

# Dark Peak News



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# News

## **Club Champs Successes**

Mark Hayman claimed another Club Championship title as he came home to win this year's race by 4 minutes from Phil Winskill. Phil had been only 4th at the Chew Dam checkpoint but took the laddow Rocks path back to Crowden rather than the more direct grough to Lads Leap. This brought him back just in front of Tim Tett and Mick Robinson. The course could be run in either direction, but most chose anti-clockwise visiting Hey Pillar and the sheepfold first. The weather was settled with good visibility and the fast conditions meant handicapper-Harmer had given many slower runners a generous allowance. However, it still takes an unusually good run to take the handicap prize and that's what Colin Lago produced. Full results on page 22

## **KIMM 2001 Victories**

This years KIMM held at the unlikely venue of Clyde Muirshiel Park saw two outright course victories by Dark Peak pairs and two other class wins. Marcus Scotney and Dickie Wren won the A class with Richard Hopkinson and Mike Wynne claiming the vets category. Helen Hargreaves and Phil Winskill won the C whilst on the Long score Mike Browell and Jo Smith finished 28th to be first mixed pair. Ahead of them on that course Phil Cox and Peter Gorvett finished 2nd veteran pair and a fine 5th overall whilst with other partners Keith Tonkin finished 4th and John Soady 6th.

## **FRA Relay - Solid run to a top 5 finish**

In the FRA Relay at Llanberis on 21st October Dark Peak teams put in some solid performances but had to relinquish their title's won on home turf last year. In the men's event Mike Jubb ran yet another storming first leg to bring the team home in the lead. The team remained in the top 6 throughout but couldn't quite match the superb start. The race was won by Bingley followed by Cumberland, Pudsey and Altrincham.

The women claimed a podium finish with a good 3rd place. This was a fine performance with a team weakened by many of the club's top orienteers competing in the British Championships only a few miles away on Anglesey! Like the men they started in front as Channa Patton came home in the lead but eventually had to settle for 3rd behind Keswick and Ilkley. The final result was nail-biting as Eryri made up over 3 minutes on last leg to finish just a few seconds back in 4th. The veterans too claimed a top 5 finish with 5th place behind winners Eryri.

## **Jenny James - British Champion**

At the same time as the FRA relays many club members were competing almost within of the event at the British orienteering championships. Among many fine performances Jenny James won the women's elite with Kim Buckley 2nd and Helen Hargreaves 3rd! Hilary Bloor won the W45 race. In the men's events Oli Johnson and Al Buckley were 2nd and 3rd on elite, Charlie Adams and Mark Chapman were 2nd

and 3rd on M35. In total there were probably around 20 club members competing to add to the 24 (not to mention spectators) a few miles away at the FRA's.

### **Registration rules claim more members**

The steady trickle of runners who can no longer run for Dark Peak following the registration and first claim debates continues. With Sheffield AC now reported to be registered for fell running the likes of Mark Chapman become unavailable. Fortunately Hallamshire still avoid a fell section enabling their members to run for DPFR in fell races. Further north Mike Wynne and Annie Carrington look set to leave Dark Peak for Settle again heavily influenced by the registration and first-claim issues.

The FRA are seeking to clarify the rules to remove the 9 month transfer wait and instead make it a calendar year decision. However, this motion debated at their AGM will not address the fundamental issue of someone being able to nominate a separate fell club to their road & country club.

### **Victory for Family Browell (again!)**

For the second successive year Mike and Chris Browell won the parent and offspring category in the Polaris. This is a two day mountain bike marathon event, a giant score orienteering event ranging over an area 15 miles square. Their score put them 27th overall in a field of 400 teams. The weekend before, they won the National Trailquest Championships in Dalby Forest. This was their 4th successive event win, guaranteeing an overall victory in the National Trailquest Series.

### **Freedom To Roam - One Chance To Have Your Say**

With the Countryside and Rights of Way (CroW) Act was passed last year, you may have thought that was the end of it. WRONG! We generally aren't able to exercise these rights until access maps are finalised - predicted to be in 2005. Agreeing what is open countryside and mapping it - is now underway.

Maps for the Peak District and South Pennines are now available. We have one chance to influence where the access rights are drawn and this is during the public consultations. Once this has closed there will be no right to appeal by anyone who does not have a direct interest in the land. Now is the time to ensure any of your personal favourite routes are designated part of open areas. Closing date for comments is mid-February 2002.

This isn't a simple tick in a box exercise or confirmation of a careful mapping and consultation process. The maps really do need substantial comment and challenge in some areas. On first inspection maybe the process or act should have been called "Countryside Rights And Paths"! For a further view on this see page 10.

# Coming Events

## WINTER 2001/02

Club runs every Wednesday from the Sportsman at 6:30pm or at a "warts away" venue (start times vary – CHECK BELOW). It's back to the split personalities for winter: road or fell. On the roads please remember to wear something visible and on the fells come prepared i.e. torch, thermals and waterproofs (but brain optional).

Road runs usually last approximately 1h 20m often with a shorter alternative. Fell runs can vary enormously, usually 1.5 to 2 hours. Both runs have stops to regroup.

