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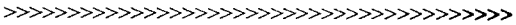
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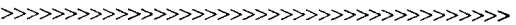
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News

Night Race Snowed Off & Rearranged

Snow forced postponement of the Warts Night race. The decision was taken only a few hours before the start as snow grid-locked Sheffield and made access over the A57 difficult. With some phone calls, an entry on the message board and an update on the web site it is hoped few if any actually attempted the journey. The race was rearranged for 3rd March.

Trog Successes

Tim Tett almost won the Marsden - Edale Trog just losing out with cramp in the latter stages and finishing second. Lynn Bland went one better with victory in the women's category.

Bradfield Boundary

Other news the Bradfield boundary was ran again this year, a much depleted crew (Tim Hawley and Mick Cochran) completed the course in a good time of 11hrs 15mins while most of the Loxley boys languished in the depths of a rather virulent bug. This was the ninth running of the event and it is hoped that a special attempt will be made to get some of the earlier participants out next year for the 10th anniversary.

Jim and Roy survive 50

Two members of the class of 54 have made it virtually intact into their 6th decade. Following hot on the heels of Roy Small, Jim Fulton celebrated with an epic weekend involving a 50 mile run, block booking a pub and a Sunday trip to some favourite local haunts. For a full report see page 9.

Skyline Update

The route is now agreed with the landowners, National Trust and other interested parties and we are back to the original, mud plugging route! All seems to be progressing to plan.... By the time you read this we will probably know whether it actually did!

Calderdale Relay

It was steady runs all round for all our three teams in the Calderdale Way Relay. All the teams had had their fair share or more of late withdrawals and people having running despite being a bit under par. The men's team had made it up to 4th by the end of leg 3 but slipped to a still respectable 7th by the finish. The veterans only finished thanks to Dave Alen doing two legs after a withdrawal on the day and despite that finished 27th overall (out of 97 teams) and 5th veteran's team. In a close women's race our team ran well but never quite got on terms with Clayton, Holmfirth and Bingley all of whom finished about a minute apart with our team 7 minutes behind (after nearly 8 hours of running). Report and results on page 26.

Events

Club runs: every Wednesday either from the Sportsman, Lodge Moor, Sheffield at 18:30 or at an "away" venue (usually at 18:45 but check below). Runs are usually 1.5 hours with a couple of stops to regroup. Even summer runs can have adverse weather so come prepared with warm, waterproof and windproof clothing available.

"Local races" are open events usually entry on the day with an entry fee (£2 ish) and a few prizes. "DPFR races" are informal events for Dark Peak club members, usually with no entry fee and no prizes.

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Mar

Wed	24	18:30	Club run	Sportsman (part on fells until darkness!)	
Sat	27	10:00	DPFR event	Burbage Baffler, Burbage Bridge. Returns thanks to Lynn Bland. A unique relay for teams of 4.	
Sun	28	12:00	Local race	Lads Leap, Crowden.	6ml/1700'
Mon	29	18:50	Local race	Trunce 1, Waggon & Horses, Oxspring.	4.25ml/550'
Wed	31	18:30	Club run	Sportsman (back on the fells).	

Apr

Sat	3	06:00	Local race	Four Inns, Holmbridge. £90/team of 4 includes accommodation before and after, and meals en-route. For details see: www.dynarx.demon.co.uk/fourinns	45ml
Sat	3	12:00	Brit Champ	Donard-Commedargh, Newcastle, NI. £5 by 26 Mar to: S Taylor, 52 Bladon Drive, Belfast, BT9 5JN.	6.8ml/3300'
Wed	7	18:45	Club run	Cutthroat Bridge, A57	
Wed	7	19:30	Local race	Herod farm, Drovers Inn, Glossop.	3ml/1100'
Sun	11	12:00	Local race	Shining Cliff, Ambergate	5ml/900'
Wed	14	18:30	Club run	Sportsman	
Sun	18	11:30	Local race	Kinder Downfall, Hayfield. £3 by 9 Apr to W Harrison, 24 Spinnerbottom, Birch Vale. SK22 1BL.	
Mon	21	18:50	Local race	Trunce 2, Waggon & Horses, Oxspring.	4.25ml/550'
Wed	21	18:45	DPFR race	Back Tor (and Beyond?), Foulstone Delf, Strines	
Sun	25	10:00	Eng Champ	Three Peaks, Horton in Ribblesdale. £8 on entry form by 24 Mar (limited to 600). See www.threepeaksrace.org.uk	24ml/4500'
Wed	28	18:30	Club run	Sportsman	

May

Wed	5	18:30	Club run	Grindleford Station	
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Wed	5	20:00	AGM	DPFR AGM, Maynard Arms	
Sat	8	11:00	Local race	Mount Famine, Hayfield.	5ml/1700'
Sun	9	09:00	MM	Dark and White league 2, See www.darkandwhite.co.uk	
Mon	10	18:50	Local race	Trunce 3, Waggon & Horses, Oxspring.	4.25ml/550'
Wed	12	18:45	DPFR race	Some You Win Some You Lose, Twitchell farm track (by railway bridge), Hope	
Sat	15	10:30	DPFR race	Kinder Springs, Birchin Clough A57 (original 3 & 4 spring route).	
Tue	18	19:30	DPFR event	Burbage race, Fox House. Offers of help to Andy Moore	6ml/600'
Wed	19	18:30	Club run	Sportsman	
Sun	23		Brit Champ	Elidir Fawr	
Mon	24	18:50	Local race	Trunce 4, Waggon & Horses, Oxspring.	4.25ml/550'
Wed	26	18:30	Club run	Sportsman	
Sat	29	10:30	Classic race!	Isle of Jura, Craighouse, Jura. Entries close 1 st May	
Mon	31	13:00	Local race	Bamford Sheep Dog Trials, Bamford rec.	4.5ml/1000'
Jun					
Wed	2	18:30	Club run	Sportsman (alternative for non race-goers)	
Wed	2	19:30	Local race	Calver Peak, Derwentwater Arms, Calver	5ml/900'
Thu	3	19:30	Local race	Totley Moor, Cricket Inn, Totley	5ml/800'
Fri	4	19:30	Local race	Castleton, playing fields	6ml/1500'
Wed	9	18:45	DPFR race	Champagne Challenge, Birchin Clough. Details from John Myers. Bottle of champagne to first person to break 1 hour.	
Sun	13	11:00	Local race	Edale	5.3ml/1400'
Wed	16	19:00	DPFR race	Crookstone Crashout, Rowlee Bridge, A57	
Wed	16	19:30	Local race	Outbridge gala, Coronation Park, Outbridge.	3.25ml
Thu	17	19:30	Local race	Grindleford	4.5ml/1500'
Sat	19& 20		MM	Lowe Alpine, Somewhere in far north Scotland. See www.lamm.co.uk	
Sat	19	14:30	Eng Champ	Buckden Pike, Buckden Village Green.	4ml/1500'
Mon	21	18:50	Local race	Trunce 5, Waggon & Horses, Oxspring.	4.25ml/550'
Wed	23	18:30	Club run	Sportsman (alternative for non race-goers)	
Wed	23	19:30	Local race	Shelf Moor Uphill race, Royal Oak, Glossop	3ml/1610'
Wed	23	19:30	Local race	Blacka Moor, Cricket Inn	6.5ml/1400'
Sun	27	11:00	Local race	Bakewell Pudding, Recreation Park, Bakewell	6ml/700'
Wed	30	18:30	Club run	Sportsman (alternative for non race-goers)	
Wed	30	19:30	Local race	Hope Wakes	4ml/650'
Jul					
Fri	2	19:45	Local race	Tideswell, Tideswell dale car Park.	4.4ml/850'
Sat	3&4		MM	Saunders MM. Lake District. A 2 day MM for pairs or solo.	
Sun	4	11:30	Local race	Peakers Stroll, Peak Forest. Choice of 4	25ml

