alastair Buckley	53.43	26 Karen Dalton[1st Lady]	62.31
2 Alan Sealey	53.45	27 Richard Hakes	63.18
3 Phil Winkill	54.27	28 Paul Sanderson	63.28
4 Andy Harmer [1st M40]	54.42	29 Dave Markham	64.16
5 Phil Crowson	56.12	30 Roy Small	65.33
6 Ron Cave	56.25	31 Phil Jones	65.54
7 Jamie Stevenson	57.19	32 Hugh Cotton	66.12
8 Gavin Williams	57.27	33 Maurice Musson	66.18
9 Dave Tate	57.53	34 Hilary Bloor	66.22
10 Geoff Ellis	58.37	35 Kim Buckley	66.23
11 Dave Holmes	58.48	36 John Gunnee	67.21
12 Chris Barber	59.19	37 Martin Spence	67.45
13 Bob Berzins	59.38	38 Daryl Bradbury	68.24
14 Mark Harvey	60.02	39 Andy Moore	68.25
15 Roger Freeman	60.35	40 Simon Cross	70.03
16 Alan Yates	60.53	41 Kev Borman	72.06
17 Martin Fox	60.59	42 Jo Stevenson	73.07
18 Paul Westwood	61.24	43 Rebecca Kendal	73.08
19 Dave Lockwood	61.28	44 Hilary Musson	73.23
20 Tom Westgate	61.28	45 Lynn Bland	73.24
21 Andrew Jamieson	61.38	46 Jeff Harrison	75.03
22 Howard Swindells	61.48	47 Karen Green	76.28
23 Dave Green	62.05	48 Mike Browell	79.54
24 Alex Lane	62.09	49 John Myers	82.41
25 Richard Baxter	62.19		

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RAVENSTONES BROW : 4 MAY 1997

10 ml/1250'

One of eight races organised by saddleworth Runners, in this case run from the paper mill at Greenfield, just east of Mossley. Torrential downpours, which were sweeping the Pennines throughout the day, held off during the race leaving things warm but breezy on top.

The route took a clock-wise circuit to Long Ridge Moss and back; out by the east banks of Dove Stones and Yeoman Hey reservoirs, turning south into Birchinch Clough and across trackless moor to Chew reservoir, then a steep descent into Chew Brook. It was well flagged and fast, being mostly on good footpath.

A small and friendly event. Well worth the hour or so drive from Sheffield. The nice late start at 2pm catered for those suffering from election lassitude.

Martin Fox

Ravenstones Brow

1	C. Beecham (Highgate)	1:12:00	
18	C. Greenwood (Bingley)	1:19:56	[1st F]
32	M. Fox	1:23:56	
53	M. Musson	1:33:22	

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HALLAM CHASE : 27 MAY 1997

Almost not only a Dark Peak but a family double as Hilary Bloor won the women's race and partner Phil Jones finished second in the men's version of this long standing (Britian's oldest) handicap fell event. Stauart Oglethorpe finished well down in the pack but was still fastest Dark Peaker with the fourth fastest time of the night.

Men

1	R. Kemp (Penistone)	29:38	(35th fastest)
2	P. Jones	29:11	(31)
7	D. Holmes	26:05	(18)
10	R. Horsfield	25:16	(12)
11	J. Heap (Hallam)	22:03	(1)
12	T. Mangion	27:33	(26)
18	R. Freeman	26:38	(22)
20	C. Wilson	28:25	(28)
22	P. Dyke	29:46	(38)
23	A. Yates	27:03	(23) [Fastest M50]
28	S. Oglethorpe	23:25	(4)
35	J. Fulton	29:15	(33)
38	H. Cotton	29:11	(31)
39	M. Nolan	23:38	(5)
44	finished		

Women

1	Hilary Bloor	28:29	(2nd fastest overall and fastest F40)
6	P. Leach (Hallam)	28:05	(1)
6	finished		

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DARK PEAK ON THE ROAD A Racing Roundup

A few highlights of other races:

Black Coombe (March 9)- English Champs round 1

Neil Conway-22nd, Mark Hayman-29th, Dave Tait-2nd M50, Colin Henson-2nd M60

Claire Crofts - 3rd W, Women's Team - 1st

In Press (2)

Looking Back on the Whinberry Naze Fell Race (cuttings from Rossendale Free Press) and Hallam Chase (cutting from Sheffield Star).

Results from Whinberry Naze : 26 December 1996 (not included in the previous issue):

1	A. Dalmation (M. Keys (Ross.))	24:52
39	R. Indian (Mike Pedley)	30:07
161	N. Schoolgirl (Helen Pedley)	42:44
196 finished (including 42 women)		



● JOHN Connolly sweeps Helen Pedley off her feet. (Q9579)
Pictures: TONY CROSS



DOGGY BUSINESS: Dalmatian Mervyn Keys is congratulated by a fellow pooch. (Q9577)

RICHARD Kemp of Penistone Footpath runners took first prize in Sheffield's annual Hallam Chase.

Second was Phil Jones of the Dark Peak club, and third David Mayfield of Hallamshire Harriers.

Placings are decided under a handicapping system. The first actual finisher was Hallamshire's John Heap, in 22 minutes 3 seconds.

Hillary Bloor won the women's event.

Main results: 1 R Kemp, handicap time 35mins 23 secs. 2 P Jones 35-56. 3 D Mayfield 36-0. 4 (and 1st over 40) S Hird (Steel City Striders) 36-05. 5 J Wright (Penistone) 36-09. 6 J Spencer (Hallamshire) 36-13.

1st over 45: R Innes (Penistone) 37-20. 1st over 50: A Yates (Dark Peak) 38-03. 1st over 55: R Mason (Totley AC) 37-43.

Women: 1 H Bloor (Dark Peak) 35-28. 2 J Welbourne (Penistone) 35-50. 3 A Lindop (Penistone) 36-3. Fastest P Leech (Hallamshire) (38-50) 28-05.



Hillary Bloor