### Dec

Wed	19	18:30	Club run	Sportsman, Carols at the Headstone. Everyone on the fells - bring your torch!	
Sun	23	10:30	DPFR race	Crookstone Crashout, Rowlee Bridge, off A57	
Wed	26	11:00	Club run	Boxing Day Trot; Ox Stones. Details: Roy Small	
Sat	29	06:00	DPFR race	Bradfield Boundary, Loxley School	48ml
Sun	30	12:00	Local race	Hobson Moor, Bulls Head, Tintwhistle, Glossop	7ml/1000'

### 2002

#### Jan

Wed	2	18:30	Club run	Sportsman	
Sun	6	10:30	DPFR race	Loxley Skyline Score, Low Bradfield. Details: Tim Tett	
Sun	6	10:30	Local race	Lambs Leg, lamb Inn, Hayfield-Chinley road	2.7ml/900'
Wed	9	18:30	Club run	Sportsman	
Wed	12	18:45	Warts run	Tba	
Wed	16	18:30	Club run	Sportsman	
Sun	20	10:30	DPFR race	Burbage Nuts race, Porter Clough, Ringinglow	
Wed	23	18:30	Club run	Sportsman	
Sat	26	14:00	DPFR	Moz's (Karriless) Mountain Marathon. Edale	3hr & 4hr
Sun	27		MM	A two day score event with overnight camp or bunkhouse. See below for more details	score
Wed	30	18:30	Club run	Sportsman	
Wed	30	19:00	DPFR race	Warts Night race, venue tba, meet at Sportsman	

#### Feb

Sat	2	09:30	DPFR race	Margery Hill, Fairholmes (slow start at 09:00)	
Wed	6	18:30	Club run	Sportsman	
Sun	10	11:00	Local race	Tigger Tor (date to be confirmed), Tigers rugby club, Dore	
Wed	13	18:45	Club run	Barrell Inn, Bretton Clough (Roads & Warts)	
Wed	20	18:30	Club run	Sportsman	
Wed	27	18:30	Club run	Sportsman	
Wed	27	18:45	Warts run	Kings Tree	

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Wed	6	18:30	Club run	Sportsman
Wed	13	18:30	Club run	Sportsman
Wed	13	18:45	Warts run	Edale (car park at GR 125854)
Sat	16	09:30	DPFR race	Edale Circle Race, Odin Mine, Castleton. See Dave Tait for details
Wed	20	18:30	Club run	Sportsman
Sun	24	10:30	Local race	Edale Skyline. Details: Jim Fulton or Chris Barber. Entries in advance required. Helpers wanted.
Wed	27	18:30	Club run	Sportsman

[XC=Cross Country, MM = Mountain marathon or Long mountain orienteering]

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**THE KARRILESS ( or Moz's Mountain Marathon)  
Saturday and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> January 2002**

**Style of event:** two day orienteering event with overnight stop at Snake Inn. Saturday will be a three hour score course and Sunday a four hour score course.

**Location:** starts at station car park at Edale at 2.00pm on Saturday. Area covered by event-Kinder Scout

**Details:** "Moz's Mountain Marathon" is the easy option two day event designed to attract those softies who prefer the home comforts of beds and mattresses and even clean sheets rather than cold draughty tents. However tents can still be used by the hardier entrants earning themselves more points.

Accommodation will be available in the Snake Inn bunkhouse and there are also some bedrooms available. Camping will be at the end of the Fairbrook river near the bridge over Ashop clough that leads through the woods to the A57. Food will be available in the Snake Inn in the evening and for breakfast.

The second day will start from the camping site at about 9.00am and finish at day one's start.  
**Essential Equipment:** Map , compass, whistle and torch. Full body cover and wind proofs ( it is likely to be cold in January). Tent and sleeping bags for those camping. It is hoped that a volunteer will be available to drive round from Edale to the Snake Inn with a change of clothes for all competitors.

**Scoring:** As with all orienteering events checkpoints will be worth different points and there will be penalties for exceeding the time limits. It is likely that the checkpoints will be unmarked and definitely unmanned so a high level of honesty and trust is required. Those not keen in running too far in the dark will comfortably be able to make the crossing in daylight and still pick up good points. Extra points will be given to those participants choosing to camp and carrying their own tent and sleeping bags.

**Entries:** An early indication of possible entrants is required as I will need to book accomodation with the management of the Snake Inn. So please identify yourselves to me or e-mail me on [moz@moz3151.demon.co.uk](mailto:moz@moz3151.demon.co.uk).

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**FRA**

Where an address is provided entry is usually in advance only. Where no details are stated entry can usually be obtained on the day. However, to be certain and for additional details of all open events please refer to the FRA calendar. A full listing of all fell events is available to FRA members.

All club members should consider joining the Fell Running Association. At a cost of £9 a year it includes 3 magazines as well as the full fixture list. For details contact the Membership Sec., Pete Bland Sports, 34a Kirkland, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 5AD.

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**Track training?**

Hallamshire rent Woodburn Road track on Tuesday evenings. Dark Peak members are invited to go along - cost £1. Call the Hallamshire Secretary for more details - Malcolm Heap 0114 2745224.

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**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

**E-MAIL LIST available**

We finally have a new e-mail list. It's available to club members on request to [mike@frosthole.demon.co.uk](mailto:mike@frosthole.demon.co.uk) The file is available in Word 97, text or .csv format (which allows easy export to Outlook address books). PLEASE SPECIFY WHICH FORMAT YOU REQUIRE. If you require another format please let me know.

