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Editorial

Fall-out

Sadly work commitments left me unable to attend this year's AGM. It sounds like I missed quite a debate. Well I may have avoided the debate but not the fall out. Both the discussion of a proposed constitution for Dark Peak (a traditionally anarchic club) and of whether we, as a club, should take a stance on the right to roam issue seems to have upset and alienated people on all sides. Many members appear to have found themselves caught between the dilemma of not wanting to vote against a principle they strongly support, yet not wanting to vote for something that has the potential to alienate members and to distract the club from it's basic and very simple *raison d'etre*. It all makes for an unsatisfactory situation where club officials are left close to resignation through the grief they have received from all "sides".

For this reason you will find no articles on the constitution or the Right to Roam. I decided that it would only cause further upset to others who would feel they had had no opportunity to provide a reply. Just at the moment maybe what is needed is a little time to reflect. It's rare I intentionally edit things out, particularly on a subject which, in principle, I support. So apologies to those who hoped to see their submissions in print. Don't worry, they haven't been forgotten or discarded. They may well appear in the next issue in readiness for a possible Autumn EGM on these... and other issues (read on!).

And yet more officialdom – a little closer to running...

If that isn't enough another ogre of officialdom lurks around the corner as UK Athletics and its affiliated bodies try to drag themselves out of the morass of near financial ruin. One of their proposed solutions involves a direct affiliation of individuals to a regional or national at a greatly increased rate. It's early stages but if adopted could leave us facing a two tier membership system (with or without eligibility to run in open races)!

Where does this all take us? Quote your membership number or don't run?! Though on a brighter note it might unwittingly sort out the confusion over road, country and fell club affiliations as the FRA might once again regain full and separate jurisdiction over fell events. Club members could then run in fell races and just pay the UK Athletics levy if they ventured onto roads or country?

Of the various organisational challenges being discussed in the club this *could* be the one which affects us most, imposing unwanted bureaucracy and restrictions on races. In the short term it means even more work for our secretary as he attends meetings of the regional clubs. His job appears considerably more onerous than in former years. I get the impression that all our club officials are a bit under fire at the moment. You gave them your support at the AGM, please continue to do so in day to day activities.

Mike Pedley

News

Chris Worsell - update

One of the club's founders, Chris Worsell, is still very poorly following a major stroke. It happened whilst he was indulging in one of his other passions, sailing and left him severely incapacitated. Although Chris has finally been allowed home, he is a long way from making a full recovery. As well as hoping Chris continues to make progress, club members' thoughts are also with Di as she copes with what must be a very traumatic situation.

Team Prize at White Peak Marathon

Dark Peak won the team prize for the first time ever! It's a full 26.2 mile marathon run along the Tissington and the High Peak trails and was run in great weather on Saturday 15th May. "It's not exactly a fell race, but it is the only marathon I will do these days.", said Mike Wynne after claiming an excellent 4th place in 2:49:00. Not bad for an offroad marathon! "With a start line up of about 150, it can get a bit lonesome!", he added. Andy Dickenson took 6th and Phil Cox 12th to round off a fine team performance.

Record turnout for Some you Win, Some you Lose

Which is the hardest of DPFR's own club races, some ask? No question – Jim Fulton's Some you Win Some You Lose race at Hope wins the prize with an astounding 3000 feet climb in just 7.5 miles. Also close to a record was the turnout of 50 including Barry Charlton, a "road runner from Mercia" (as he was described by a disgruntled DPFR star) who burnt everyone off to win by over a minute.

Back Tor and Beyond Race

Ali Buckley won from Roger Woods on one of the shorter courses set by Howard Swindells. The "Beyond" checkpoint was at the stream junction of Bents Clough in Abbey Brook giving a choice of approach via Cartledge Flat, Lost Lad or some more direct but rougher options in between. Ali Buckley chose the former route but Paul Sanderson's gain of places with an approach via a direct descent down Sheepfold Clough suggested this may have been a faster option? Full results will be published as soon as they are received.

Wanderings at Ilam

Bank holiday Monday (31/5/99) saw the fourth running of Jon Cant's Ilam fete race, sadly despite excellent efforts from Andy Bell (2nd) and Gavin Williams (3rd) it also saw the first non-DPFR victory in the race's short history. The 4 mile race, one of the few villages races to make grade AS, features two major climbs and the feet burning descent of Bunster Hill to finish. With the early leader going astray, Al Sealy's record was never under threat. The race also featured a remarkable run from a local 14(?) year old who stayed in the top six for the first two miles and, despite struggling later on, held off the hard charging Jim Fulton in a sprint for the line; never mind Jim - at least you were still in front of the first (charity fund raising) transvestite!

Coming Events

SUMMER 1999

Club runs every Wednesday from the Sportsman at 6:30pm or at an "away" venue (start times vary – CHECK BELOW). There are numerous races on Wednesdays but club runs continue for those who don't want to race.

Club runs usually last approximately 1.5 hours often with a longer or shorter alternative. Please remember that even summer evenings on the fells can bring bad weather requiring windproofs or thermals. Come prepared!

June

Wed	23	19:00	Club race	Crookstone Crashout	
Thu	24	19:30	Local race	Blackamoor, Cricket Inn, Totley.	6.5ml/1400'
Sun	27	11:00	Local race	Kinder Trog, Hayfield Scout Hut.	18ml/3450'
Wed	30	18:30	Club run	Sportsman	
Wed	30	19:30	Local race	Hope Wakes, Sports Field, Hope.	4ml/650'
Wed	30	19:45	Local race	Tideswell, Tideswell Dale Car Park	4.5ml/820'

July

Sun	4	11:30	Local race	Peakers Stroll, Devonshire Arms, Peak Forest. £3.50 to J. Hipwell, Hernstone Lea, Church Lane, Peak Forest. SK17 8EL	25ml/4000'
Mon	5	19:30	Local race	Hathersage, School Lane, Hathersage.	4.5ml/925'
Wed	7	18:30	Club run	Curbar Gap	
Sat	10		Club race	Loxley Lunge, Dave Holmes' house, Loxley Start anytime 17:00-20:00 (time trial) with BBQ to follow.	
Sat	10	15:15	Local race	Thurlstone Chase, Thurlstone Sports Field	4.25ml/800'
Sun	11	14:30	Local race	Broomhead Chase, Broomhead Hall Farm	3.5ml/800'
Wed	14	18:30	Club run	Sportsman	
Wed	14	19:30	Local race	Bamford , Bamford recreation ground	4.5ml/1000'
	16/17		MM	Capricorn MM, North Lakes. Details: K. Masser, 21 Brandwood Park, Stacksteads, Bacup OL13 0PA	
Sat	17	14:00	British C	Melantee, Claggan Park, Fort William	3.5ml/1500'
Sat	17	15:00	Other race	Ingleborough, Ingletton (see below for details)	7ml/2000'
Sun	18	11:15	Local race	Peak Forest, Methodist Church, Peak. F.	6ml/650'
Wed	21	18:30	Club run	Sportsman	
Wed	21	19:30	Local race	Black Rocks, Matlock Rugby Club, Cromford.	5.5ml/850'
Thu	22	19:30	Local race	Sheldon, Cock&Pullet, Sheldon	4ml/632'
Wed	28	18:30	Club run	Sportsman	

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Wed	4	18:30	Club run	Sportsman	
Wed	4	19:30	Local race	Bradwell, New Bath Hotel, Bradwell	4.5ml/500'
Sat	7		Brit&Eng.C	Borrowdale	
Sat	7	10:00	Club event	Andy 's Birthday Triathlon, Ramsley Res., Curbar Entries in advance to Andy Moore	

CLUB SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

Ingleborough
17 July

Recently several club members have made an enjoyable weekend based around the Ingleton Fell Race. Camping at Stainforth near Settle. Further details from Richard Hakes.