				courses: 25ml to 9ml. Entries £6.50 to Jeff Hipwell, Hernstone Lea, Church Lane, Peak Forest. SK17 8EL.	
Mon	5	19:30	Local race	Hathersage Gala, School field, Hathersage.	4.5ml/925'
Wed	7	18:30	Club run	Sportsman	
Sat	10		Other race	Lyke Wake Race, Sheepwash car park, Osmotherley. Details and entries by 19 June to: Secretary, Lyke Wake Race, Wits End, South Kilvington, Thirsk, North Yorkshire. YO7 2NF.	
Sat	10	14:00	Brit Champ	Melantee, Claggan Park, Fort William	3.5ml/1500'
Sun	11	11:15	Local race	Peak Forest, Peak Forest village store.	6ml/650'
Sun	11	14:30	Local race	Broomhead Chase, Broomhead Hall Farm	3.5ml/800
Mon	12	18:50	Local race	Trunce 6, Waggon & Horses, Oxspring.	4.25ml/550'
Wed	14	19:30	Local race	Bamford	4.5ml/1000'
Sun	18	13:00	Brit&EngC.	Kentmere	12ml/3300'
Tue	20	19:30	Local race	Robin Hood, Robin Hood Inn near Baslow	5ml/875'
Wed	21	18:30	Club run	Sportsman	
Thu	22	19:30	Local race	Sheldon	5ml/527'
Sun	25	09:00	MM	Dark and White league 3, See www.darkandwhite.co.uk	
Sun	25	11:00	Local race	Holme Moss, Brown Hill res. , Holmbridge	16ml/4000'
Wed	28	19:00	DPFR race	Cakes of Bread, Fairholmes	
Sat	31	13:00	Trials	World masters Trials, Braithwaite (near Keswick). Uphill only trial for men over 40 and women over 35. First 3 in each category qualify for the World masters at Sauze Doulx	5ml
Aug					
Mon	2	18:50	Local race	Trunce 7, Waggon & Horses, Oxspring.	4.25ml/550'
Wed	4	19:30	Local race	Bradwell	4.5ml/600'
Wed	4	19:30	Local race	Cracken Edge, Mountain Rescue hut, Hayfield	4.5ml/600'
Sat	7&8		MM	Phoenix MM, Cheviots. 2 day MM, Individual event, 4 courses. See: www.geocities.com/andrew_nicoll/phoenix	
Sat	7	11:00	Brit&EngC.	Borrowdale	
Wed	11	18:30	Club run	Sportsman	
Wed	12	19:15	Local race	Dennis Stitt, Victoria Inn, Victoria (near Holmfirth)	5ml/850'
Sat	14	13:00	Trials	World Uphill Trials, Braithwaite (near Keswick). Trials for World Trophy to be held in September in Italy.	5ml
Wed	18	18:45	DPFR race	Alport, Birchin Clough, A57	
Mon	23	18:50	Local race	Trunce 3, Waggon & Horses, Oxspring.	4.25ml/550'
Wed	25	18:30	Club run	Sportsman	
Thu	26	19:30	Local race	Devonshire Arms, Pilsley	5.5ml/750'
Sat	28		Other Event	World Masters, Italy.	

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Tue	31	18:30	Local race	Hawkhill Road, Eyam	6ml/1000'
Sep					
Wed	1	18:30	Club run	Cutthroat Bridge	
Sun	5		Eng Champ	Shelf Moor	
Wed	8	18:30	Club run	Sportsman (fells)	
Mon	13	18:50	Local race	Trunce 9, Waggon & Horses, Oxspring.	4.25ml/550'
Sat	25		Brit Champ	Two Breweries	
Oct					
Sun	16		Relay	FRA Relay, Hayfield.	

Gavin seeks support

Gavin Williams is planning a Ramsey Round towards the end of May and seeks support. He is also planning a Welsh 3000' weekend towards the start of May. Date to be advised. For more details on either contact Gavin.

Crookstone Classic Crashout

Attention: Wednesday June 16th will see the 21st running of the race and a return to the traditional course. Are you able to challenge Malcolm Patterson's record of 29:37 or Andy Harmer's vet's record of 29:40? Incentives will be on offer!

Other News

New Arrival: Hayman Junior

Congratulations to Liz and Mark Hayman on the birth of a baby boy, Jason.

Address Changes

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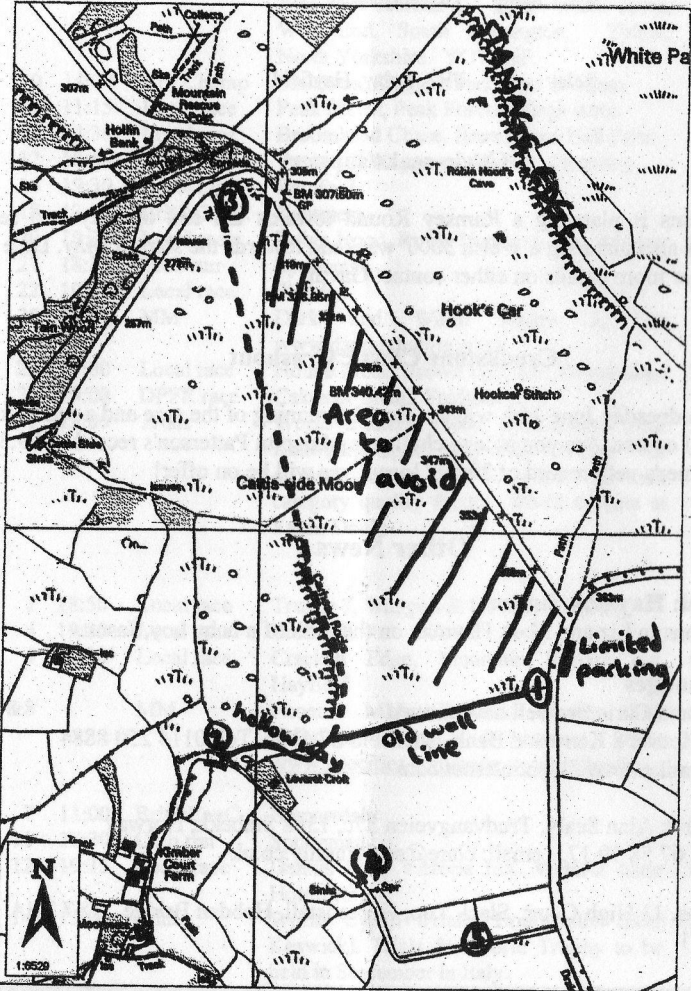
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Features

Open access on Cattiside Moor



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The CROW act is due to be implemented in Autumn 2004, when all 'mapped' areas will become open access.

Stanage Forum have decided to open up Cattiside Moor, which we know as Carr Head rocks. This is one of the routes back from Hathersage Church. Two new gates are due to be in place by 31/3/04 (date to be confirmed), when there will be access.

As usual, there is an area sensitive to birds, which is the boggy area parallel to the road. (See map).

As discussed before the Peak Park would like us to avoid two main areas near Stanage. The whole of the moor from Friars ridge, to Stanage Edge and the boggy area underneath Stanage parallel to the road – Hook Car sitch.

