

Front cover: Roger Baumeister and Barry Thackery fight for position. A pint to the first person who can name the race, the place and the year. Roger's hairline suggests some time c.1980?

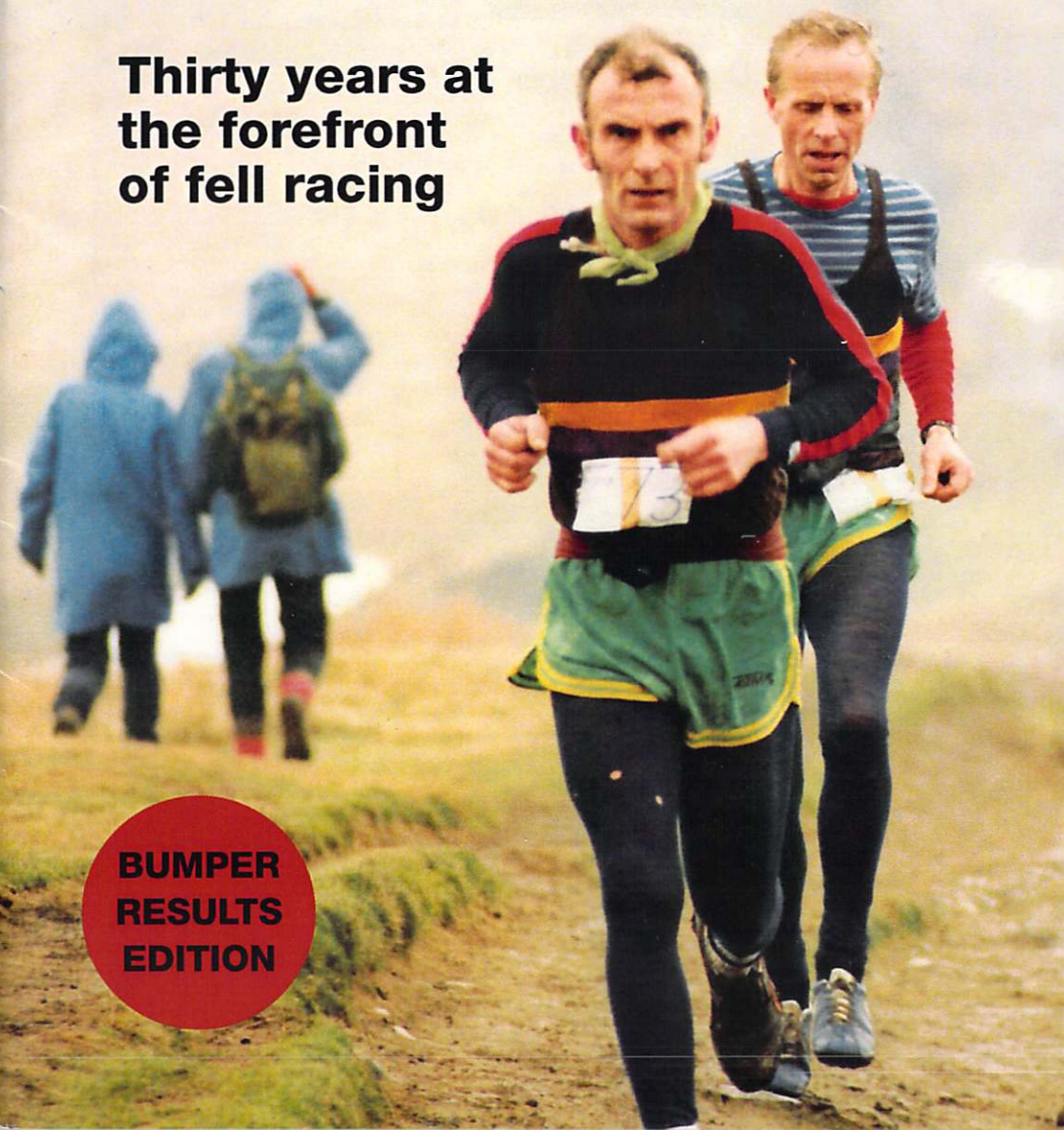
This page: Al Ward leads Dark Peak to victory as FRA Relay Champions for the second successive year. More pix: <http://www.fellrunner.org.uk/gallery/thumbnails.php?album=39>



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Stop press

As in "stop" doing something, I am afraid. If you are one of those people who are still trespassing across the field at the end of the conduit near The Sportsman, please stop. You should be aware by now that the farmer took the trouble to drive down to the pub during the summer to complain about people climbing his walls and fences and running across parts of the field where there is no footpath.