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Borrowdale/Latrigg
7-8 August

Borrowdale is a championship event this year so there is a chance to collect points as well as have a good weekend in the Lakes camping in Rossthwaite. For the full effect test your legs on the Latrigg on Sunday afternoon before returning home.

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Thornbridge
20-22 August (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)

Now well established on the DPFR social calendar with another opportunity to run the excellent third variation on the Ashford Fell race course devised last year by Hugh Cotton. Plus all the usual fun and games for all the family. Arrangements will be as in previous years with a BBQ on the Saturday night (just bring something to cook!).

As always everyone is welcome.

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DPFR Loxley Mountain Marathon
18th & 19th September

Please note the change of date, due to popular request, and a clash with the OS. I hope this will please the majority who would like to enter (sorry Roy! It now clashes with the Mourne in Ireland!).

Cost 0.45p to be paid by cheque . This does not include safe vehicle parking which is in the grounds of Loxley School £3.00. Indoor parking for cycles is £1.00.All payable by cheque to "Loxley School Fund."

Application forms can be obtained from Richard Hakes/Dave Markham.

The Race : Part1 – 7 hour score

This will be a staggered start from Loxley school 9.-10. am on the Saturday and takes the form of approximately a 7 hour score event out over the Loxley valley and beyond. This event can be attempted as either a pair or on an individual basis. Penalties for those who don't return on time. Maximum 40 points.

The overnight camp will be in a secret destination but will have basic camping facilities and posh loos for softies and access to a pub. The Royal has an excellent menu, which applicants will receive with their entry pack. The beer is also quite nice.

Part 2 - The quiz

This will have mountain and fell running connections and will form 20 points of the total.

Part3 – The convent sprint.

This is an eye opening, before breakfast, early sprint start to the Sunday proceedings (not too early.) Sponsors have laid aside a fine malt to the fastest time on the day. 20 points.

Part 4 - Culverts, streams and bridges

Competitors return to the finish at Loxley School earning up to 20 points of the total.

Prize giving will be a low key affair in the school hall at approximately 12.00. The cost should also include a T shirt provided by our sponsors.

Applications must be received by 28th July, 1999.

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MORE NEWS

Dark Peak on the Web

Dark Peak now has a web site:

www.frosthole.demon.co.uk/dpfr

So far it's a fairly basic site aimed at the 100 or so club members who are already "online". It has up to date news, coming events and the results of club races as they are received. Also available are links to other fell running related sites such as the Lowe and Karrimor mountain marathon sites. If you weren't on the original e-mail it probably was because your up to date e-mail address isn't on the club list. Please let Tim know of any address changes (real or electronic!).

For those still relying on good old paper and "snail-mail", rest assured that every effort will be made to maintain the standards of Dark Peak News.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Club president **Eric Mitchell** is having his running and cycling activities restricted at the moment by illness. For example, he set out to cycle from his home in Buxton to the AGM but was very sorry to have to turn round feeling too under the weather to complete the journey. This was particularly unfortunate for Eric as he is one our most passionate supporters and campaigners on access issues. Hopefully he'll soon be back crossing the Peak on foot and by bike.

Former Sheffield student **Claire Williams** underlined a remarkable recovery from very serious injuries with a top 20 placing in the short race at the British Orienteering Championships. Claire's injuries were reminiscent of Mike Hayes' similar accident several years ago. Told she would not be able to run again let alone compete at top level she has persevered to achieve a remarkable recovery. (see page 10).

Jo Smith is still on the road to recovery from her stress fracture of the pelvis. Having turned her attention fully from orienteering to fell running last year the injury came as a big blow just after being selected for the Fell Running World Cup. Jo has been keeping fit with lots of cycling including travelling by bike to her GP training secondment - 3 months at Lochmaddy on North Uist. Whilst there she has made several people envious with a trip to the remote island of St Kilda (see page 10).

Jenny James has also made a welcome return to running, again in a short orienteering event, following the long illness that has seriously restricted any exercise. Though she is some way from being able to sustain full training, it is still a very welcome sight to see her back in action.

Rick Ansell and partner Paulette are celebrating the arrival of their first child on 19th May, a boy weighing in at 7lb 6oz. Rick's immediate reaction to parenthood was to record his highest week's mileage of the year – during his “paternity leave”!

To celebrate 20 years membership of Dark Peak Fell Runners **Neil Piper** has:

- a) got married
- b) retired from work
- c) moved to the Yorkshire Dales

He says, “Liz and I are now living in Wensleydale in a village called Thoralby. I might actually start running on the fells again. It might not be core territory for Dark Peak but there's some great running here. Anyone wanting an overnight stay e.g. for a fell race like Buckden Pike or just a walk/run in the hills. Give us a ring on 01969 663747. We're next to the pub which is handy.”

Neil Piper, Fernlea, Thoralby, Leyburn, North Yorks. DL8 3SU

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Letters

Jeff Harrison's 60th Birthday : 21 FEBRUARY 99

I would like to thank everyone who helped me celebrate my birthday. The traditional breakfast run from the Sportsman, Lodge Moor to the Grindleford Café was very well supported and even more people turned up for what turned out to be a very special champagne breakfast. The pleasant walk from Grindleford to the Scotsman's Pack in Hathersage and the lunchtime drink that followed just finished things off perfectly. I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did.

Thank you once again for all your good wishes, cards, and gifts and for making the day such a memorable one.

Jeff Harrison

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Claire Williams

Thanks for your kind wishes with regards to my recovery from my accident. I am recovering well and my consultant has already gone back on his doom-laden predictions for future fitness and hopefully I will start running within a couple of months. (ed. *this letter was dated 6 March just too late for the Spring issue*).

It will take me a long time to get back to previous fitness levels and I am determined to get far beyond that in the coming years and prove my consultant wrong. Most importantly though, I want to recover quietly and start training gradually and see where my priorities are when I start racing again. So I would like to resign from Dark Peak, but with future hopes of rejoining at a later date. I'll still be a supporter though as I watch my boyfriend Ray Ward run for DP.

Yours

Claire Williams

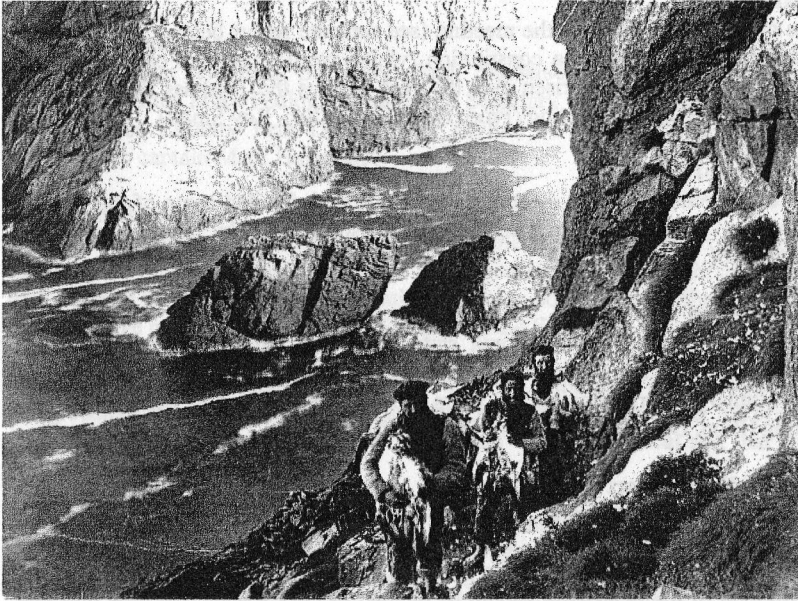
[ed - Claire is obviously already making her consultant eat his words as she claimed 20th place on the women's elite short course at the British Orienteering Champs in the Lakes in May! Let's hope she continues to make such spectacular progress]

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Jo Smith on St Kilda

It looks like warts on a particularly silly winter run? Well I was there today! I'm having an amazing time up here. Please say hello to everyone at Dark Peak. I'll be back at the beginning of June if I can bear to leave Harris. I'm trying to work out a reason to jack in the real World and stay!