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**Changes of Address**

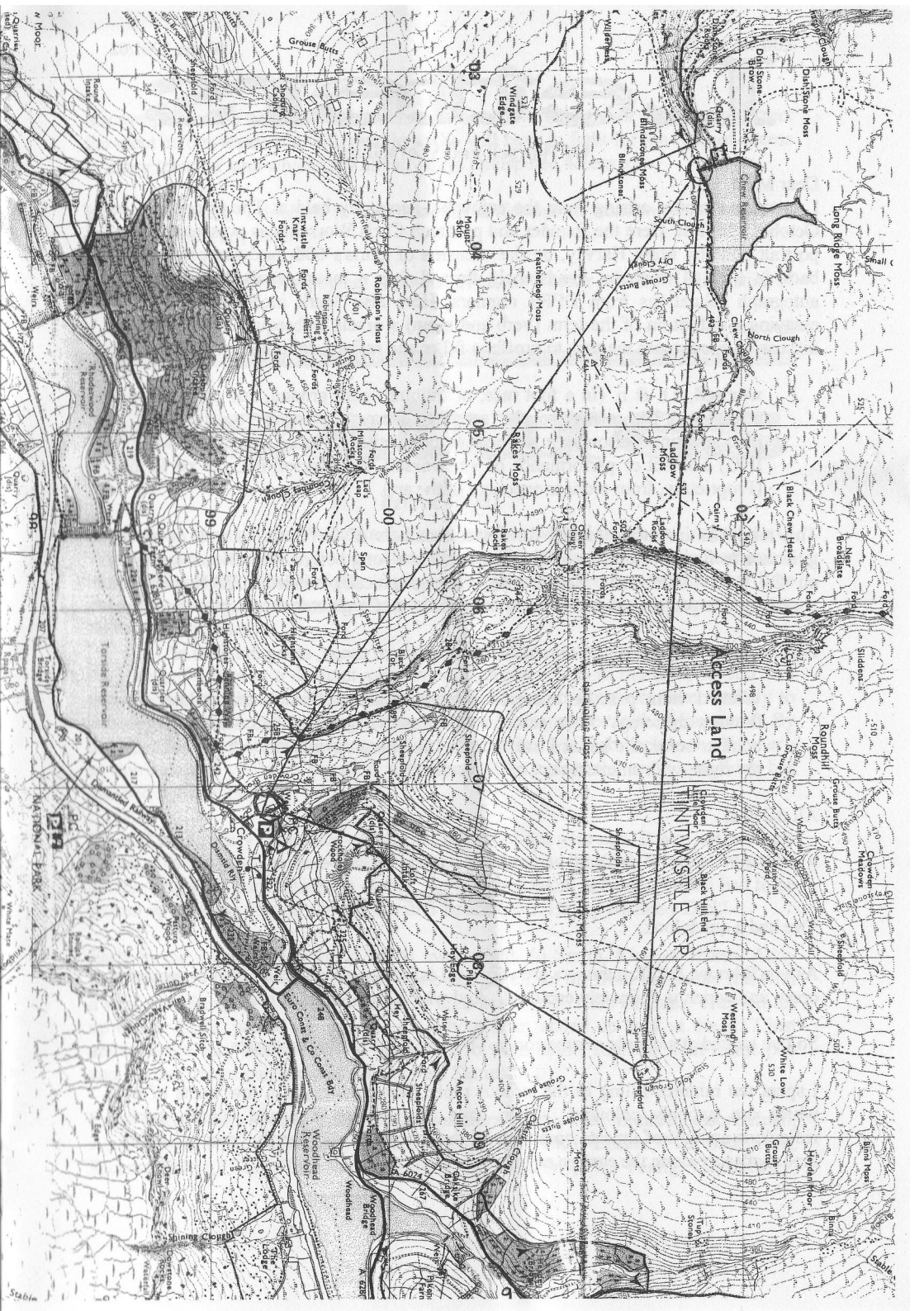
Peter Dyke, Flat 11,Graham Knoll, 203 Graham Road, Sheffield, S10 3GR. Telephone 0114-2630094. E-Mail [P.Dyke@Tchbuslink.Co.Uk](mailto:P.Dyke@Tchbuslink.Co.Uk)

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Bill and Susan Edwards have emigrated to New Zealand last month. Permanent address to follow.





# Club Championships

## Dark Peak Club Championships : 17 November 2001 Crowden

8.5ml/1750ft

A fine day and a fine course which could be run in either direction. Most chose the anticlockwise circuit. First clockwise finisher was Oli Johnson. Mark recorded another clear victory but behind him things were contested to the end with the final route choice decisive. In the women's event Helen Hargreaves had an excellent run to victory though special mention must go to Karen Dalton who recorded a very respectable 1h54m... at nearly 6 months pregnant. The handicap was heavily in favour of the slower runners but it still took an excellent performance to win it by Colin Lago.