There are two suggested routes over Carr Head rocks to fit in with this:

- From gate (2) at Leveret Croft to gate (1) near Hook's Car, then up the main path to Stanage popular end.
- From gate (2) at Leveret Croft to Carr Head rocks, then down the ridge to the Cattle grid at (3), then follow the road for 100m to Stanage Plantation, before the main bridleway to Stanage Edge.

These agreements are voluntary, but I hope we can stick to them for club runs. When you are on your own it's entirely up to you.

Bob Berzins.

Fulton Survives to 50

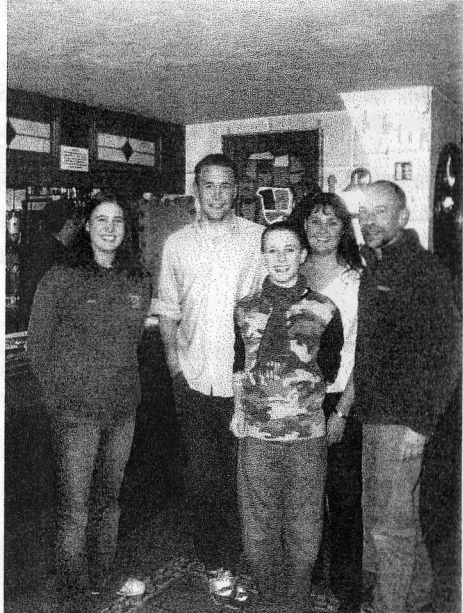
If you didn't make all three events, here's a few details of what we got up to.



Friday 13th February, we set off from home at 06.00 hrs. It was a brilliant day with 20 joining in for some of the route and 5 of us going the full, almost 50 mile round (+ 2 dogs). We ran to a 12 hour schedule which allowed plenty of time for tea & bun stops and sharing local knowledge - we all know the "Alphabet Stone" now, we saw White Hares on Derwent Edge, we know my favourite path on Offerton Moor and the history of Longshaw Pole. A fine day out finished in 11 hrs 57 minutes!

Saturday 14th February, was an equally punishing schedule. In the West End at half past seven I wondered if there would be anyone there - by nine o'clock the place was heaving. The beer was good, the food vanished, the Band were Brilliant, Dress Code was adhered to with style, the pub door staff counted in well over 200 - we danced 'til late & (some) got naked!

Sunday 15th February, to complete the trilogy we met at Kelham Island Museum. There were 59 of us there for the guided tour finishing with the River Don Engine in steam. I got an invite to climb on the engine when they ran it & felt like Fred Dibnah. Everyone seemed to enjoy the visit and many carried on afterwards for a few beers and lunch at the Fat Cat.



Beforehand, I asked for no gifts, but there were some and they range from the beautiful to the extremely bizarre!!!! Thank you very much for them all.

In lieu of a gift, I said that there would be a chance to give a donation to Charity. I will be forwarding all moneys to Sheffield Samaritans which, as some of you know, is where Sue & I met 26 years ago. The money will be very well received as they are moving the Sheffield Centre into new premises later this year and what you have given will make a difference - Big Big Thank you :-))

Loads more pictures should be available on the Dark Peak website and thanks once again to everyone who helped me grow old disgracefully.

Jim (no longer in his 40's) Fulton

Desert Island Fell Race / Run

Thanks to all of you who responded to my question at the foot of this year's membership form. I was entertained by the many nominations for races or runs to take with you to a desert island. Not surprisingly, classic Dark Peak outings featured strongly. Mike Pedley and Kirsty would both be happy trotting along the top of Stanage, especially if it were near sunset.

Many were enthusiastic about moving Kinder to the tropics - Mick Cochrane fancied doing the Derwent Watershed dry shod, whilst George Diprose wanted to see palm trees on Black Hill. Keith Parker looked forward to running the Grindelford Fell Race - evidently it's the only occasion on which his Walshes get a wash, whilst Andy Moore favoured the Tigger Tor race because he could have a shower afterwards. Perversely Dave Tait also voted for Tigger Tor, but only so that he could leave it there when he was rescued: 'crap course with crap prizes*' (*note: prizes much improved this year!). Some hard men amongst you voted for classic outings north of the border, with Ben Nevis and Jura featuring strongly. By far the most popular outing was the Langdale Horseshoe, but as many of you pointed out, the fact that the finish is beside a Theakston's pub was of paramount importance!

Dick Pasley made special mention of the ODG pasties and many of you contrived to visit cafes en route. Dave Charles staved off hunger on his island by taking the Wincle Trout, Lamb's Leg or Turkey Trot. He was concerned to avoid a Mount Famine which might lead on to a Lad's Leap or Box Hill. Of course, for anyone finding themselves marooned on a dessert (sic) island - well it had to be the Bakewell Pudding Race!

Gavin Williams

Thornbridge Highland Games 2003

Belated results from the games are as follows:

Tossing the cardboard carpet roll inner	Dan Tett
Tossing the caber	Tim Tett
Tyre Wanging discus throw of a huge tyre	Tim Ray
Log Lugging (Chucking a huge lump of wood over the cross bar of some goals)	Tom Westgate
Welly Wanging	Tim Tett

Special mentions should be made for some of the most entertaining attempts for glory, namely Rob Davison on the Tyre Wanging, Tim Tett on the Tyre Wanging, Andy Moore for a negative distance on the welly wanging.

Results supplied by "tossler@dpfr"

Sealys Skip Sheffield

Last October the Sealy family rented out their Crookes house and left the UK. Alan Sealy, 38 but fit as a butcher's dog, said, "Cool Britannia just wasn't cool enough anymore so we decided to head north to Norway." The Norwegians are so cool that at -12oC one lunchtime a local Oslovite commented "Det er ikke kald" which roughly translates to "Tha's sin nowt yet, lad."

Export ?

Claiming work as the reason for their migration, CG and Sealers, like Posh and Becks before them, are proving that Britain still has an export industry to talk about. Other popular British products found in the downtown supermarket include Weetabix and M&S salted peanuts.

Dizzy Blondes

So just what is Sealy doing in Oslo? We tracked him down to a highly prestigious and very discreet private clinic in the posh part of town, 'Klinnik for Alle' (Clinic for all those with Amex cards). "Feeling Dizzy? Then you're in the right place," says Sealy.

Vertiginous Vikings

Head hunted (but not for his hair) to lead the rehabilitation service at Oslo's only balance and vertigo centre, Sealy proves that New Labour doesn't have all the 'spin-doctors'.

Persecuted! Britain added to list of unsafe countries?

On applying for residence permits in the local police station in Oslo, Alan reported, "The official was very helpful but, when I explained that I had arrived from the UK, he insisted that I took the form to apply for political asylum".

Norse of course!

Language consultant Alistair Sealy (age 8) said that the rest of his family were doing "really quite well" in learning Norwegian. On her first day in the country Eve expanded her Norwegian vocabulary to include vital terms such as 'Barbie', 'prinsesse' and 'helikopter'. Since those early days she has learned a great many traditional songs and rhymes which she and little sister Frances sing all day long.

Parents Alan and Clare continue to speak English with an outrageous Norwegian accent and "hawper for beste". Clare said, "Many Norwegian words have multiple uses. For example, 'skistroppe' can mean a strap used to fasten skis together, but also refers to what (non-Norwegian) people do when they can't get their ski-waxing right. In addition, I have heard it used in relation to young children who don't want to go out skiing."