Jo Smith
May 99



Postcard from Jo Smith showing inhabitants getting Fulmars on the South east corner of Stac an Armin, looking to Boreray.

A.G.M.

Minutes of the 1999 Annual General Meeting of Dark Peak Fell Runners Held At the Maynard Arms Grindleford on 21st April 1999

50 members attended

Apologies

Apologies were received from Mike Pedley and Eric Mitchell

Minutes of 1998 AGM

These were accepted as a true and accurate record Prop. Hugh Cotton Sec. Roy Small

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

Chairman's report

This was circulated by Dave at the meeting (see separate report below). He outlined the need for the club to have a constitution (which we do have but can't find) and some of the issues that have arisen over the year such as the Trespass Fell race. The report was accepted by the meeting (Prop. Hugh Cotton Sec. Roy Small)

Secretary's report

This was also circulated at the meeting (see below) and detailed some of the athletic achievements over the past year. The report was also accepted by the meeting (Prop. Hugh Cotton Sec. Roy Small)

Treasurers report

Jeff H outlined the club accounts and stated that club finances were in a much healthier position than this time last year. He thanked all those club members who had paid the voluntary contribution on last years subscription. The report was accepted by the meeting (Prop. Dave Markham Sec. Roy Small)

Newsletter Editors report

Mike was not present at the meeting but he was thanked in his absence for doing a great job with the newsletter. It was stated that the Dark Peak web page (www.frosthole.demon.co.uk/dpfr) was now up and running. Jim Fulton suggested that distribution of the newsletter should be handed to Dick Pasley, the club postman in order to save on postage.

Edale Skyline 1999

Dick reported that he had received a number of letters/emails congratulating Dark Peak on an excellent event. He thanked all the marshals who had helped on the day and congratulated the Dark Peak team for its success in winning the team prize. There was a lower entry than last year and this appears to be a trend and we may have to expect lower entries in future. The committee thanked Dick for all his hard work in organising the race. A question was asked (by JF) why it was not a championship race and it was pointed out that this is decided by the FRA and we are asked if we would like to be considered every year.

Election of Officers

Proceeded as in previous years. No new nominations were received and although the current committee attempted to avoid re-election all were elected unopposed. Dick Pasley was nominated and elected as honorary club postman (see above).

No nominations were received for club captain as Rob was working too hard and couldn't do the job any more (thanks to Tom Westgate, his current employer!). It was suggested that club officials should approach Mark Hayman to see if he would like the job.

New (old!) Committee;

Chairman Dave Holmes, Secretary Paul Sanderson, Treasurer Jeff Harrison, Newsletter editor Mike Pedley, Membership Secretary Tim Tett, Equipment Richard Hakes, Cross Country Pete Dyke, Edale skyline co-ordinator/club postman Dick Pasley, Club captain Mark Hayman??

Club Constitution

Dave outlined the draft constitution presented to the meeting. It was explained that we did currently have one but this has not been seen since 1976! Although discussion took place as to why we needed a constitution it was pointed out by the committee that we must have one to affiliate to the NEAAA and the FRA.

During the discussion many different views were expressed from support to total disagreement. It was felt by some present that an objective supporting the principle of open and free access to wilderness environments was too political and that it should not be included.

It was eventually proposed that the draft constitution be circulated to the club membership by inclusion in the newsletter and that feedback be sent to the chairman and secretary. An EGM may then either be called in late September to consider the matter or the constitution will be resubmitted to next years AGM. (Prop Bob Berzins Sec Tim Tett).

Pete Gorvett suggested that any group of officers with a quorum of 5 could hold a committee meeting. This was agreed.

Club championships 1999

This will be on the original Kinder Scout triple crossing course and will be a staggered start.

Right to Roam

The background to this issue was outlined by Bob Berzins (see Spring newsletter for details), who also outlined and politically where we are following the Government's recent announcements. The emotionally charged debate basically centred on the proposal that Dark Peak as a club should support the principle of open and free access to uncultivated upland. Pete Gorvett felt it important to focus on the issue and to ask whether anything would be gained through Dark Peak adopting the campaign as club policy. It was argued by some, that by agreeing to this we would turn the club into a political organisation and as such would become involved in active campaigning.

Andy Harmer supported the principle and felt that individually we often 'trespassed' whilst on club runs. He felt however that this was a selfish attitude as it did not allow others to experience areas of countryside which we visited as runners. He pointed out that many people had fought for land access in the past which we now take for granted.

Clive Last pointed out the difficulty with voluntary access agreements and that access had been lost to some parts of the North Yorks National Park and to some Forest Enterprise land.

Frank Galbraith stated that the current owners of the land concerned had earned it and that it was important that this land be maintained as 'wilderness' as you only have to look at Kinder to see what open and free access has done to it.

Following the lively discussion a vote was taken on the proposal that;

"Dark Peak as a club support the principle of the Right to Roam"

Vote count was 21 for, 7 against and 17 abstentions

Club Coach

Jackie Smith outlined that she has taken her coaching exams and will at some point become a level 2 coach for fell running. Although coaching has not featured too highly for most members she was already providing coaching to some members as well as organising the coaching weekend (12th & 13th June Thornbridge). She was consequently elected club coach.

FRA Relay

An informal approach had been made to the club by Jon Broxap of the FRA to see if we would consider organising the FRA relay in future (possibly 2000). It was felt that it was not necessarily a good idea but there were possibilities. It was decided that the club officials would look at the viability of staging this event.

Proposals from Jim Fulton

Some interesting proposals were received from Jim which ranged from banning any discussion about computers on fell runs to barcoding genitalia and using redundant supermarket checkouts as a way of recording finishers on races. You had to be there to understand any of it!

Any Other Business

Alan Yates asked if the date for the Loxley International Mountain Marathon could be changed as it clashed with the Lakes Mountain trial. He suggested clashing it with the KIMM instead!

Meeting closed 10.30pm

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TREASURER'S REPORT ON FINANCES OF DARK PEAK FELL RUNNERS

PERIOD 1.5.98 TO 30.4.99

CURRENT ACCOUNT

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Opening Balance		1041.87	Opening Balance	1053.24
Income	4923.30		Interest (Estimated)	1.40
Expenditure	4014.49	<u>908.81</u>	Closing Balance	<u>1054.64</u>
Closing Balance		<u>1950.68</u>		

ANALYSIS OF CURRENT ACCOUNT

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
Subscriptions	1836.55	21.50
*Equip. (Clothing etc.)	900.85	900.64
Newsletter	---	684.00
Edale Skyline	935.90	765.79
Annual Dinner and Club Championship	1221.00	1241.65
Affiliations & Race Fees	14.00	351.00
Bank Commission & Sundries	15.00	49.91
	<u>£4923.30</u>	<u>£4014.49</u>
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*PLUS approx. cost value of unsold gear - £406

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Jeff. Harrison
Treasurer



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As Jeff will detail in his accounts, the Club's finances are much healthier following the decision last year to raise subs to seven pounds. We can encourage the Equipment Officer to buy in bulk, thus achieving the economies of scale in our orders of vests and other items of Dark Peak chic. We also have some insurance in case our incredibly low print costs for Dark Peak News should rise in mid-year.