1	Mark Hayman	1:15:00	32	Chas Hird	1:39:48
2	Phil Winskill	1:18:59	33	Richard Hopkinson	1:40:22
3	Mick Robinson	1:19:17	34	Richard Horsfield	1:41:20
4	Tim Tett [1 <sup>st</sup> M40]	1:19:46	35	Paul Sanderson	1:41:22
5	Oli Johnson	1:21:00	36	Tim Hawley	1:41:42
6	Al Sealy	1:21:00	37	Roy Small	1:42:03
7	Iestyn Lewis	1:21:11	38	Peter Gorvett	1:42:04
8	John Boyle	1:21:35	39	Mike Pedley	1:42:22
9	Phil Crowson	1:21:58	40	Lynn Bland [2 <sup>nd</sup> F]	1:43:39
10	Dave Charles [2 <sup>nd</sup> M40]	1:23:36	41	Bob Marsden	1:45:03
11	Mark Harvey [3 <sup>rd</sup> M40]	1:24:21	42	Jim Fulton	1:45:37
12	Gavin Williams [4 <sup>th</sup> M40]	1:24:37	43	Hilary Musson [1 <sup>st</sup> F40]	1:46:05
13	Rob Davison	1:25:14	44	Tim Ray	1:46:27
14	Dave Tait [1 <sup>st</sup> M50]	1:26:07	45	Colin Lago	1:46:58
15	Andy Middleditch	1:26:24	46	John Armistead	1:47:24
16	Mark Chapman	1:26:50	47	Dick Pasley	1:47:25
17	Charlie Adams	1:27:17	48	Phil Young	1:47:47
18	Andy Harmer [2 <sup>nd</sup> M50]	1:28:33	49	Barry Needle	1:49:26
19	Roger Woods	1:28:58	50	Maurice Musson	1:49:40
20	Bob Berzins	1:30:45	51	S. Pape	1:50:19
21	Darryl Bradbury	1:33:32	52	Richard Hakes	1:50:32
22	Tom Westgate	1:34:51	53	Hugh Cotton	1:53:18
23	Dave Lockwood [3 <sup>rd</sup> M50]	1:36:09	54	Karen Dalton	1:54:55
24	Andy Bell	1:36:11	55	Alison Shepherd	1:58:51
25	Helen Hargreaves [1 <sup>st</sup> F]	1:36:30	56	Jom Orrell	2:03:05
26	Graham Berry	1:36:53	57	Tim Mackey	2:04:46
27	Dave Harrison	1:38:03	58	Roger Baumeister	2:05:10
28	Mick Cochrane	1:38:09	59	Mick Poulter	2:07:48
29	Ken Jones	1:38:09	60	Colin Henson	2:19:58
30	Dave Holmes	1:38:26	61	Mike Browell	2:27:20
31	Chris Barber	1:38:41	62	Jeff Harrison	2:41:11



My sympathies are with the landowners who now have to put their effort in to correct the inept colour-wash, and with ramblers who will have to fight for the right of access to many tracts of land which they already have undisputed access to.

But not to DPF. I doubt if it will make any difference to what we do. I've never been thrown off any land.

The mappers don't deserve paying. I could have done a better job with a blunt stick of charcoal.

Mike Browell

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# Features

## Pertex - 2001

It's not been an easy year. We had a fair start, but then we had problems - not the sort I wanted to hear about, though - ones that kept us off the fells. Many people have asked me what I will talk about tonight, whether there are any contenders, whether it will be possible to award the trophy. Rest assured, someone will be taking this beauty off the Fulton Family tonight!

As I said, it has been a difficult year without proper access to the fells, so you will need to give me some latitude on my nominations which cannot be taken strictly to adhere to the criteria of a demonstration of "Total Incompetance in the Mountains". By the way, the nominations are chronologically listed, but I will go back to the Winner - so don't assume you're in the clear just because I've passed the event you think has escaped my attention.

We had a very early contender - it was at this dinner one year ago. It was not so much a case of getting lost, more a case of losing something as the Club Postman was seen outside in the car park losing his dinner. He was then taken home & Pauline had to be woken up to allow friends to pour him into an armchair. Happy Birthday Dick!

Early in the season, there was a Warts away night. Jo Smith, Richard Hakes, Andy Harmer, Andy Malkin, Chris Barber, Chris Ledger all set off from the Snake Inn with a view to visiting the waterfall checkpoint used in the 2000 Club Champs. They set off up Oyster Cluff, passed the cabin and 1/2 hour later, ended up back at the A57 just above where they had started. At this point, Jo went home, Richard went to the pub and the rest tried again and ended up at Seal Stones.

Later, it was Moz's 50th Birthday celebration from Hugh's Hut. Mick Robinson, Hugh, Andy Moore, Moz, Guy, Andy Harmer, Alan Yates, Chris Barber, Paul Sanderson, Richard Hakes, Hilary, Tom Westgate, Chris Barber, Tony, Phil Young, Tim Hawley,

Mike Browell, Tim Wray, JF and Roy Small set off to run over towards Great Longstone round Rowland Cote. Roy led in the mist and we went up & down when we should have been going down and up. Crocodiles went weaving around the moors in an attempt to make it impossible for Mike Browell to find us. At one bit Roy said "look, you can see the lights of Rowsley over here" which would have meant we had crossed Chatsworth Park in 15 minutes. At a later stage, a paranormal force took control of the group, splitting it into two and diverge at 900, both groups convinced they were heading for Eyam. Later, as the call of the Moon in Stoney Middleton beckoned, we headed off for the lights of Eyam. This turned out not to be Eyam but to be the back end of the crocodile which was running in the opposite direction on the other side of the wall, also heading for Eyam. Suggestions of "ask at the farm" or "here's a footpath sign" were ignored as Chris Ledger took control of the situation assisted by Andy Moore.

The Margery Hill race was uneventful, but I enjoyed it when a serious Chris Ledger passed me without speaking - a bad move! It was gratifying to see him pass me again later not once, but twice and then let me wait for him at the Finish.

We then changed from a fell running club to an urban club. Gavin stepped manfully in to take control of the situation which got of to a shaky start as he forgot the maps for his race. A sure way of winning your own race though!