He is understandably worried. Repairing field boundaries is expensive and time-consuming. And if they get damaged without his knowledge, stock can escape. Livestock do not get on well on public highways. They tend to panic, and to collide with vehicles and people. And if they did that after we had damaged the wall, guess who would be liable?

Without labouring the point, surely you can see that the farmer does have a point. And more to the point, he drove all the way to the pub to ask us courteously not to do it again. Many people in his situation might not have been so nice. Perhaps he won't be next time.

Club officials gave the farmer their word that they would try to stop people doing this.

Please don't make us look like untrustworthy chuffs.

The bit at the end

Thanks

...once again to the people who made this edition of Dark Peak News possible by providing news, articles, race results, or photos. In no particular order, they are Roger Baumeister, Jim Fulton, Chris Barber, Richard Hakes, Al Ward, Andy Harmer, Tom Westgate, Dave Moseley, Gavin Williams, Richard Hopkinson, Mick Cochrane, Paul Young, Alan Yates, Lynn Bland, Maurice Musson, plus Chase the dog and his sneaky informants.

Particular thanks should go to the FRA Fixtures Secretary, Margaret Chippendale, who gave me permission to download her FRA Relay photographs.

I apologise if you sent me material that has not yet been used. I am afraid I simply ran out of space. Have faith that it will appear in future. I promise that you will **not** have to wait so long for the next edition of Dark Peak News. It is already in production. I aim to have it with you, both virtually and on paper, around the end of March.

Dave

The kit page

DON'T be as daft as this man! Make sure you get a decent hat, and a full range of gear to keep you comfortable and safe on the fells. With a full range of DPFR kit available, there really is no excuse for going out in the buff. For details of latest kit stocks, contact Equipment Officer Richard Hakes: 0114 2339912; richard_hakes@yahoo.com

Price list

Vests £13

Sizes small, medium, large and extra large.

Shorts £14

Sizes medium and large. Metallic green cycling type.

Tracksters £18

Black available in medium, large and extra large.

Hats £7

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

Socks £2.50

Running Bear lambs wool socks. Exclusive edition in Dark Peak colours. A bargain at the price. Even this nutter couldn't resist a pair of these.

Neoprene socks £12

For keeping your tootsies warm on those cold winter nights.

30-year t's £8

In a full range of sizes, from XL to VVVVS.

Aluminium sleeping bags £16.00

Ideal for those troubling occasions when you meet bearded loonies running in the buff. Just whip your alu' out and wrap them up safe.



Happy Birthday to us!

When you look back on it from a galloping distance, you realise what a great age thirty is. You still have the vigour and spirit of youth, but you are accumulating the experience and wisdom that will guide you through later years with greater confidence. So it is with Dark Peak as we enter this special thirtieth birthday year.

The club retains the sense of adventure and excitement that guided those few fellow spirits when they gathered in Chris Worsell's house to initiate the first dedicated fell running club in the country. But it has matured into an experienced and assured organisation that has a tremendous diversity of interests and achievements.

Not least among these achievements is our second successive FRA Relay Championship victory. It would be wonderful if we could make it a hat trick in our birthday year.

I would like to mark this year by including photographs and memories from our many individual "archives" in Dark Peak News. But to do that, I will need you all to dig them out for me and commit them to the record. Please do - there are so many fascinating tales that deserve a retelling to a growing readership.

It is a pleasure to have a picture of a young(er) Roger Baumeister in full flight on the cover of this first thirtieth birthday edition, with a young(er) Barry Thackery in hot pursuit. To my mind, Roger's double Bob Graham is still one of the most incredible things any athlete has ever done. But with Dark Peak, you always have that feeling that something even more improbable may be just around the corner.

Dave Holmes



Dark Peak News

Thank you for waiting so long for this edition of Dark Peak News. It's been far too long, I know. I realise now that when I took on the editor's job, I underestimated just how much work Mike was doing in those beautiful Calderdale hills. The processing and formatting of race results is a job in itself, never mind producing the newsletter as well, (and Mike was doing the web site too!).

I got out the last edition in August by going at it hammer-and-tongues without having any structures or systems to underpin it. When I started on this one, I began to feel

overwhelmed. After consulting Roy, I decided to delay for a while and concentrate on behind-the-scenes work that would make the task simpler in the long run.