In short, we can cover the current costs involved in running Dark Peak Fell Runners. Whether these costs stay the same remains to be seen. One doesn't need to be a building surveyor to notice that the club hut seems finally to have set its heart on falling down. The new lessees at The Sportsman have made us very welcome, and say they want us around for as long as we want to be there. They are pondering what to do with the hut, and are considering turning it into some sort of bunkhouse with changing facilities. At the moment we use the facilities at The Sportsman free of charge. If rebuilding the facilities involves a large capital outlay, we may have to consider the nature of our contribution.

Access to open countryside became an issue this year when members were invited to take part in a "Trespass Fell Race" on the Midhope Moors. It caused some controversy. Some members wanted to support it, (and did - Phil Crowson won it!), but the FRA adopted an unsupportive stance, fearing the event could jeopardise delicate agreements between race organisers and private land owners. As a Club, we invited the organisers to speak to members at The Sportsman on a Wednesday night, but adopted no formal position. This is partly because there appeared to be no compelling need for us to have a position. But also because we have no policy-making mechanism between AGM's, short of calling an Extraordinary General Meeting, (and the procedure for convening such a meeting is lost in the mists of time, along with the Club's written constitution).

The Secretary and myself feel that we can be in a no-win position when issues crop up which do require a response from the Club between AGM's. Without a constitution and with no formal committee structure, officers either have to act on their own ad hoc initiative, or do nothing.

We are therefore recommending to tonight's meeting that Dark Peak should adopt a written constitution, and formally create a committee of officers which is empowered to meet and act as the need arises. The constitution we are suggesting is loosely based on one recommended to us by the North of England Athletics Association. It commits us to the simple objects of promoting fell running, and enjoying free and open access to wilderness countryside.

Having a constitution and committee should not usurp nor undermine the AGM as the Club's main policy-making forum. But it would give us a means of addressing some of the many issues which crop up in the course of a fell running year, which cannot

always wait until the AGM, and which often involve matters of detail which would take all night to thrash out at an AGM.

Examples of current issues which I believe could be dealt with better if we have a committee to augment the full AGM:

Should Dark Peak take over the abandoned Burbage fell race? What would be involved, and after considering the details, is this a commitment we would want to take on?

Should we have a web site? Who would run it? How much would it cost? How would it dovetail with Dark Peak News?

Should we get involved in fund-raising again for the Peak Environment Fund? If so, how, when, and who organises it?

To less weighty matters, in receiving this report, could I ask you to recognise the contributions made to club life this year by a number of individuals. Thanks to Richard Hakes for making us all wear brown vests again. To Dave Tait for reminding us that creeping old age doesn't mean you can't run really fast. To Jeff for keeping us solvent. To Dick for organising an extremely smooth Skyline. To Gavin for corralling the marshals. To Mike for making Dark Peak News even better. To Paul for organising Thornbridge and the impressive run down the length of the Peak Park, and for remembering in his report to thank some of the many other people who have done special things this year.

And thanks to Chris Worsell for making Dark Peak happen, and for creating the esprit de corps which has carried us through so many years together. I am sure we are all thinking of Chris, Di, and their family at this very difficult time for them, and that we are wishing Chris the fullest possible recovery from his recent stroke.

David Holmes

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SECRETARY'S REPORT 1999

Last years AGM saw some interesting changes, not only did we put up the subs for only the second time in the club's history but also one of Jim Fulton's proposals was actually passed. As a club we seemed to have survived the shock of the former with club membership still in a very healthy position. We are however still waiting for some good 'Figure of Eight' club runs to appear in the calendar.

Politically one of the year's most interesting developments was the trespass fell race. This stimulated much lively debate at the time between club members as to how best to approach such an event. It also brought into focus several issues regarding the levels of responsibility of club officials and how far we go in representing and making

decisions on behalf of the club membership. Hopefully items for later discussion will help clarify matters.

One of the most notable highlights of the last year was the 'Pound for the Peak' traverse of the Peak which raised just short of £900 for the Peak Environment Fund. I'm sure that all those who took part had a great day. One of the day's highlights must have been the bizarre interview with a Radio Sheffield reporter in Edale with heavy breathing sound effects provided by a group of very bemused runners. On a personal note the running was far more pleasurable than rattling a collection tin at Monsal Head.

Following the appeal last year by the race organiser it was good to see that Dark Peak won the team prize in the Edale skyline this year with some fine individual performances on the day by Mark Hayman, Al Sealy and Roger Woods. Mark has had a particularly good year with victory in the club champs closely followed by victory in the Trog.

The year again saw some good Relay performances of particular note was the performances in the Ian Hodgson and Calderdale way. A team from Dark Peak also managed to win first mixed team in a snowy High Peak marathon in March this year. Jo Smith was selected to run for England in the World Cup but unfortunately she didn't make the trip to Reunion (its in the Indian Ocean somewhere!) due to injury. On the championship front Dave Tait again featured coming third in the British O/50's whilst Colin Henson was fourth in the English O/60's.

As always the club BG was one of the years major highlights with all contenders achieving their ambition and completing the round. It was however an 'outsider' from Clayton, Brian Leathley, who at the age of 67 became the oldest to complete the round. Thanks must go to Colin Henson for organising such a great day, Pete Dyke for bravely driving the support vehicle (it was a Lada) and all the club members who turned up to support.

On the social front the Thornbridge summer social was again very popular and successful. The fourth Ashford fell race took place on the Saturday morning excellently organised as ever by Hugh Cotton. The Club championships returned to Old Glossop and the new organiser Mike Pedley, produced a challenging and testing course. The dinner was again entertained by 'that rock band' and was as always a great success due in no small part to the efforts of Jeff Harrison.

Paul Sanderson, Hon Secretary

SWEEPING UP AFTER . . . EDALE

Spring Cleaning. Heyho, heyho, its off to work we go. . .

The humble duties of a sweeper may seem an excuse to take it easy, to have a spot of gentle exercise, a pleasant chat.

But not for me. I know the sweepers trade from close quarters. The back marker is familiar terrain, an old friend; the clanking of zimmer frames and double amputees hopping ahead is common enough.

Years of tradecraft teaches diversionary tactics, so instead of attempting to sustain an intelligent conversation with John Soady (hopping backwards in an attempt to go unbelievably slowly) or Chris Barber (soon realised that there wasn't much intelligible conversation between gasps) I decided to do my bit for the environment.

Readers familiar with my rantings may say that I've recycled enough bullshit for the environment to prosper for years.

But because its spring... I did the spring cleaning!

So, what did I sweep up? Was it a couple of dozen lucozade sachets? Or a fistful of Power Bar wrappers? Perhaps a sackful of half chewed muesli bars?

Well, the answer makes environmentally good reading, if non-sensational copy.

I found a plastic container which once held a knife/fork/spoon kit. That certainly wasn't carried by a competitor. I know that for sure because I did the kit check and no-one was carrying a knife/fork/spoon. Incidentally, they were carrying all the right kit, and some had plenty of it. And I was very impressed by the copious quantity of food some people were carrying! Team Lard would be proud of you!

But what of the debris? Surely a trail of Mars bar wrappers?

Well, no. The course was fantastically clean. Except for. . . two jelly babies! So step forward, the jelly baby fumbler, and collect your detritus before it biodegrades.

Now, to return to my humble role as sweeper.

Unfortunately, I failed to be last! Is it possible to fail to be last? Well, yes, if you take a cunning shortcut due to total ignorance of the new course, and inadvertently overtake a few stragglers; which I admit to.