Al Sealy

Extract from the Sealy newsletter

Reports & Results

Edale Skyline : 23 March 2003

Somehow these got missed out of last year's newsletters... but did anyone notice? Good to see a home victory but contender for run of the day must be Sally Newman's 17th overall.

1	Mark Hayman	2:49:55	43	George Yates	3:43:19
2	Andrew Schofield (Bo'dale)	2:51:03	48	Kenny Jones	3:48:37
3	Lloyd Taggart (Buxton)	2:51:56	50	Richard Hopkinson	3:51:11
12	Andy Hauser (H'firth) [1 st V40]	3:10:00	56	Tim Austin	3:59:44
17	Sally Newman (CVFR) [1 st LV40]	3:16:34	57	Tim Ray	4:00:21
20	John Boyle	3:21:14	63	Geoff Kirk	4:03:18
23	Gavin Williams [3 rd V40]	3:22:17	65	Tim Hawley	4:04:18
24	Keith Holmes	3:23:01	70	Simon Pape	4:05:12
26	Mick Robinson	3:24:45	79	Roger Slater	4:11:27
28	Andrew Moore	3:28:50	81	Alan Jones	4:12:26
29	Rick Ansell	3:29:04	115	Robin Evans	4:32:57
34	Phil Elliot	3:35:47	116	Chris Edwards	4:33:24
35	Helen Thornburn [3 rd L]	3:36:11	119	Maurice West	4:41:33
39	Mick Cochrane	3:38:51	142	Started, 130 finished	
40	Bob Berzins	3:40:33			

Team Prize: Calder Valley (Andy Clarke, Karl Gray, Sally Newman)

Vets Prize: DPFR (Gavin Williams, Keith Holmes, Andy Moore)

Ladies Prize: There was no Ladies team

Buttermere Sailbeck : 11 May 2003

9.4ml/4250'

The sun was out for this marvellous lakeland race although there was an icy cold wind on the tops. The route takes in the tops of Ard Crag, Causey Pike, Crag Hill and finishes with a long fast descent from Whiteless Pike.

Mike Robinson

1	J.Bland (Borrowdale)	1:30:15
9	M. Robinson	1:39:45
116	ran	

Old County Tops : 17 May 2003

37ml/10,000'

Achille Ratti did a marvellous job of staging what must be one of the toughest races in the calendar. Once again the event attracted the most appalling weather with thick mist, strong winds and horizontal rain. With this weather forecast only 23 teams made it to the start line and ten of these had to pull out! Dark Peak had a good showing with all of its teams finishing.

Mike Robinson

1	A Miller & L. Warburton (Kendal/Bowland)	8h 23m
2	R. Ansell & A. Dickenson	8h 37m
4	M. Robson & C. Ledger	8h 53m
9	K. Saville & P. Cox	10h 18m

Sedburgh Hill Race 10th August 2003

A very small turnout from Dark Peak in a relatively small field of 76. Tim Austin had been round the course on Saturday to recon it which obviously helped him as he finished in a tremendous second place, five minutes behind the winner.

Maurice Musson

1	Joe Blackett	2-26-44	20	Mike Wynne (ex dpfr)	3-01-40
2	Tim Austin	2-31-41	49	Maurice Musson	3-33-57

Harrock Hill Race : 27 August 2003

5ml/900'

A very warm and pleasant evening greeted just under one hundred runners in the picturesque village of Bispham Green near Chorley. What followed was a very fast race (take your road shoes) through fields trials and country lanes.

Mike Robinson

1	P. Muller (Horwich)	31:06
12	M. Robinson	34:39
97	ran	

Briscoe's Brewery Festival : 13 September 2003

3.5ml/900'

An unusual race where after 3.5 miles of racing a pint of beer has to be drunk before your time stops. Pudsey and Bramley ran well but managed to miss their mouths even better. Roger Slater ran well, especially considering he ran an 8 mile race 2 hours earlier! Great prizes on offer (beer and wine) plus free beer until the first barrel is empty. Mark Hayman still holds the drink record at 25 seconds; can you beat that?

Mike Robinson

	Run	Drink	Total	
1	P. Sheard	19:36	0:46	20:22
6	M. Robinson	22:05	1:00	23:05
31	R. Slater	29:45	0:45	30:30

Padfield Plum Fair : 14 September 2003

6.5ml/1050'

Nice race but a shame about the long slog down the Longendale Trail to start.

					Mike Robinson
1	G. McNeil (Helsby RC)	48:40	43	B. Thackery	1:12:14
4	M. Robinson	51:00	57	Ran	
10	R. Marlow	54:58			

Stretton Skyline : 14 September 2003

18ml, 4450ft.

Another of this summer's very hot days made it all very hard work. A good course, some big, scenic Shropshire hills joined together with flat bits. Only three of us, but there were lots of races that day. Sharing cars makes the travelling more interesting!

					Dave Tait
1	P.Vale (Mercia)	2:36:03	7	D.Tait	3:04:04
3	A.Middleditch	2:44:31	18	R.Hopkinson	4:20:28

Manor Water Hill Race : 11 October, 2003

10 miles, 2,300'

An overdue visit to see an old college friend, just retired to the lovely Manor Valley south of Peebles, was timed to coincide with this low-key but well organized event. It's an out-and-back over the rolling hills which were the venue of the 1994 (?) KIMM. The climb is a steady graunch, with a few undulations which, revisited on the very fast return, feel like major obstacles. My friend was marshal at the turn, the summit of The Scrape, and he managed to produce some plausible intermediate times using a venerable analogue watch without a second hand.

					Alan Yates
1	Andrew Liston	(Fife AC)	1.13.24		
32	Alan Yates		1.38.42	(3rd V50, 2nd V60, 1st DPFR)	
60	ran				

The Screes : 25 October 2003

5ml/1560'

Registration took place in the cosy confines of the Screes Inn, Nether Wasdale, where all competitors were told that no kit was needed as the weather looked fine. As the start whistle blew, all that changed. Up on the top of Winn Rigg visibility was less than 20m and horizontal rain had turned to hail. Without map, compass or even waterproofs it was a case of find a local and stick to him. Luckily no-one went badly wrong but a lesson for everyone. Unluckily for Tim Austin he had to pull out due to injury when he had a commanding lead over the Borrowdale lads.

					Mike Robinson
1	G. Bland (Borrowdale)	43:43			
5	M. Robinson	46:10			
56	Ran				

Little Stretton To Stiperstones Village : 30 November 2003*Dark Peak Raider Swoops!*

With Tim Davies resting, pre-race speculation focused on other Mercia Fell Runners and the possibility of a Shrewsbury AC challenge - but it was a Dark Peak Fell Runner, Rob Baker, who grabbed first place in this time trial race. Rob's time (the 12th fastest of all time) is notable as it was achieved after just a couple of hour's route familiarisation the day before, albeit under the guidance of last year's Women's winner.

Charles Leventon

1	Rob Baker	Dark Peak	01:02:39
2	Andrew Yapp	Mercia	01:02:56
3	Andy Davies	Mercia	01:04:55
25	Chris Edwards	Dark Peak	01:22:34
46	Mick Edwards	Dark Peak	01:39:03

Weather: Fine – some sun; early mist. **Ground:** Good – wet/soft in places after rain the day before. **Statistics:** 127 competitors – 33 women; 94 men. 49 solo competitors, 7 women. Clubs - Mercia Fell Runners: 29 competitors; Shropshire Shufflers: 17; Shrewsbury AC: 10; Ludlow Runners: 7; Oswestry Olympians: 7. **Next Year:** Sunday 28th November 2004 – check nearer the time.