Hurrah - after months of Porter Valley and Ecclesall Woods pottering, the fells are open again & the club night is arranged for Cutthroat Bridge. In honour of this welcome return to the hills, Moz organised a road Bike Ride from the Fox House pub. About ten turned up, to keep him company, but really wishing they had gone to the fells perhaps? A pint, then off to Derbyshire for a few pots and a cycle round. Sat inside the Barrel because it was pissing down for the 1st time in weeks. Down to Hathersage, then up to the Millstone. Left the Millstone with Moz determined to be first, this is why he had slicks 22mm wide and the rest of us had tyres with grips. Slicks are fast, but don't corner too well, especially in the first rain for 2 weeks. At Burbage Upper Bridge, the road turns right, & Moz went straight on and off. A broken shoulder and two ribs was the result, but he was winning up to then.

End of July & Tom Westgate went to do the Dunce at Loxley. He got there in good time - very good time, he'd got the wrong week.

August and a bright sunny evening brought many to the Sportsman. Robert Cooper demonstrated incompetence on the fells by trying to take his car onto them - well, onto the field at the side of the Sportsman to be precise. Unfortunately, he went straight over the kerb to get there & ruptured his petrol tank.

Early October & we had a super night waiting from the Fisherman's Carpark at the sharp end of Ladybower Dam. 2 1/4 hours on the north side of the A57 over Two Thorn Fields farmland, Alport valley, a few big climbs & descents, a couple of rivers & some Kinder mud near Jubilee Cabin. As we sat in the pub afterwards, you could spot & smell the four members from Loxley as they were still wearing their waiting clothes. There aren't many people at the Fisherman's Carpark on a Bank Holiday. Even less on a wet winter evening, but just for safety John Gunnee had taken the keys to the Loxley van so nobody would steal it! Why he would think anyone would steal that thing when there were seventeen other runner's vehicles there still baffles me. John



## Pertex Trophy 2001 - The Right to Reply

I'm sadly not one of those smart buggers who can think on their feet. The quick retort or funny rejoinder comes later, in my imagination -or then again, maybe it never comes at all! But being totally caught out (which is what the Pertex is all about) perhaps I should get it for that ? I was lost for words and confess I felt a sense of injustice.

Jim had picked a situation which is a common occurrence to those who don't know a route. Going wrong at the end of a long race when you are tired and haven't trained all year for the distance. It's par for the course and not gross incompetence. Maybe it's worthy of sympathy but it's a risk you take on the fells. But bringing in that I am getting on a bit... it may be my last long race. No more chances for records. Times are lengthening. Problems and injuries getting more frequent. ...all true - but best not said out loud unless you want to get maudlin with me.

BUT. pick something else and I'd go with it.

I will now have to confess to something I was keeping very quiet. I was the subject of an article in the Mauritius Gazette. The article was reporting on a track event and purportedly quoted me as saying. "I'm a mountain runner and have never raced on a track before, and didn't know what to expect -it was a bit flat with nothing to trip over but your feet -but it was great fun and we achieved good results despite the heat." Unknown to them I had fallen down the stand and bruised my thigh at the start of the event so my predilection to injury does not depend on the fells!

Is the quote a pertex in itself or is my bruised thigh ? Maybe it is the fact that I went away with a road running club, trained on the road, and raced on the track... sacrilege to a fell runner... it's nearly as bad as joining Greens! What are we coming to?

So I ACCEPT the Pertex. ...but not for what it was given. ...and watch out I will be vigilant to the guilty secrets of others throughout the year.

Jacky Smith

*[What Jim didn't mention was that he was favourite to receive his own trophy having mysteriously ended up in Edale when aiming for a circular route back to Snake Inn!]*

# Mountain Marathons

## LOWE ALPINE MM : Rannoch & Laggan : 15-16 June 2001

For once I guessed right! When Martin Stone revealed the location 24 hours before the event we were to be bound for Glen Bogle - oops - I mean Loch Laggan. At last there was to be a mountain marathon using the vast area between Corroul and the A9. However, not content with using any old train to get to Corroul (which has no road within 10 miles), Martin hired a steam train!

He probably wished he hadn't as the first of two specials almost chuffed itself to a standstill trying to get up the drag past Loch Treig. The lost time meant a missed

timetable slot and the second train being delayed for about 2 hours. Still, the station cafes did good business even if it meant some people spent all their emergency money before the start!

The event itself was purposely short. Very welcome to legs not used to big hills after months of road running. It still gave some good route choices and long legs even on the shorter courses. Highlight had to be the overnight camp with spectacular view towards Ben Alder (visited by the longest courses).

More Dark Peakers than usual for this event and some good performances though none quite made top 3 on any of the courses (two 4<sup>th</sup>s and a 5<sup>th</sup>). More importantly it was just great to be out on the fells again.

<u>Elite</u>		Day 1	Day 2	
1	J & A Davies	(1 <sup>st</sup> ) 4:20:16	(1 <sup>st</sup> ) 3:56:27	8:16:43
4	S Bourne & A Ward	(2) 4:44:51	(4) 4:06:26	8:51:17
14	R Davison & D Woods	(13) 5:42:24	?	?
<u>A</u>				
4	T. Austin & P. Winskill	(4) 5:35:08	(3) 4:13:58	9:49:06
15	M. Wynne & R. Hopkinson	(14) 5:59:34	(16) 4:44:52	10:44:26
35	C Ledger & M Robinson	7:10:11	5:50:49	13:01:00
<u>B</u>				
35	M Browell & Jo Smith	6:01:55	4:15:26	10:17:21
<u>C</u>				
5	M Pedley & P Young	(11) 4:27:00	(2) 3:26:02	7:53:02
27	A Mayer & ?	(22) 4:56:41	(18) 3:53:45	8:50:26
37	D Pasley & C Lago	4:54:41	4:16:51	9:11:32

[Apology for incomplete results - the LAMM results web site is currently unavailable]

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### Open Country Mountain Marathon: 14 October 2001

Due to lingering foot and mouth disease, this year's Open Country MM was held in Sherwood Forest (and not the northern Lake District as originally planned). This inevitably meant a distinct lack of mountains and a considerable amount of flat trail running. Nonetheless, Mark Seddon planned an extremely enjoyable course which was very fast and also, as a result, quite physically demanding. There were some good results for Dark Peakers - and, though I had my doubts at the beginning, Peter was right when he said that he thought it would be possible to get all the controls.