I assumed that after sneaking the back way round Pym Chair it was a simple matter of returning to the descent via Ringing Roger. So I set off on my selected trajectory, while in fairly tight convoy with three back markers, a gaggle of sweepers, and a

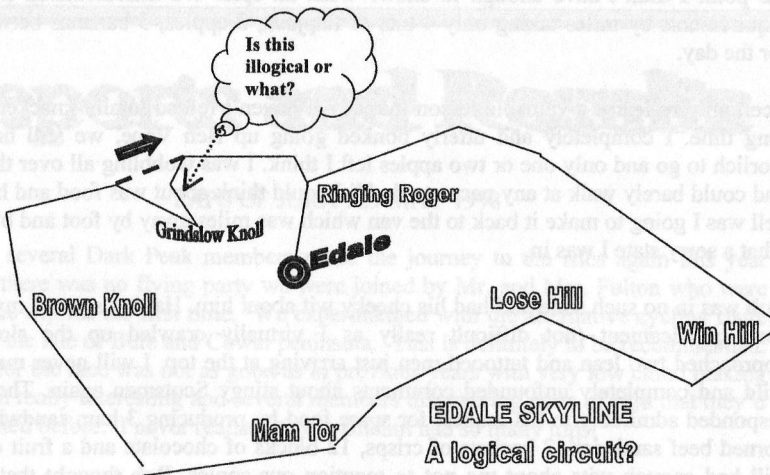
senior member of DPFRR who's been suckered into following me before and always regretted it.

Fortunately I managed to throw them off???? (or did they realise I was off target?) And arrived at Ringing Roger to find that I'd avoided Grindslow Knoll.

Fortunately Maurice and Hilary were very understanding. NOT. Not at all understanding really. In fact they found it quite funny. Particularly funny when M. is looking for a victim to pass on the Pertex next year.

Now, it's a few years since I did the race. In the good old days Grindslow Knoll was the first and last control, and very logical too. But in these modern days, Ringing Roger is the chime of the times, and Grindslow Knoll is surely a backwatered monolith?

Not so. The POWERS THAT ARE have decreed that Grindslow Knoll will remain a punishment. They insist on runners suffering a seriously dreadful detour in the dregs of the race.



I am therefore launching an appeal. I will lobby for logic; to outlaw this awful detour, hoping to divert attention from the pertexable crime of the sweeper failing to be last in the race.

Mike F Browell

Going the Distance

A (FEW MORE) DAYS IN THE LIFE...

Last issue's extract from Roger's Munro diary made it all sound like a breeze (well sort of...). So here are some parts from when things didn't quite go to plan.

Munros-the Journey, Day 2 : Beinn Narnain (926m), Beinn Ime (1011m), Ben Vane (916m), Ben Vorlich (943m). Time: 11 am to 7.30 pm. Height gained in day: 2905m
Weather: warm and sunny with the odd little breeze.

The day began with wild enthusiasm. We started by heading up the Cobbler taking a bit of a directissimo route. This was day two of our great adventure with many a fine day laying before us. The day was glorious, with the freedom of running in the mountains coursing through our bodies and minds. What a pair of prats. Our planning had consisted of quickly glancing at the 1:50000 map and not totting up the rough height to be done. We combined that old cliché of eyes being bigger than stomachs with our enthusiasm and we proceeded to bite off more than we could chew. More to the point I didn't have enough to chew! What an epic. We miscalculated the food requirements by miles taking only 4 bits of flapjack, 2 apples, 3 bananas between us for the day.

I certainly re-learned a valuable lesson that day. I haven't felt so totally knackered in a long time. I completely and utterly bonked going up Ben Vane, we still had Ben Vorlich to go and only one or two apples left I think. I was wobbling all over the shop and could barely walk at any pace at all. All I could think about was food and how the hell was I going to make it back to the van which was miles away by foot and bike. Oh what a sorry state I was in.

Rob was in no such state and had his cheeky wit about him. Having spotted my rather sorry predicament (not difficult really as I virtually crawled up the slope) he approached two lean and tattooed men just arriving at the top. I will never make any wild and completely unfounded comments about stingy Scotsmen again. These two responded admirably to his request for spare food by producing 3 ham sandwiches, 1 corned beef sandwich, 2 packets of crisps, 12 blocks of chocolate and a fruit drink. I still had enough wits about me not to mention our apples. Rob thought that in my weakened state I may have said something. Far from it, my mind and body was completely focused on the Glaswegian gentleman's booty box. I sat drooling like a Labrador, eating anything tossed in my direction. Oh it was heaven.

It was hard to remember to offer some to Rob. He had to play it a bit cool because his opening gambit had apparently been along the lines that he was ok but I was in a sorry state.

What saviours they were. It meant we could finish the proposed day comfortably, otherwise it would have been a sorry stagger to the bikes and no doubt a wobbly ride back.

For all those who believe in destiny or fate the omens fell kindly for a wee larry the lamb that day. Two Glasgow lads were ultimately responsible via Rob's cheek for the saving of little larry's bacon (a technical point, but can you save a lamb's bacon?). I was merely the instrument wielded by the Gods. The poor thing was not very old and had got itself stuck down a lamb sized hole. I nearly ran past it but something about its rather muffled bleating caught my attention. I carefully pulled the skinny little thing out of its potential grave and set it down. It was all dirty at its head and rear as it had vainly tried to escape. It scrambled off to mum, all wobbly on its legs (I certainly knew that feeling alright).

I ran off with a comfortable feeling, having done my good deed. Knowing sheep though it probably fell back down the hole before the day was out!! We cycled back via tea and scones at a café. Fish and chips for tea, and then parked up Glenn Beag.

Roger Woods

Reports and Results

PAPS OF JURA : 29 MAY 1998

As usual several Dark Peak members made the journey to the isles again this year although there was no flying party we were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Fulton who were making the trip for the first time. We experimented with the alternative cycling route going via the Isle of Bute and Cowal peninsula. This is definitely to be recommended. Weather for the race was not as good as in previous years with very low cloud making navigation really interesting and several members discovering parts of Jura that they'd never visited before. I never realised Corra Bheinn had so many tops!

We even had one club member (DL) attempting to cause a near fatal accident to another club member (TW) by dislodging a rock the size of a chimney stack/refrigerator/car* (*use as appropriate for story telling purposes) on top of him. Luckily all survived and although times were slower than usual some good performances were had by some of the club. First home for DPFR was Jon Fyne followed by Dave (Sam) Allen on his first visit to the Island.

The race weekend was followed by an extremely social week on Arran. In fact it was difficult to go anywhere on Arran without encountering someone in Dark Peak!

Paul Sanderson

Tigger Tor results:

1 Karl Webster (Matlock)	69:43	73 Andrew Jameson	85:01
3 Mark Hayman	70:02	74 Jim Lawrenson	85:06
4 Will Sullivan	71:18	76 Roger Smith	85:14
7 Alan Sealy	71:11	78 Tom Westgate	85:26
9 David Allen	71:40	79 Richard Hakes	85:27
13 Roger Woods	75:32	90 Andrew Kitchen	86:49
14 Steve Bell	76:23	95 Chris Stamp	87:24
17 Andy Jenkins	77:37	96 Lynn Bland [4th F]	87:33
26 Stuart Oglethorpe [5th M40]	78:43	111 Pete Farrell	90:24
27 Andrew Moore	78:50	113 Ted Mangion	90:27
28 Dave Charles [6th M40]	78:50	121 Ron Caves	91:04
30 Roger Freeman	79:09	123 Barry Thackery [1st M60]	82:01
31 Michael Robinson	79:11	134 David Hay	93:17
35 Andy Harmer [1st M50]	80:30	139 Hugh Cotton	94:03
46 Dave Lockwood [3rd M50]	81:32	155 Jan Caves [2nd F40]	95:55
47 Darrell Bradbury	81:39	161 Kevin Saville	97:54
51 Alan Yates [4th M50]	81:56	164 Mike Arundale	99:21
57 Peter Gorvett	82:26	167 Mick Poulter	100:28
58 Ken Jones	82:43	178 Jim Fulton	102:06
61 Graham Berry	82:54	182 Andy Malkin	102:44
62 Roy Marlow	83:00	188 Dave Smith	104:00
65 Chris Barber	83:31	196 Mike Browell	110:59
68 Richard Hopkinson	83:59	217 Dawn Hopkinson	115:19
69 Mick Cochrane	84:06	230 finished	

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WADSWORTH TROG : 20 FEBRUARY 1999

20ml/4000 ft

Very heavy conditions make this one of the most gruelling of races. Clear weather this year, making the last tiring moorland leg a little bit easier.