Warts Revenge : 30 November 2003

I don't care what some say, it's nicer to be out there in the sunshine than clag, blowing a gale & P'ing down like the days before & after. The weather, today was sublime. A good turn out was made for the Colin Hughes Memorial (although he subsequently got better) 'warts Revenge 2003 in preference to the Percy Pud 10k!

Some good results were turned in & the prizes were shared in the boozier by those that went for a pint, not necessarily those that ran the best.

Hope Biggles survived after Ken broke him & thanks Karen for timekeeping.

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1	John	Boyle	01:12:07	13	Jim	Varley	01:24:43
2	Chris	Sellens	01:13:24	14	Bob	Berzins	01:25:01
3	Andy	Middleditch	01:15:20	15	Tim	Mackey	01:25:17
4	Gavin	Williams	01:15:25	16	Roy	Small	01:27:08
5	Dave	Allen	01:15:41	17	Richard	Hakes	01:36:05
6	Dave	Tait	01:16:55	18	Roger	Slater	01:37:42
7	Andy	Moore	01:17:34	19	Mike	Arundale	01:40:45
8	Tim	Hawley	01:18:12	20	Maurice	Musson	01:42:10
9	Chris	Barber	01:22:19	21	Ken	Jones	01:43:35
10	Andy	Harmer	01:22:31	22	Jim	Fulton	01:47:18
11	Rob	Davison	01:22:46	23	Goef	Nichols	01:48:30
12	Andy	Jenkins	01:22:53				

Cardington Cracker : 7 Dec 2003

9ml, 2600ft, AM.

It's a pity that Tanky's Trog is on the same day, because this is one of the best races going. Cold, dry underfoot, a bit frosty and slippery on the steep drops. Two of the hills need walking, unless you are the winner who impressively jogs up. The views on the return ridges are among the best in fellrunning, across to Caradoc and the Longmynd. There were prizes for the first 10, depth in each five-year Vet grouping – why can't most of the Peak races do similar, giving more back to the runners?

Dave Tait

1	T.Davies	71:10	84	C.Edwards	103:25
7	A.Dickenson	79:28	142	M.Edwards	121:48
23	D.Tait	86:32		175 ran	

Crookstone Crashout : 21 December 2003

Temperatures can vary by up to 25 degrees (Fahrenheit) at this time of year. On this occasion a light dusting of Moscar became a goodly 6 inches on Kinder with sizeable drifts in the gullies making hard work on top. Visibility was good so "the double" was on. Al, Dave Charles and Phil led the charge up the hill with Phil then wandering off towards Madwomen Stones. Without Tim Tett Al could potter round in front but behind a good race unfurled.

The early group (set off 10 minutes early) were pulled in by Dean Clough where a bank of runners spread out across the hillside. Tim Hawley and Dave Tait had opened a gap on the descent to Blackden and remained joined at the hip until young Hawley, eager for blood, crashed down the final hill.

Bob Berzins, heavy legged from the Round Rotherham, brought up the rear but he was outdone by Jim who took in two visits to the trig. I appreciate the climb out of the Youth Hostel is horrible but only a purist would double back to enjoy the transitional finish. A goodly number preferred the scenic edge path to visiting the youth hostel and they are mentioned in the results rather than simply DNF.

Andy Harmer

1	Al Ward	1:16:30	13	Graham Berry	1:35:40
2	Tim Hawley	1:20:42	14	Roy Small	1:35:51
3	Dave Tait	1:20:52	15	Roger Woods	1:37:00
4	Dave Charles	1:21:10	16	Peter Gorvett	1:39:13
5	Andy Moore	1:25:30	17	Bob Berzins	1:41:00
6	Andy Harmer	1:28:20	18	Richard Hakes	1:41:20
7	Gavin Williams	1:30:04	19	Hugh Cotton	1:46:22
8	Dave Holmes	1:30:39	20	Roger Slater	1:50:49
9	Tony Keddie	1:31:52	21	Phil Cox	1:51:22
10	Karen Davison	1:33:54	22	John Gunnee	1:52:04
11	Phil Winskill	1:33:55	23	Jim Fulton	2:10:00
12	Chris Barber	1:34:48			

ATTENTION

This summer (16th June) will see the 21st running of the Crookstone Crashout race and a return to the traditional course. Are you able to challenge Malcolm Patterson's record of 29:37 or Andy Harmer's vet's record of 29:40? Incentives will be on offer!

Boxing Day Bogtrot ; 26 December 2003

A good turnout on a rough morning. Thanks to all the helpers and particularly to the Three Witches with their kisses and poems. We are still trying to identify who broke the no tongues rule!

The tree was not too popular but the trip through Fulton's funnel was greeted with enthusiasm.

Roy Small

1	Tim	Tett	00:41:01	22	Graham	Berry	00:59:13
2	John	Boyle	00:44:12	23	Dave	Hay	01:00:11
3	Andy	Moore	0:44:23	24	Guy	Seaman	01:00:21
4	Dave	Charles	00:45:45	25	Dave	Mosely	01:00:29
5	Dave	Soles	00:46:14	26	Roger	Slater	01:00:42
6	Rob	Hutton	00:46:45	27	David	Hakes	01:01:13
7	Dave	Taite	00:47:36	28	Hugh	Cotton	01:01:43
8	Andy	Harmer	00:49:22	29	Jim	Orrell	01:04:29
9	Rob	Davison	00:52:02	30	John	Dalton	01:04:54
10	Dave	Allen	00:52:04	31	Mike	Arrundale	01:04:59
11	Keith	Holmes	00:52:10	32	Maurice	Musson	01:06:08
12	Karen	Davison	00:52:18	33	Mick	Poulter	01:06:18
13	Hamish	Harmer	00:53:06	34	Caroline	Pearce	01:06:51
14	Roy	Small	00:53:33	35	Richard	Cotton	01:07:26
15	Tim	Atkin	00:53:45	36	James	Cook	01:07:35
16	Tim	Ray	00:53:46	37	Fran	Pissarro	01:07:51
17	Jo	Smith	00:53:48	38	Mike	Newitt	01:08:02
18	Tim	Mackie	00:58:13	39	Dick	Pasley	01:08:07
19	Nev	Boler	00:58:23	40	Polly	Harmer	01:08:09
20	Ken	Jones	00:58:30	41	Bronwyn	Hiles	01:18:04
21	Alan	Yates	00:59:12	42	John	Myers	01:29:01

Grindleford Christmas Cafe Race : 28th Dec 2003

About 13ml.

This worked out well. Of course a lot of people away, or busy. I was away the next day, so a last minute thing to put a bit more effort into the usual Sunday run. With the DPF website working well, it's easy for any of us to put an internal "event" out. From the café, White Edge, Ox Stones, Redmires, Surprise View. Andy went anti, Dave and I went clockwise : the different directions mean that you don't know who's leading. Some really sensible route adaptations meant that we all finished in the café at the same time. I'll probably put it out again next year.

Dave Tait

Café race result:

1	A.Moore	1:51:22	4	R.Slater (adapted route)	1:40:41
2	D.Allen	1:54:31	5=	A.Watmore (adapted route)	
3	D.Tait	1:55:01	5=	T.Keddie	

New Years Day : 1 January 2004

This year we started from Shillito Wood, across to Topley Trig and back via Barbrook and Ramsley dried-up reservoirs. Only Keith and Gavin went clockwise, probably not much in it.