Phil Cox

- 1 Peter Gorvett/Phil Cox (also 1st MV)
- 4 Richard Hopkinson/Mike Wynne (3rd MV)
- 7 Chris Pearson/Lesley Atchison (1st MX)
- 11 Maurice Musson/Hilary Musson (1st MXV)
- 27 Tim Austen/Matt Taylor

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**KIMM 2001 : 27-28 October 2001****Dance Beneath The Diamond Sky, With One Hand Waving Free**

Clyde Muirshiel isn't destined to go down into legend as a memorable KIMM destination. I hadn't heard of it before, neither had several friendly locals! Its lack of fame was not coincidental. A more desolate and uninspiring prominence of unpopular moorland would be hard to find. Despite its proximity to Glasgow, no one seems to have found it so exciting that they couldn't avoid it. The lack of footpaths to the summits says it all. Even the sheep were largely absent, and the few that we saw had that hunted look about them. But then, it hasn't been a good year for sheep...

KIMM promised runnable areas of grazing land but we didn't find very much. There wasn't much grazing going on. Most wildlife seemed to be hiding, including the numerous grouse whose slumbers we disturbed. We did find some dreadful bright green springy bits which were not to be trusted.

Usually, fence lines can be relied upon to have a well-walked track along them, where hopeful sheep wander, seeking a way through. Not here. Any sheep which turned up at a fence would have been so dispirited, it would have already lost the will to live, or shrugged its woolly shoulders and trudged back home.

We became very trusting that all the electric fences were turned off. Pity, too trusting. Jo grabbed the final fence on Day Two with great enthusiasm and then bounced around for a bit, bleating.

Team Tiger entered the Long Score again, just to see if last year's class win had been a lucky fluke. We chose steady, unambitious routes, which proved to be steady enough to get us round without any epics. We didn't do much running but that didn't seem to matter too much. Not many did!

And it was a lovely night, diamond stars in a clear sky.

Jo Smith and I finished 28th in the Long Score, good enough for 1<sup>st</sup> Mixed Team. Just like last year.



And now  
For our younger readers

**TIGGER AND POOH GO FOR A BIG ADVENTURE**

Pooh thought he had seen a Heffalump. But it was only poor Eeyore, in need of more exercise. Pooh guessed that Eeyore would rather play at pirates again, and so he had to find his most reliable partner for the Carry More.

But Pooh had not seen Tigger for a few weeks. He wasn't even sure if she still liked to go running in the windy hills.

So he sent her a message by Pooh-Sticks. And this is what it said...

"Will you come with me for a big adventure in the hills please? I'll make malt extract and hunny sandwiches and we can live in my little tent near the woods."

Pooh thought that this might sound exciting for Tigger, especially the offer of food. He really hoped that she would carry his heavy bag of adventure things too, just like last time.

Meanwhile, Tigger was bouncing and flouncing along in Fort William, running up'n'doon Ben Nevis. When she came to the river she looked down from the bridge and saw the message in the Pooh-Sticks.

Oh! she thought. Pooh wants me to go running in the Carry More again. And I know he'll expect me to carry the tent, and the food, and the stove. But it was such fun last time, and we won a nice prize...

So she sent a message back. Of course, Pooh was overjoyed to hear from Tigger. He liked winning prizes too. So he made mountains of malt extract and hunny sandwiches and packed a bag full of heavy things for Tigger to carry.....

more later...

Karrimor results

<u>Elite</u>		Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
1	M. Seddon & A. Trigg	6:22:04	5:41:08	12:03:12
13	R. Ansell & W. Sullivan	7:59:52	6:50:34	14:50:26
17	M. Robinson & G. Williams	7:58:33	7:37:00	15:35:33

<u>A</u>				
1	M. Scotney & R. Wren	6:27:00	4:16:00	10:45:00
23	R. Hopkinson & M. Wynne [1 <sup>st</sup> M40]	7:52:18	5:12:47	13:05:05

<u>C</u>				
1	H. Hargreaves & P. Winskill	4:19:17	3:04:15	7:23:32

Long Score

4	K. Tonkin & A. Robinson	245	190	435
5	P. Cox & P. Gorvett [2 <sup>nd</sup> M40]	255	175	430
6	J. Soady & J. Morgan	255	170	425
28	M. Browell & Jo Smith [1 <sup>st</sup> Mix]	195	175	370
44	T. Westgate & R. Hakes	175	155	340

# Reports and Results

## Black Rocks Fell Race : 18 July 2001

Pos	Name	Time	Pos	Name	Time
1	S.Penney (Chesterfield)	29:16	32	A.Moore	35:45
2	I.Smith	30:25	38	C.Howard ( 1 <sup>st</sup> F)	36:44
4	A.Dickenson	31:43	40	B.Berzins	37:15
10	J.Boyle	32:52	42	R.Hopkinson	37:27
20	M.Harvey	34:00	57	S.Pape	40:25
21	M.Salkild	34:03	64	J.Smith (1 <sup>st</sup> F40)	41:07
22	D.Allen	34:05	73	C.Edwards	42:00
24	R.Hutton	34:29	88	M.Edwards	44:49
28	D.Tait (1 <sup>st</sup> V50)	35:18			
31	N.Boler	35:40		104 ran.	