Dave Tait

1= J Howard Rossendale	2:55:33
1= M Wallis Clayton (M40)	
18 D Tait	3:13:26
83 B Thackery	4:21:42
85 N Piper	4:23:25
90 J Myers	4:28:47

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DERWENT WATERSHED : 5-6 MARCH 1999

A night to remember!

If it wasn't for Jan's incredible enthusiasm for spending a winter's night trudging around one of the bleakest parts of the Peak District I doubt whether I would keep returning to do the Watershed. This year we decided to make it even harder for ourselves by sacking our navigator and recruiting an all women's team. As usual at that time of year illness devastated our team and first of all Hilary and then Maggie who had trained so hard to get fit had to drop out. It soon became obvious there were no other women mad enough to come with us, so who else could we ask? There was a temptation to ask someone who had done it before and could navigate, but having spent almost every winter Saturday out in foul weather checking out the route I was determined not to give in. In the end Jim and Kev willingly volunteered and didn't seem unduly concerned at the prospect of Jan and I getting us hopelessly lost.

All the preparation done I felt pretty confident, I was much fitter than previous years and I had two years experience under my belt, it felt strange to actually be giving advice to Kev about what to take with him! As long as it wasn't too cold and I could still feel my fingers to hold a compass and get food out I would be alright. Of course Friday arrived complete with snow and sub zero temperatures and I began to feel rather apprehensive about the whole affair.

An hour or so hanging around in Edale village hall just added to the apprehension until we eventually set off up to Hollins Cross. I was relieved that the snow and full moon made it just about possible to get by without a torch (at least if Jim's batteries ran out on Losehill this year he wouldn't have to go waking up the locals to borrow a torch!!).

We caught our first real glimpse of the full moon as we approached Moscar, the sky started to clear and I thought we were in for a brilliant night, it would be almost like navigating during the day. It wasn't until we stopped briefly at Moscar for a cuppa that I realised just how cold it was and how cold it would be on the top. We left the A57 and said goodbye to civilisation for 8 hours! In some ways the snow made it easier, the first team had broken trail and this matched our bearings as far as Outer Edge. Some confusion was caused by a plonker with a red flashing light on his back pretending to be a checkpoint "this checkpoint doesn't seem to be getting any closer".

Between Outer Edge and Swains Head the leaders seemed to have been in some disagreement over which way to go as there were tracks all over the place, later reports from other teams confirmed that large groups of people had been seen wandering around pointing in all directions. "Don't worry about what other people are doing Lynn you've done really well so far, just go the way you think", said Jim. I felt very responsible and quite amazed by Jim's faith in my ability. We found Swain's Head with no unnecessary detours and set off for Bleaklow Stones, by now the weather had seriously deteriorated almost without me realising. The water had frozen in our bottles, we all had ice pompoms on our shoe laces and Jim's beard made him look as if he was on Everest.

It seemed to take forever to get to Bleaklow Stones. We had deviated from our planned route to follow a trail in the snow as this made life a lot easier. For the first time we had to get the map out and check, the weather was appalling and this was no time to make a mistake. Between us me and Jan managed to hold on to the map and take a bearing which confirmed we were still okay. Meanwhile Jim seemed to think he was on holiday as he had got his camera out to take some pictures!!!

We all heaved a sigh of relief as we saw the tent that confirmed we'd made it to Bleaklow stones. A cheerful marshal informed us that they were stopping the race at the Snake and that lots of people had already retired at Slippery Stones. Just Bleaklow Head to find and we'd made it. We waded through the snow and located it spot on. Up to this point our only concern had been getting back in one piece until we casually inquired if any other women had come through yet. "Just one about a minute ago". It was downhill all the way back to the finish and none of us were going to let this opportunity go. They allowed us to pass them without a protest and although not confirmed we were pretty certain we'd won the mixed team prize.

We set off jubilantly towards the Snake Inn where we were told we could sit in the warm and wait for transport to take us back to Edale. All we actually arrived to was a grumpy landlord, a cold bunkhouse to sit in and no sign of rescue. We decided it was better to walk back over the short crossing than get hypothermia, so we set off again.

We arrived at Edale at about 1pm. "We've been waiting for you, you've won the mixed team prize". I think we were all smiling for a whole week!! Jan and I were delighted that we'd managed to navigate it in such foul conditions, and our two last minute team members had been brilliant. Despite never having looked at a map and compass all night, Jim's previous experience of the route had been helpful with the navigating. Kev with only two days warning and not much training had kept up all the way and was still going strong at the end, and we had stayed together without a single grumble all night. It was certainly a night we will all remember for a long time!

Lynn Bland

Thanks

1999 looked like being the first time I had not done the Watershed for 9 years until 2 weeks before the event when Jan and Lynn welcomed me and Kev into their metaphorical bosoms. It was a very enjoyable night out and the Women didn't behave at all madly - they were brilliant! I handled the navigation all the way to Moscar then Jan & Lynne took over for the rest of the night whilst I took photographs and told knob jokes. The weather was atrocious but not bad enough to stop us getting the Horns. Thanks for asking me - same again next year?

Jim Fulton

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| 1 | Rucksack Club (M Cudahy, G Cudahy, Llewellyn, Howie) | 9h36m |
| 5 | Bradfield Boundary Blues Band (R.Hakes, D.Holmes, W.Sullivan, J.Strack) | 9h54m |
| 11 | Women Behaving Madly (J.Cave, L.Bland, J.Fulton, K.Saville) | 10h27m |

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NEW CHEW : 7 MARCH 1999

"A seriously difficult day". "Winning times on long and short about one hour longer than expected". There was snow on the Snake – Hugh and I needed to push Morris's car after the queue stopped short of the summit. The road closed after us; Mike Browell was about five minutes behind and was turned back at the point we were stuck – it was a long drive via Tideswell. Conditions in the race started with "flounder" (snow from six inches to two feet deep) and ended with blizzard. A third of the field retired in both the long and medium courses.

I made a logical, but stupid, decision after 70 minutes that I could cover twice the distance I had covered so far – after all, I had done most of the climb. What I had forgotten was that more than half the route so far had been on roads or paths. The next four controls took 50 minutes for two miles and I was still heading away from home! If only I had been realistic - the tracks made by earlier starters had given me a chance to be up with the leaders. But "if onlys" work for everyone –Andy Trigg, Chris Barber and myself all missed controls that were on our routes. It was the sort of conditions when features disappear under a white blanket.

Peter Gorvett

After a near snowless winter, the weekend of the New Chew saw one of the biggest dumps of the year. This after several months of very wet weather left a foot of snow on top of a foot of mud. Breaststroke seemed a more appropriate action than any kind of running. With thick cloud and blowing snow it became impossible to see where the snow drifts were and on Black Hill I lost count of the times I stumbled chest deep into snow filled groughs. At one stage it took about 20 minutes to cover a kilometre. I was recovering from a calf injury and was no match for the conditions. I'd finished all my food by four hours and was well bonked after five with half an hour still to go.