The guide stoops over these moors will make a good summer's day of running. Overnight snow was lying, and very cold winds and wet were blowing in. Some of us got rid of some real rubbish as "prizes"- I never did see that framed picture. It may well surface again if Colin runs next year. There may well be inaccuracies in the results as people tried to avoid getting a spot prize... Same idea next year, with a different venue.

Dave Tait

1	A.Ward	58:06	8=	L.Bland	76:40
2	J.Boyle	59:44	8=	S.Hickinson	76:40
3	A.Moore	59:55	12	R.Slater	76:42
4	D.Tait	63:40	13	D.Pasley	80:50
5	K.Holmes	63:45	14	C.Henson	81:35
6	G.Williams	64:08	15	D.Olivant	84:00
7	A.Barnett	71:40	16	J.Dalton	84:00
8=	N.Boler	76:40	17	C.Lago	89:50
8=	D.Hakes	76:40			

Ovenden Fell Race : 3 Jan 2004

8ml/1200ft.

This is a good race from Ogden Water above Halifax, worth the journey if there's a full car. Don't know where we went, thankfully it was all flagged. The pub to start and finish. Snow was lying, frozen paths and tussocks with a very cold wind. The organiser had made it abundantly clear that full body cover was needed, yet two people had to be disqualified for still going out without a top. There should be no need for kit checks, it is up to the runner to take the kit as expected and take full cover to every medium and long event.

Dave Tait

1	N.Leigh(Altrincham)	57:50
24	A.Moore	66:13
25	D.Tait	66:31
131	ran	

Moz's Birthday Run : 4th January 2004

Thanks to all those runners that turned up to take part in this inaugural run visiting some of the quieter parts of Kinder. We were lucky with the weather with a pleasant 6deg C and warm in the more sheltered valleys but a cool nw breeze on the tops, hence a considerable amount of snow still left on the northern edge path.

From the start there was considerable route choice with a large group taking the Ollerbrook option. Gavin commented that from his lofty perch round the back of Ringing Roger, gained by ascending the zig-zags, that all the coughing and spluttering coming from down the valley, sounded like it was an outing of TB sufferers!

The line from Druids Stone to the descent to Blackden proved to be vital in gaining a few minutes over fellow runners. Foggy conditions over the plateau made for varied lines being followed. I am still not sure which is the best as the conditions have such an important contribution. Gavin chose to go back round the edge path rather than take the big descent and bigger climb from the knoll to the ponds which he reckons saved him ten minutes. This third climb was certainly exhausting for the rest of us.

Maurice Musson

1	Gavin	Williams	2-01	6	Chris	Barber	2-55
2	Mick	Robinson	2-15-23	7	Jim	Fulton	2-55
3	Dave	Tait	2-18	8	Maurice	Musson	2-59
4	Roger	Slater	2-43	9	James	? (Gt Hucklow)	3-00
5	Dick	Pasley	2-50	10	Richard	Hakes	3-15

Also rans that did not visit all checkpoints were: Colin Lago, Colin White, Colin Henson, Bob Marsden, Kev Saville.

Thanks also to the walker (Alan), cyclist (John), my chauffeur, Hilary and others that turned up in the Nags Head for the essential debriefing.

Shining Cliff Fell Race : 11 January 2004

A 2 lap course around the Shining Cliff woods at Ambergate. Sheltered from the worst of the weather, surprisingly hilly and very muddy in places. As a first "short" race since last summer and xmas the lungs definitely felt it, but a good way to spend an indifferent Sunday morning if you live relatively locally.

Richard Hopkinson

1	D. Cross (Sutton in A. HAC)	51.15
25	R. Hopkinson	1:04:41
38	C. Edwards	1:07:53
58	D. Hay	1:15:30
68	M. Edwards	1:17:58
72	ran	

The Lamb's Longer Leg : 11 Jan 2004

2.75ml.950ft.

A genuine AS race, with a proper fell descent in the middle. It's a good wake-up call to remind what sharp races involve. The levy on empty cars was interesting, we had full cars, plenty of bikes, some had trotted up from Hayfield, some from more distant places. Somebody had done the double Marsden/Edale the day before – Pennine must breed them tough.

					Dave Tait
1	J.Brown (Salford)	26:02	40	N.Boler	35:51
3	A.Trigg	26:56	47	P.Tapping	37:04
7	J.Boyle	28:43	62	T.Woodhouse	42:49
17	D.Tait	31:15		72 ran	

Kinder Trial : 18 Jan 2004

A race to delight the connoisseur. Difficulty was nowhere excessive. Looking at the map there seemed to be checkpoints all around Edale Cross, South Head and Mt Famine – a few too many? Mist on the top sorted out those who could navigate accurately, and with careful reading and thinking they weren't bad to find. This was a very well organised event with excellent refreshments afterwards, taking us to parts of Kinder we don't usually visit – and parts we weren't supposed to visit. A good day in the hills.

Dave Tait

1	M.Hayman	1:53:10	18	R.Hopkinson	2:30:03
2	J.Boyle	1:53:41	47	R.Slater	3:06:20
3	D.Soles	2:01:46	49	J.Varley	3:11:15
4	G.Williams	2:11:50	59	P.Gorvett	3:24:45
9	H.Winskill [1 st F]	2:18:08	72	R.Charles	3:39:40
12	S.Hickinson	2:24:50	80	G.Goldsmith	4:19:30
15	D.Tait	2:29:15	104	started	

Burbage Nuts : 25 January 2004

1	John	Boyle	1:14:00	18	Sean	Hickinson	1:32:25
2	Dave	Allen [1 st M40]	1:15:52	19	Kevin	Saville	1:36:14
3	Phil	Crowson	1:16:10	20	Mick	Poulter	1:37:25
4	Dave	Tait [1 st M50]	1:16:17	21	Dick	Pasley [1 st M60]	1:37:35
5	Andy	Moore	1:17:17	22	Hugh	Cotton	1:37:40
6	Tim	Hawley	1:18:56	23	John	Gunnee	1:38:06
7	N	Drake	1:28:00	24	Bob	Marsden	1:38:15
8	Andy	Barnett	1:28:05	25	Jim	Fulton v old	1:39:10
9=	George	Yates	1:28:06	26	Moz	Musson	1:43:32
9=	Alan	Yates	1:28:06	27	John	Dalton	1:43:34
11	Chris	Barber	1:29:06	28	Colin	Henson [1 st M70]	1:52:25
12	Roger	Slater	1:30:12	29	Mike	Browell	1:53:10
13	Rob	Smith	1:30:31	30	Ivana	Pavlikova [1 st F]	1:53:18
14	Mick	Cochrane	1:30:31	31	Roger	Baumeister	2:06:29
15	Roy	Small	1:30:53		<u>Also Ran</u>	(shorter route)	
16	Phil	Cox	1:31:25		Howard	Swindells	
17	Ken	Jones	1:32:01		Jeff	Harrison	

Margery Hill: 31 January 2004

"Caution isn't stronger than fate"

Whilst Margery Hill race was taking place, 244 pilgrims were killed in a stampede at the pilgrimage to Mecca. The Guardian quotes the Saudi minister responsible for the Hajj as saying, "All precautions were taken to prevent such an incident but this is God's will, caution isn't stronger than fate."

At Howden Pond (checkpoint 5) Tim Hawley received information, as did Dave Tait and others, that the lower reaches of Abbey Brook were dangerous if not impassable. He through caution to the wind, grasped or was compelled on by his fate and won the race.