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14	11	Andy Harmer	60.20	55.20	53	10½ st
15	21	Tim Hawley	1.00.57	57.57	42	12 st
16	10	Alun Yates	1.01.00	55.00	56	10½ st
17	22	Tim Atkin	1.02.04	59.04	43	12 st 6
18	25	Lynne Bland (F)	1.02.13	1.00.13	37	10½ st
19	18	Richard Hakes	1.02.17	57.17	44	13½ st
20	12	Hilary Musson (F)	1.02.24	55.24	40	12 st 4
21	26	Alyson Shepherd (F)	1.02.53	1.00.53	44	9½ st
22	5	Hugh Cotton	1.03.51	52.51	52	14 st 2
23	27	Jackie Smith (F)	1.03.54	1.00.54	48	8 st 13
24	24	Maurice Musson	1.04.38	59.38	50	11½ st
25	28	Dave Markham	1.04.40	1.01.40	46	11½ st
26	23	Jim Fulton	1.05.25	59.25	47	13 st
27	29	Ann Watmore (F)	1.05.32	1.02.32	48	9½ st
28	1	Mick Poulter	1.06.10	48.10	50	16 st 3
29	30	John Gunnee	1.07.24	1.03.24	39	13 st
30	30	Dick Pasley	1.09.24	1.03.24	58	11 st 10
31	20	Colin Henson	1.09.37	57.37	68	12½ st
32	32	Jeff Harrison	1.24.08	1.14.08	62	12½ st
33	33	John Myers	1.32.00	1.26.00	49	13 st

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**Shelf Moor Fell Race, 02 September 2001**

AS, 5.9m /1500'

One of the few races unchanged in the calendar even the cows in the starting field tried joined the through through the first gate. An excellent race yet one of the best in the Peak.

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|----|------------------------------|-------|----|----------------|---------|
| 1  | M. Bouldstridge (Birchfield) | 41:33 | 68 | Chris Edwards  | 59:37   |
| 5  | Phill Winskill               | 46:05 | 74 | John Armistead | 1:00:13 |
| 16 | Mark Harvey                  | 50:08 | 92 | Tim Mackey     | 1:03:49 |
| 17 | Robert Hutton                | 50:22 | 93 | Mick Edwards   | 1:04:19 |
| 22 | Victoria Wilkinson           | 51:14 | 94 | Mike Arundale  | 1:05:04 |
| 28 | Andrew Moore                 | 51:57 | 95 | Barry Thackery | 1:06:48 |
| 39 | Richard Horsfield            | 54:09 | 96 | Ted Woodhouse  | 1:08:54 |
| 64 | Ruth Hambleton               | 58:14 | 98 | Mike Brown     | 1:14:19 |

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**Passing Clouds : 16 September 2001**

1	D. Neill (Staffs M.)	1:09:48	55	C. Edwards	1:41:34
25	C. Howard [1 <sup>st</sup> F]	1:25:37	75	M. Edwards	1:50:13
36	M. Cochrane	1:31:11	76	B. Thackery [1 <sup>st</sup> M60]	1:50:59
39	R. Hopkinson	1:31:27	92	ran	

A fine day but the previous day's monsoon had left the course very wet. A good course which goes over Roaches, hen Cloud and Ramshaw Rocks. For once Steve Penny (Chesterfield) didn't win (he was 2<sup>nd</sup>). Two prizes for Dark Peak (Christine and Barry) plus a women's course record for Christine.

Richard Hopkinson

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**Peris Horseshoe Fell Race : 22 September 2001**

How good it was to find our club well represented in one of the hard, classic races, with particularly strong efforts from Andy and Gavin. The clear day gave easy route finding in magnificent high mountains - though the elusive "field of white marbles" for the correct line off Glyder Fawr still remains a mystery. The lack of hard racing meant tired legs on Lliwedd and the heave up Snowdon, but everyone must have drawn some form of pleasure from the long day. DT

I did the Peris Horseshoe from 1992 to 1996 in various time ranging from 4.39 to 5.05 - it's strange how you forget how tough some races are! The conditions were good, not too hot, dry, good visibility, no wind, but I only just managed to beat my slowest time. I put this down to lack of races with tough climbs this year & nothing to do with Anno Domini.

Jim Fulton

1	J.Hunt ( C.F.R.)	3:35:40	42	P.Sanderson	4:45:34
8	A.Dickenson	3:53:18	54	J.Fulton	5:04:32
13	G.Williams	3:59:26	61	C.Last	5:22:25
14	D.Tait (1 <sup>st</sup> V50 )	3:59:59	74	M.Browell	5:57:00
18	R.Ansell ( Tring )	4:07:38			
33	R.Hopkinson	4:30:00	81	ran.	

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**Harewood House 10 Mile Trail Race : Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2001**

1	Richard Hattia	Rotherham	57:37
49	Julie Holdsworth	Baildon	69:26
50	Gavin Williams	DPFR	69:32
150	Lynn Bland	DPFR	77:24
462	ran		

Fast and furious on well surfaced tracks with just one rough decent where both Lynn and I made up ground on all the road-running types. Despite the huge field we didn't recognise a single face – except for the man himself – Ron Hill. Race recommended if you fancy a fast workout – the cakes in the village hall were good too!