The run of the day came from Bob who met up with Dan Parker and Mark Hartell and ploughed round with them. Although he had the satisfaction of out sprinting them down the hill to the end their later start times kept them just ahead. Andy Dickenson also had a brilliant run on the shorter course and proved he can navigate even in bad weather, to come home an "easy" winner – though nothing was easy on that day.

Rick Ansell

<u>Long</u>		<u>Short</u>	
1	Mark Hartell	4:34	1 Andy Dickenson 3:20
2	Dan Parker	4:37	6 Hugh Cotton 4:15
3	Bob Berzins	4:39	14 Maurice Musson 4:38
5	Rick Ansell	5:30	35 started, 24 finished

17 started, 11 finished

<u>Score</u>	
1	Andy Trigg 325 17 Pete Gorvett 203
3	Chris Barber 290 23 Mike Browell 182
4	Paul Sanderson 270 50 finished

NOON STONE FELL RACE : 7 MARCH 1999
English Championships – Medium

Evil wet conditions for this first championship event. Lots of sloshing through tussocky bogs into cold driving rain. This year a V50 team is contested, and we've made a start in the V50 campaign. It's to be hoped we can keep turning out through the series.

					Dave Tait
1	G Bland	1:09:27	173	K Jones	1:33:02
48	A Ward	1:18:06	199	N Goldsmith	1:35:53
68	D Tait	1:19:53	203	R Marlow	1:36:13
75	S Bell	1:20:31	322	G Goldsmith	2:00:21

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RIVELIN LANDMARKS : 10 MARCH 1999

After a year's absence (ostensibly because of the dam wall repairs) the night race returned. Mike Hayes, once the organiser of this prestigious race assisted by making a "ghost" appearance. He duly put the figure on the knoll to ensure all and sundry knew where they were but no sign of Mike himself.

Many pretenders vied for the crown. Dave Holmes shot off bound for glory- Andy Harmer and Jim Fulton in pursuit. The latter two soon faded, as they dived into the brambles trying to take an early route to the Knoll. Roy, Guy and Adam were pleased to take a more legitimate route and by the needle a gap had opened. Up the road at the cabin, a three way split developed: Roy took the high route, Andy and Chris the low route and Pete's group "up the river!". By the conduit Roy and Guy were well clear and going for glory, until they decided somewhere after Ranger's Grave to climb a wall and wander around. Pete Gorvett, recovering from the river route to the Headstone, passed Andy and Chris down to the Grave, and caught the errant leaders in Wyming Brook to take the title. Dave Holmes finished 15 minutes later having tried "other " routes. A great event: this year the clock tower was omitted - now a building site -and is likely to remain out for future.

					Andy Harmer
1	Pete Gorvett	59:47	9	Jim Fulton	1:09:37
2	Roy Small	1:00:34	10	Mike Browell	1:13:09
3	Guy Seaman	1:00:40	11	Dave Holmes	1:15:46
4	Andy Harmer	1:01:06	12	Maurice Musson	1:23:50
5	Chris Barber	1:01:07	13	Gez Myers	1:25:10
6	Adam Jackson	1:01:10	14	Andy Malkin	1:28:50
7	Hugh Cotton	1:02:36	15	Rob Evans	1:28:50
8	Phil Tanner	1:04:06			

PS Who has got the much prized "Wonky duck" that has graced many a mantlepiece?

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ANNIVERSARY WALTZ : 17 APRIL 1999
English and British Championships Medium

11.25 ml/3600'

An excellent course, with snow lying on the hills. Finding the way was easy, just follow the footprints, with superb views of the tops. Deep snow off Dale Head gave an exciting, different swoop down towards High Spy. Hope you get down in one piece – apparently Mountain Rescue worked hard!

Dave Tait

1	G. Bland (Borrowdale)	1:33:48	333	J. Myers	2:32:32
59	S. Bell	1:49:03	386	G. Bell	2:53:57
62	D. Allen	1:49:34	395	M. Browell	2:57:06
79	D. Tait	1:52:49	440	ran	
285	R. Marlow	2:21:20			

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STONES RACE : 12 MAY 1999

After a year or two's gap it felt appropriate to rescue the Stones race from obscurity, even though many have since wished it had remained sunk in Hallam Bog. With the original organiser (Chris Worsell) having a miserable time still in hospital, it lacked the traditional finish of a jug of ale provided by the birthday boy himself. Get Well Soon Chris, we missed ale and yourself!

Tim Tett was the runaway victor, once Jamie Stevenson chose a weird and wonderful return from Buckstone. Youngsters Gavin and Mick showed willing. There were 18 runners given 10 minutes notice of the escapade. The traditional date may well appear in the newsletter next year.

Andy Harmer

1	Tim Tett	1:18:38	10	Phil Cox	1:43:00
2	Gavin Williams	1:23:34	11	Jim Fulton	1:43:00
3	Mick Robinson	1:24:37	12	Phil Tanner	1:43:01
4	Jamie Stevenson	1:24:50	13	Dave Beresford	1:43:05
5	Will Sullivan	1:26:31	14	Daryl Bradbury	1:44:04
6	Bob Berzins	1:27:35	15	Martin Spence	1:48:00
7	Andy Harmer	1:31:03	16	Dave Smith	1-48-00
8	Clive Last	1:37:55	17	John Woodcock	?
9	Kev Saville	1:41:50	18	Mike Browell	1-59-00

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SOME YOU WIN, SOME YOU LOSE : 19 MAY 1999

7.5ml/3000'

Now, Having drunk of jolly ale enough,
 To climb Win-Hill is worth ambition-yea!
 Ambition, e'en if made of jolly stuff,
 Should drink strong ale, or never will he say
 To rival climbers-"Follow on my way!"
 Old ale and jolly, be it dark or pale,
 Drink like a toper, be thou green or grey!
 Drink oft and long, or try to climb, and fail!
 If thou would'st climb Win-Hill, drink old and jolly ale! *

* The Poetical Works of Ebenezer Elliott. (New & Revised Ed. 1876 Vol. I)

"And Lo it came to pass that they drank of Ward's for the last time and then passed into the wilderness."

It's amazing what a bit of poetry does for some people. That was my learned friend H Cotton's response to the invitation to participate the 1999 SYW-SYL race.

There were about 50 starters for the annual stroll on the hills on this fine evening. One bloke left his shoes at the Stanage Struggle last week, phoned the organiser who told him about the SYW-SYL so he came to meet him and collect his shoes. As he'd travelled there, he decided to stay and run - he also won the race! (he came from Mercia wherever that is).

I think everyone enjoyed the run. The prizes comprised:-

- Bright Spark 100 Watt light bulb - Andy Moore
- 1st Person just in front of Mike Browell, Sponsor's Plug A13 AMP - Mick Poulter
- Best Round "The Dick Pasley Memorial Trophy 1999" - Dave Holmes. Presented in Person by the Club Postman
- 1 can of Ward's Brewery (RIP) Bitter left over from the 1998 Skyline (past sell by date so for display purposes or slug traps only) - Everyone else.

The Route: Start at railway bridge below Twitchell Farm. Simple route as follows but not necessarily in this order.

Start	172842
Win Hill	187851
Yorks. Bridge	197860
Win Hill	187851
Lose Hill	153853
Finish as Start	172842

Thanks to Guy Seaman for excellent results keeping on the last SYW-SYL fell race (this year) sponsored by one of Sheffield's premier Electrical Contractors.