I now feel confident that things will tick along more smoothly - and regularly - in the future. I have devised a standard formula for processing the results that should make it faster and far less fiddly. It is a huge help though - and I do mean huge - if people can adhere to a standard grid when supplying results. Tim will now be placing this grid on the web site. It is only a simple Microsoft Word table, but you would not believe how much difference it makes when processing the results for print. I appreciate that not everybody has ready access to a computer, but I really would ask you to submit handwritten results or articles only as a last resort. Keying-in a handwritten script amounts to considerable hard labour.

On a more positive note, this is the first edition of Dark Peak News to be made available to you electronically. I am not suggesting for one second that we abandon the traditional distribution on paper. Print is not dead yet! And reading on screen is slower and harder. But to have a complementary e-format does have its advantages.

It means you can read Dark Peak News in full colour, doing justice to the many splendid digital images that members are collecting, and to my mind making the Events and Results pages a lot easier to read.

You will also find that the e-version is interactive, combining the immediacy and flexibility of the web with the higher design quality and control of print. Adobe have produced software that makes it possible to incorporate hyperlinks, sound and vision in a print layout. When I first read about this I found it frightening and intimidating, but having played around with it I can now drop hyperlinks into the newsletter quite quickly and easily.

The downside is that the resulting pdf file is quite big, perhaps a little too big for some telephone modems and e-mail servers to cope with comfortably? I would welcome feedback from you all on whether you can receive the e-version quickly and easily.

As I sit at the screen working in colour, it is a little deflating to know that those of you reading on paper will be seeing it in sometimes blurry black-and-white.

Dick and his team at Firth Park School have done a tremendous job printing the newsletter for many years, but at the end of the day there is only so much you can do with a photocopier. The loss of contrast and photographic quality can be very disappointing.

Mindful that the present production arrangement may not last forever, I have obtained estimates for digital printing from a major commercial printer. The cost of full-colour printing has come down considerably in recent years, and is now surprisingly low.

Could I gently ask whether the time may now have come to accept a modest increase in our subscriptions, which are now starkly out of step with other athletics clubs? The trade-off would be a drastically more readable Dark Peak News, and a rainy day fund to keep the roof on the club hut. One for the AGM...

***STOP PRESS.** As this edition was going to press, we hit a temporary problem that prevented us using the normal printing arrangement. To prevent a long delay, we decided to go all-colour as a one-off so you can see what it looks like. What do you think?

The Dog's Diary



*D*ave Markham. Lovely bloke, but forgetful or what? A few years ago, my master did the Karrimor with him and had to use twigs to get the tent up after Dave left the A-section and the tent pegs in the car boot at the start. He was at it again not so long ago when he volunteered to get serial BG contestant Andy Plummer through the first night section. Dave contrived to leave his torch at Keswick, meaning the two of them had to descend the precipitous Halls Fell ridge using the slenderest of glows from the screen of his mobile phone. Dim, if you ask me.

Poor Debbie Smith. She hasn't quite cracked the art of simultaneously travelling and reading a map. The idea is to keep half an eye on each task. Especially important in a bike orienteering event like the Trailquest, which demands accurate map reading while moving at speed. Devote too much of your attention to the map, and there's every chance you could fail to see something big and solid like a van parked slap across your path. Talk about learning the hard way...

Also-rans in the Bamford fell race were delighted to find themselves briefly at the front after the leaders inexplicably took an eccentric detour less than a minute out of the start field. They ran up the path they should have come down at the end of the event, and then had to hastily retrace their steps. I can now name the marshal responsible for this, one Alan Yates, who ambled up the lane, found the first path pointing vaguely towards Dungworth, and then stuck out his arm to send the runners boldly in a direction that no Bamford runner has gone in before. Left to his own devices, he would happily have had them run all the way to the notorious Bramall's Bend. One runner was heard to remark to another that "some old bastard with a pipe sent us the wrong way". Rumour has it that Alan will not be asked back next year.

There was a strong canine turnout for the Christmas run to the Head Stone. Four or five of us had a pleasant time sniffing each other's bums while the humans wailed and droned their way through some old religious songs. I shared the run back with a dog called Muttley, who seemed a sound lad. Steady pace and fairly solid navigational skills. Which is more than can be said for his owner, some bloke called Ted Mangion. He missed the little path down from Head Stone Bank to Reddick Clough, lost the dog, and then ran all the way back whistling dementedly to try to find him again. Needless to say, Muttley was so embarrassed that he just kept his head down and went back to The Sportsman. If you ask me, they should ban some of these humans from club runs. Or at least keep the less able ones on a lead.