At Fairholmes with air temperatures were fairly good, runners were warned that the streams looked in full spate and crossings would be tricky. At the first crossing much time was lost with runners pacing the bank looking for a safe way across. Mark hayman rescued a youngster from the spate and they withdrew - running down Abbey Brook to warn the runners at Howden. Andy Middleditch, Dave Soles and a further duo heeded the warning.

Back at Abbey Brook, Dave Tait and Mick Cochrane were swept downstream; Dave a good furlong apparently. White and shaken he managed to get out and sensibly retired. Other traumatic incidents occurred to Tom, Jim and myself and it was a real ordeal to cross below Gravy Clough. Leprachaun Hawley and others managed to jump and struggle across Cogman Clough. Had one known the severity an alternative from Howden Clough could have been taken to Cogman's cabin.

There have been other epic margery events with conditions far worse for running but this one was the most dangerous with the two river crossings that unfolded during the race.

Andy Harmer

Lashings of Rain, Some Pain and No Gain!

With domestic points to score requiring an earlier return home, I arranged with the Right Hon. Organiser, Andy Harmer, to start at 8.30a.m. Waking (though hardly) to the alarm, all I could hear was the lashing of rain at the window...a lashing that had not improved one iota, other than in volume and density, by the time I set off from Fairholmes.

In a flash of athletic aspiration I timed myself out at 8.31a.m, (this exercise taking about five minutes in undoing Velcro fastenings on gloves and then on sleeves of the already soaked cagoule, only to have to repeat the exercise of sealing them once I'd seen the time!!)

The run past the dam wall (after only 400 metres) was probably the most spectacular point of the route. In fact, I should have turned round then and beat a retreat home to watch sport on TV! The sheer sound of the water cascading over the complete length of the dam was deafening. No water shortage this week then.

“Start as you mean to go on,... steady,” my inner mantra appealed as I blasted, well walked up the long climb towards the flat before Lost Lad.

A cracking pace across the top saw me simultaneously adjusting a drink bottle holder on my bum bag and falling gracefully for my first soaking of the day. Except, I was already soaked, the lashings of rain not having eased.

The misty ‘peak’ of Lost Lad was attained in 37 minutes. I had a brief swig from the bottle, (which I then had to adjust again) and charged off down what used to be a path, but today was a mountain torrent, all the way to Sheepfold Clough and the raging falls of Abbey Brook.

Remembering that some years ago we had had an epic at this crossing point and being acutely aware I was on my own and not wearing a wet suit or water wings, I turned upstream in search of a more suitable (i.e. a less terrifying crossing.)

I ended up going up as far as the next stream junction and managed to cross just above it with a stupendous (please humour me) leap and soaking legs yet again. An ascending traverse up round the nose eventually brought me back onto the classic route towards Wet Stones. I estimate that this deviation cost me ten minutes, but looking back, I couldn't see any chasers yet.

Immaculate navigation (on the path most of the time) took me eventually to Margery Hill, which was attained in one hour and thirty-one minutes. Managing to repeat the Velcro, sleeve, glove and watch routine with finesse, whilst on the run this time, (much practice gathers no moss or whatever that saying is) I set off west towards the edge path and carried on over it down the hill towards the Cut Gate path. The descent to the Bull Clough/Cranberry Clough junction was relatively uneventful, though yet again it felt as if I was engaging in a new sport of down stream running rather than descending what is normally a path.

The crossing of Cranberry Clough was less traumatic than Abbey Brook and a giant leap only saw me drop one leg in the water enough for a chilling. The “Velcro/sleeve/glove/watch” routine revealed a time of one hour forty-four minutes at this point. The ascent, however, up to Long Edge was a real effort and no matter how hard I cursed the engine, it wouldn't go any faster up hill.

Timings to the gate on top of the edge and then down to Howden Clough have somehow been erased from my mind, as I ploughed on over Nether Hay and down into Abbey Brook again. Any claims to machismo had already disappeared in my mind, as I must confess to having been wondering for some time how this second crossing of Abbey Brook might be managed, particularly as I was now much further downstream.... And the rain had not really stopped lashing!

A concern for survival made me turn upstream yet again in search of a crossing point, a bridge perhaps (hallucinations had begun to set in by now), but a five-minute search revealed nothing. A reverse search downstream then started, accompanied by the tempting idea of abandoning by running down to the reservoirs on the north side of the river and trotting back along the road to Fairholmes.

At this point a yellow clad figure literally sped in front of me, having descended the bank on my right and leapt across the stream impressively.

Tim Hawley was going like a train and was closely followed by Dave Allen. Both of them started to climb through the heather strongly, and shaking myself out of my sloth and admiration I, similarly, went for the leap and fortunately managed it, (though with both legs getting the usual dampening this time!)

Coghlan's cabin was reached in two hours forty-two minutes. Last time I visited this site, I fell through a hole into a deep pool of the stream that runs by it, much to the amusement of the club chaplain. This time, skill (or was it luck) was on my side and two damp(er) feet took me wearily up the track over Little Howden Moor and down to the pond in Hancock's wood.

A yell from behind alerted me to the rapidly approaching presence of Tom and Chris (Barber) whose company to the finish lifted my spirits no end. The dam was still pouring with formidable sound as we ran across the final green to finish at the car park.

Oh, and guess what, it was still lashing with rain!

My time? 3h15m...but if it hadn't have been for those stream crossings...

Colin Lago

1	Tim Hawley	2:05:32	7	Bob Berzins	2:38:10
2	Iestyn Lewis	2:11:42	8	Roger Slater	2:40:00
3	Dave Allen	2:12:00	9	Jim Fulton	2:45:00
4	Andy Harmer	2:25:50	10	Roy Small	2:55:00
5=	Chris Barber	2:32:00	11	Colin Lago	3:14:00
5=	Tom Westgate	2:32:00	19	started, 11 finished	

Mickleden Straddle : Sunday 1 February 2004

I used to dream about coming on for Manchester City to grab a late winner against the old enemy-these days I dream about doing the Mickleden Straddle in under 2 hours. Time to wake up !

Last year anyone wearing shorts for this race needed a psychiatric opinion and risked getting acquainted with a rectal thermometer. Conditions this year were much easier although the wind along Mickleden Edge both out and back was a bit demoralising-at such times mediocre runners like me manage to crack on by thinking about the superb spread which awaits back at Langsett Barn courtesy of race organisers Denby Dale Travellers.

For a local race there were only 10 runners from Dark Peak-presumably because of the clash with the Margery Hill event the day before.

Martin Payne.

1	David Watson (Holmfirth)	1.31.08	65	Helen Winskill	2.03.04
3	Philip Winskill	1.34.46	111	Martin Payne	2.20.36
10	John Boyle	1.39.43	113	Barry Needle	2.23.23
12	Steve Bell	1.40.55	128	Ted Woodhouse	2.37.53
27	Andrew Moore	1.49.30	133	Barry Thackery	2.47.53
60	Richard Hopkinson	2.00.57	136	ran	

Longmynd Valleys Race : 8 Feb 2004

10.5ml, 4500ft.

Only three of us there, a pity considering the quality of the course. The journey is fine, even better sharing with Chris, meeting at Burton. Marvellously clear, cold with a flurry of snow carried on the buffeting winds. Heavy conditions meant that the big drops were slippery. Tremendous stuff from Barry – and no category prize. Well done to Chris, the only one to run both events to collect the T.Shirt. A few more next year?