Jim Fulton

PS. John Soady couldn't do the race, but deserves mention for the following apology.

Yea oft I long to stray
 o'er highs and lows and bogs
 the fiendish Fulton way
 yon steep and devilish paths
 that pain'd the legs of all
 who dare tak challenge and dash'd
 ere Win and Lose.
 Alas! the race already lost
 to o-event in Canklow Wood
 so not for me the jolly toast
 of foaming ale in Hope Old Hall
 that night be down'd 'midst
 racey tales of win and lose and all *

* The Complete Unpoetical Works of Ebenezer Fixtureclash 1999
 Win Hill x 2 and Lose Hill Race - 19 May 1999

1	Barry Charlton (Mercia)	1:10.36	26	Andy Hartley	1:27.14
2	Jim Bell	1:11.50	27	Maurice Musson	1:27.26
3	Tim Tett	1:12.16	28	Jim Fulton	1:28.28
4	Charlie Adams	1:12.56	29	Peter Farrell	1:28.35
5	Bill Edwards	1:13.38	30	Phil Tanner	1:29.46
6	Mick Robinson	1:16.46	31	Hilary Bloor	1:30.39
7	Andy Moore	1:16.53	32	Dave Hay	1:31.16
8	Chris Barber	1:17.25	33	Dick Pasley	1:31.50
9	Bob Berzins	1:17.44	34	Martin Spence	1:32.25
10	Andy Harmer	1:18.09	35	Colin Henson	1:34.05
11	Darryl Bradbury	1:18.19	36	Dave Smith	1:34.13
12	Richard Hakes	1:18.33	37	Colin Lago	1:37.58
13	Peter Gorvett	1:19.10	38	Andy Malkin	1:38.33
14	Graham Berry	1:19.12	39	John Myers	1:39.08
15	Mike Pedley	1:19.21	40	Mick Poulter	1:39.18
16	Roger Woods	1:19.25	41	Geoff Nichols	1:41.21
17	Chris Ledger	1:19.47	42	Mark Jarvis	1:42.48
18	Dave Holmes	1:22.07	43	Peter McFarlane	1:43.53
19	Don Longley	1:22.21	44	Mike Browell	1:44.03
20	Graham Burgin	1:22.23	45	Ian Clough	1:46.58
21	Johnny Wilson (?)	1:23.08	46	Jim Orrell	retired hurt
22	Roy Small	1:24.53	47	Guy Seaman	retired to compute
23	Tony Simpson	1:26.25	48	Dave Lockwood	got wrong time
24	Tom Westgate	1:26.26	49	Hugh Cotton	retired leg hurt
25	Dave Markham	1:27.12	50	Trevor Morgan	just retired

[No it isn't a mis-print... the race really is 7.5 mile and 3000 feet of climb!]

Fell Off

RIVELIN CROSS COUNTRY : 14 APRIL 1999

Sadly the snow which fell throughout the event came too late to create a melt, and raise the water level at the stepping stones. Alan Yates, Polly, Hamish and Jenny creating a record crowd were disappointed to see rough runners tippy toeing over the stones keeping their feet dry!

However, despite that it was a super race, and field of 29 runners charged up Den Bank twice. Young Tim (39) was taken on the 2nd climb looking frisky by unknown Andrew. Not far behind Roger and John showed willing – star of the night was Mike Pedley, powering through the field after a steady start.

The Conduit Crawlers won the team race, reforming after a 13 year break (Kev Borman, Mike Poulter, Andy Harmer and Phil Jones). Phil went walkabout when keeping Les and Mike at bay - his first race for some long while (outside Whirlow Farm). The new route up the crags was well received and will remain, and hopefully the Wednesday before the AGM might become the recognised race date, condemning for ever the “Not the National” focus. Graham Berry drove to South Wales and back in the day, and started late – finishing only 10 minutes down on the leaders. Is it possible, fired up with adrenalin, that Berry actually ran the fastest time of the night? We shall never know! Musson and Sullivan turned up at Stannington - across the valley- otherwise the front end may well have been spiced up even more.

Andy Harmer

1 Andrew Middleditch	37:56	17 Tom Westgate	46:24
2 Tim Tett	38:04	18 Dave Markham	46:48
3 Roger Woods	38:14	19 Dave Smith	47:23
4 John Soady [1 st M40]	39:39	20 Martin Spence	47:25
5 Charlie Adams	39:43	21 Graham Berry [late starter!]	47:40
6 Mike Pedley	40:46	22 Chris Browell	49:03
7 Andrew Moore	40:52	23 Roger Beaumeister	49:13
8 Dave Tait [1 st M50]	41:12	24 Mick Poulter	50:58
9 Roger Freeman	41:50	25 Phil Tanner	51:16
10 Gavin Williams	42:00	26 Kev Borman	52:20
11 Chris Barber	42:04	27 Les Outwin	54:19
12 Dave Holmes	42:20	28 Mike Browell	56:34
13 Phil Cox	42:26	29 Phil Jones (unnat.)	59:59
14 Richard Hakes	44:18	30 Pete Lewis	?
15 Andy Harmer	44:41	dnf Hugh Cotton	
16 John Herbert	46:23		

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WHITE PEAK MARATHON : 15 MAY 99

Dark Peak win the team prize for the first time ever! Full 26.2 mile marathon run along the Tissington and the High Peak trails. Great weather this year. Not exactly a fell race, but it is the only marathon I will do these days. With a start line up of about 150, it can get a bit lonesome!

Mike Wynne

1	James Arnold (Matlock)	2:37:05
4	Mike Wynne (2nd V40)	2:49:00
6	Andy Dickinson	3:00:50
12	Phil Cox	3:05:55

In Gear

Club Kit

"Classic" brown lightweight synthetic running vests are available in men's medium and ladies medium at £16.00. There is still a few of the older white synthetic vest left at £10.00 but sizes are restricted to medium and large all the brown cotton vests have now been sold.

New dark peak "woolly" hats are available (they are the same at the 20th anniversary, logo only) and in black, green, red and blue one size fits all at £7.00 Dark Peak tracksters: the initial order was quite small and has been mostly spoken for but if there are any other requests for the tracksters then more can be obtained.

Finally if ordering by post, please phone to check availability first before sending any order and money.

Richard Hakes

Shops and Discounts

The following shops usually give discounts to club members (exact amount varies with shop and product. Let Richard know if you encounter problems (like shops which no longer exist!) or find any others who will give discounts.

Keep on Running, Rock and Run, YHA shop, Blacks, Hitch and Hike, DB Sports

Meanwhile, Leading Edge (in Hayfield) don't offer discounts but have some of the lowest prices around.

We can now get a 10% reduction in Walsh re-soleing at Feet First, Woodseats (opposite the Midland Bank). There is also a shop in Chesterfield. This makes the cost £12.60 and they make an excellent job with a genuine sole.

The-bit-at-the-end

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In the Next Issue:

- All the summer race reports
- BG, Thornbridge and the other summer club events
- Update on club politics
- ...and possibly all the info you need for a possible EGM

If you run a race, a copy of the results and 1 paragraph to go with it can make a huge difference to the readability of the newsletter!

Articles can be submitted handwritten, typed or in electronic format on disk or via e-mail. Please use the electronic option if you can – a diskette or via e-mail to:

mike@frosthole.demon.co.uk

MS Word format preferred at the moment but I can read/convert most formats. Despite the years of practice it still takes me a good 15 minutes to type a side of A4 – and that's without all the formatting!

Deadlines for submission:	Wednesday	2 September 1999
Publication date:	Wednesday	22 September 1999

Thanks

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And finally for those with anoraks... keep up-to-date with the latest DPFR news and results at: www.frosthole.demon.co.uk/dpfr