Gavin Williams

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**Hope Moors and Tors Challenge : 7 October 2001**

20ml – 3700ft

This was the 3rd running of this event, a long tiring course from Hope, through Cave Dale, Grindsbrook, Coffin Rock, the Y.H.A, and Lose Hill. Storms forecast for later in the day thankfully held off. Deserved congratulations to Phil for leading us all home, likewise Helen in the 8ml ladies race. I shirked the original Skyline crossing past the trig, though Dave Lockwood seems to have thrived amid the rough stuff – one to think about for another year.

1	P.Winskill	2:55:48	30	A.Shepherd	3:44:47
2	D.Tait	2:56:20	36	M.Poulter	3:56
5	K.Holmes	3:04	38=	C.Henson	4:00
7	D.Lockwood	3:15	38=	C.Lago	4:00
17	R.Hopkinson	3:32	40	C.Edwards	4:00
21	D.Pasley	3:35	43	B.Thackery	4:02
24	S.Pape	3:39	60	G.Nicholls	4:18
25	A.Kitchen	3:41			
29	P.Farrell	3:44		85 ran	

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# Fell Off

**Polaris 2001 - Salisbury Plain : 13&14 October 2001**

This is the two day mountain bike marathon event, a giant score orienteering event ranging over an area 15 miles square. But I'm sure you know that!

I thought you, and maybe others, might like to share in our success. Chris & I won the Parent & Offspring category again, second year in succession.

Our score put us 27th overall in a field of 400 teams.

The weekend before we won the National Trailquest Championships in Dalby Forest. And this was our 4th successive event win, guaranteeing an overall victory in the National Trailquest Series.

Mike Browell

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# In Gear

## Club Kit

### Vests

Cotton vests are £12.00 and the synthetic vests are £13.00.

### Hats

Knitted, one size fits all and available in green, blue, black and red for £7.00. There are some new fleece hats in a variety of colours they are a little bit on the big size but only £5.00 both types of hat have the club badge.

### Tracksters

The current tracksters are only in purple (at the moment) but I do have them in small, medium, large and extra large £18.00

### Shorts

Shiny dark peak cycling type shorts with dark peak down the leg for £14.00 there are a few (very) old pairs of shorts that have been left since Howard's days for only £5.00

### Fleece tops

I have both zipped for £20.00 and unzipped for £15.00 they are in various sizes and colours it is best to check I can get these ordered if there are any requests.

### Polo shirts

There are only a few of these left they are all blue long sleeve £15.00 and short sleeve £11.00.

For any of the club kit please see me at a club night or race or even give me a ring on 0114 233 9912 or 0114 277 6309. I can post the smaller things out for 50p but the fleeces cost £2.50 as they are a bit bigger.

Richard Hakes  
[richard\\_hakes@yahoo.com](mailto:richard_hakes@yahoo.com)

## Shops and Discounts

Many local gear shops give discounts to club members (exact amount varies with shop and product) but the list is quite out of date. Please let Richard know of any shops where you get discount and level of discount you got.

**For sale : Mountain Bike - RED (nice safe colour)**

Have you been looking for a top spec, really comfy, full suspension mountain bike? But confused by the choice and dont know what you want? Look no further.

Mike Browell is selling his 2000/2001 Trailquest bike. It's won more races than you can shake a stick at. In fact, it's never been used for 'fun!' But that means it's had a very relaxed life. Used just 30 times. All moving parts have been replaced regularly, regardless of expense.

Technical details are as follows for the anoraks. But I bought it because it's RED, (unique - they are usually blue and white) and therefore safe and visible to barmy motorists.

Specialised Stumpjumper FSR XC Comp 19 inch, red, Testbike, Fox. Vanilla Float rear sus, Manitou SX forks, Avid SL v brakes, spds, Panaracer Mach SS semislicks. One rider, dealer maintained, no expense spared. £650 ono in the Mountain Bike mags but start talking £600 to DPFR. Tel 0114 275 7003 work 0114 267 9464 home (Sheffield) or email [mike.browell@dial.pipex.com](mailto:mike.browell@dial.pipex.com). Any trial - and if you decide to attempt the descent from Stanage Pole to Dennis Knoll - can I watch please, cos I cant do it.....

If you try it and dont like it, just bring it back.

Mike (Wow - sounds so good I think I'll buy it myself!) Browell



**Local League 2001**

In short - postponed due to Foot and Mouth! In short there were so many cancellations it didn't seem appropriate to have a year round trophy awarded.

Instead the women's trophy is being cared for by karen Dalton in recognition of her efforts in the Club Championships and the men's trophy is in my possession - this being the only way I'll probably ever see it for more than a few minutes each year!

Next year the league will be back with, for the first time on an experimental basis, updates during the year on the web site. Best 16 events to count from most DPFR races and local races.

Mike Pedley

# The bit at the end

## Dark Peak News Spring 2002

In the Next Issue:

Tales of winter merriment - if anyone has any!

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](mailto: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!

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### Cover

#### Front: WHAT IS IT?

a) Mike Browell celebrating his 'topping out' of Mount Cook while participating in the 'Steinlager' Super-Ultimate Double Hardman Naked N-S Traverse of the New Zealand Southern Alps.

b) The Yeti, as portrayed in an eighteenth-century Tibetan book of wisdom.

c) John Gunnee entertaining other guests at an elegant harliquenade held somewhere in deepest Loxley.

**Rear:** See page 16!

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

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