Dave Tait

1	T.Werrett	1:44:36	106	B.Thackery (1 st V70)	3:19:22
19	D.Tait (1 st V50)	2:05:59		119 ran	
87	C.Edwards	2:59:09			

Wadsworth Trog : 14 Feb 2004

20ml, 4000ft.

As long, as hard and gruelling as always, and people keep coming back for it. The day stayed cold, clear and mainly dry, so navigating was no real worry. The trick is to find the best lines across the heavy, featureless boglands on the return trip. Local knowledge must help with this. And leave enough in the legs to climb the final hill to the finish. A very hard day.

1	R.Jebb (Bingley)	2:42:22	56	H.Thorburn (3 rd F)	3:56:52
16	D.Tait	3:24:06	57	G.Kirk	3:56:53
20	Jo Smith (1 st Lady)	3:26:55			
40	R.Slater	3:45:09		103 ran	

Edale Circle Race : 28 Feb 2004

9ml, 3650ft.

Conditions weren't as bad as I'd feared. A cold wind blowing from over the plateau, enough snow lying to give interest, and marvellous scenery throughout. Our best turnout yet, and very nice to welcome some Pennine friends. No accidents, it could have been nasty if the drops had been hurtled. We still await a lady competitor – or is it just too hard.....Congratulations to Tim, setting a new record for the established course. Some short cut clarifications may be needed for next year?

Dave Tait

1	T.Austin	1:43:00	10	D.Holmes	2:07:45
2	M.Hayman	1:43:30	11	A.Howie	2:10:23
3	P.Crowson	1:46:00	12	C.Barber	2:15:40
4	G.Williams	1:49:30	13	T.Westgate	2:19:47
5	T.Hawley	1:50:03	14	J.Fulton	2:20:38
6	D.Tait	1:52:34	15	R.Hakes	2:21:32
7	R.Hutton	1:55:55	16	R.Slater	2:23:37
8	A.Harmer	1:58:08	17	J.Chadwick	2:40:54
9	R.Smith	2:03:21		N.Boler (ret.)	

RELAYS**Calderdale Way Relay : 14 December 2003**

51miles

Calderdale may not be the toughest fell course but it takes a good team and a slice of luck to do well. This is our 11th year at Calderdale and three more respectable results were obtained but no prizes. Closest to a prize were the ladies. They fell to fourth on leg 2 and despite a string of good runs were still 4th, 34 miles later at the finish. The other three teams ahead were all within 8 minutes of us. The men ran steadily for 7th and the vets needed Dave Allen to run two legs after a late withdrawal.

The sting in the tale was an extra 1.5 miles for "safety reasons" on the last leg making it near to 12 miles. It's likely to become the standard route in future. Once again, transport was tight. In some ways only three teams doesn't make it any easier. For this to work well we really need several dedicated drivers.

MP

Team Result

Pos	Cat		Time			
1		Pudsey & Bramley	6:05:51	41	L1	Clayton Ladies 7:52:42
2		Bingley	6:11:15	43	L2	Holmfirth Ladies 7:52:58
3		Salford	6:17:43	44	L3	Bingley ladies 7:53:38
5	V1	Clayton Vets	6:30:17	47	L4	Dark Peak Ladies 8:00:14
7		Dark Peak	6:35:17			
10	V2	Horwich Vets	6:43:47	97		Teams ran
21	V3	Holmfirth Vets	7:11:15	14	Vets	Teams ran
25	V4	Bingley Vets	7:15:09	12	Ladies	Teams ran
27	V5	Dark Peak Vets	7:16:06			

Individual Results

TEAM	Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 3	Leg 4	Leg 5	Leg 6
Fastest	G Devine	I Holmes	P Sheard	J Brown	R Jackson	S MacDonald
Overall	S Neill	M Whitfield	S Green	B Burns	C Rigby	J Cordingley
	1:09:07 (1)	0:55:43 (1)	0:35:00 (1)	1:01:38 (1)	0:52:20 (1)	1:12:57 (1)
	Pudsey&B	Bingley	Pudsey&B	Salford	Horwich	Bingley
Fastest	N Wrigley	T Hesketh	M Nutter	S Jackson	P Hall	M Aspinall
Vets	R Haworth	K Gaskell	G Cunliffe	G Scholfield	J Roche	M Brown
	1:14:38 (8)	1:05:15 (6)	0:40:18 (12)	1:09:31 (8)	0:54:36 (4)	1:20:34 (8)
	Horwich V	Horwich V	Clayton Vets	Horwich V	Clayton V	Clayton Vets
Fastest	V Peacock	P Munroe	A Smith	H Berry	H Thorburn	K Farquhar
Ladies	B Whitfield	S Taylor	J Commons	N White	J Searle	J Shotter
	1:26:18 (33)	1:12:51 (30)	0:48:17 (42)	1:17:37 (24)	1:11:13 (56)	1:29:38 (31)
	Clayton L	Bingley L	Clayton L	Holmfirth L	DPFR L	Holmfirth L
DARK	S Patton	A Ward	D Bradbury	M Hayman	A M'ditch	N Northrop
PEAK	M Nolan	T Tett	J Boyle	P Winshell	P Hodges	T Austin
A	1:16:04 (10)	1:04:06 (4)	0:39:20 (6)	1:11:58 (10)	0:57:22 (7)	1:26:27 (18)
	1:16:04 (10)	2:20:10 (6)	2:59:30 (4)	4:11:28 (7)	5:08:50 (6)	6:35:17 (7)
DARK	A Moore	G Berry	P Crowson	D Soles	D Tate	G Williams
PEAK	R Horsfield	C Barber	D. Allen	R Hutton	K Holmes	D Allen
VETS	1:26:23 (35)	1:16:47 (42)	0:51:58 (62)	1:16:18 (18)	0:57:31 (8)	1:27:09 (21)
	1:26:23 (35)	2:43:10 (34)	3:35:08 (42)	4:51:26 (31)	5:48:57 (26)	7:16:06 (27)
DARK	L Bland	R Hambl'n	A Watmore	K Davison	H Thorburn	Jo Smith
PEAK	L Atchison	J Griffith	Ja Smith	H Winshell	J Searle	K Buckley
LADIES	1:30:22 (54)	1:26:59 (65)	0:50:53 (56)	1:27:43 (50)	1:11:13 (56)	1:33:04 (40)
	1:30:22 (54)	2:57:21 (61)	3:48:14 (60)	5:15:57 (55)	6:27:10 (54)	8:00:14 (47)

In Gear

Dark Peak Fell Runners Kit Price List

Vests £13.00

All vests are now the same price, sizes are small, medium, large and extra large.

Shorts £14.00

The shorts are the metallic green cycling type, sizes are medium and large.

Tracksters £18.00

Purple one pair of each medium and large.

Black are available in medium, large and extra large.

Hats £7.00

Just a few left in black, some knitted and some fleece.

Socks £2.50

Running bear wool socks.

Rocksport discount

All Dark Peak members can obtain a 10% discount at Rocksport. They stock walshes, trail and road shoes from brooks, asics and saucony and a range of running clothing. Rocksport, 392 Psalter Lane, Sheffield. S11 8UW. (0114) 2667333

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Front: Richard Hopkinson trops across the "3 minute" crossing. Photo by John Boyle.

Apologies to Alan Yates: he was mortified to find that his picture of Eric Mitchell was credited to Richard Hakes. The photographer was Alan. By the way, can anyone guess where and when the picture on the cover of the Winter 03/04 issue was taken?