Wuff

The Dog's Diary consists of assorted snippets collected by Chase the dog while out running. Whisper your titbits in his ear, or e-mail him in his kennel: holmesloxley@blueyonder.co.uk

Hordron Stone Circle. This was a very good course, over ground we don't often cover. There's a strong case for running it again and giving it a regular evening slot in spring - maybe as a substitute replacement for Hope or Hathersage, on their usual day? I'll put it on if enough people want to do it. Congrats to Phil and Helen for their double, to Ron for getting the unbouncing ball, and best wishes to Mick, now the owner of the Famous Dog Oil, (*til next year?).

Dave Tait

| POS | NAME | TIME | POS | NAME | TIME |
|-----|------------|-------|-----|------------|-------|
| 1 | P.Winskill | 56:10 | 5= | R.Fawcett | 68:20 |
| 2 | G.Williams | 58:10 | 5= | D.Tait | 68:20 |
| 3 | H.Winskill | 65:51 | 8= | K.Davison | 75:00 |
| 4 | R.Woods | 67:30 | 8= | H.Bloor | 75:00 |
| 5= | K.Holmes | 68:20 | 10 | M.Cochrane | 79:00 |

Moz's birthday run, 10 miles, 3,100 ft (?), Mon Jan 2nd

The run took place on Monday 2nd January 2006, starting and finishing at the Nag's Head pub at the top of Edale village. It took in about 3,100ft of climb over ten miles of the most difficult terrain on Kinder. The weather was very kind, especially compared to the blizzard of last year, and there was a superb turnout of runners and walkers. People were responsible for their own timekeeping, and for ensuring that they actually went to the checkpoints. An exceptional time by Al. Where does he hide his quad bike? Thanks to everyone for turning up, and thanks for joining me in the bar for a birthday drink. See you again next year.

Maurice Musson (now V55!)

| POS | NAME | TIME | POS | NAME | TIME |
|-----|-------------------|------|-----|-----------------------|------|
| 1 | Alan Ward | 1:38 | 14 | Jim Fulton | 2:30 |
| 2 | Richard Patton | 1:45 | 15 | Dave Holmes and Chase | 2:31 |
| 3 | Gavin Williams | 1:56 | 16 | Richard Hakes | 2:32 |
| 4 | Dave Tait | 2:14 | 17 | Dave Lockwood | 2:34 |
| 5 | David Hakes | 2:20 | 18 | Maurice Musson | 2:35 |
| 5= | Roger Woods | 2:20 | 19 | Roy Small | 2:38 |
| 7 | Andy Harmer | 2:21 | 20 | Ken Jones and Biggles | 2:45 |
| 8 | Tom Westgate | 2:22 | 21 | Dick Pasley | 2:46 |
| 9 | Pete Gorvett | 2:22 | 22 | Hugh Cotton | 2:48 |
| 10 | Karen Davidson | 2:23 | 23 | Mick Poulter | 2:54 |
| 11 | Paul Sanderson | 2:24 | 24 | John Dalton | 3:02 |
| 12 | Richard Hopkinson | 2:25 | 25 | Sue Westgate | 4:28 |
| 13 | Paul Adlington | 2:28 | 25 | Marilyn Small | 4:28 |

DNF: Tim Ray and friend

News in Brief

We are the champions (again, my friend)

DARK PEAK are British fell running champions for the second year running. Our team of Al Ward, Rob Little, Oli Johnson, Andy Middleditch, Tim Austin and Lloyd Taggart came home more than five minutes ahead of second placed Pudsey and Bramley in the 2005 Championships at Alva in Scotland.

The womens' and vets' teams were both in the top ten in their categories, capping another first class year in relay events. Read team captain Al Ward's special relay report on [page 15](#).

Top two standing down

SAD to report that both our chairman, Roy Small, and secretary, Roger Woods, have decided to stand down at this year's AGM. They both take the view that they have done a fair whack at the helm, and that it is now time to step aside and concentrate on running again. They have both given us plenty of warning, so there is ample time for would-be successors to consult about what is involved and ponder their nominations. Might we even have a contested election on alternative policies? No doubt we will hear Roy and Roger's outgoing thoughts at the meeting, and will be able to carry a full report in the summer edition.

Dawn Hopkinson

THOSE of you who did the Bob Graham this year will remember Richard Hopkinson's wife Dawn coaxing him on in forthright fashion and mucking in to help everyone else get round too. What you may not have known at the time was that Dawn was dying of ovarian cancer.

Dawn passed away late last year after a long fight against the disease, which struck in 2003. Her funeral was attended by many fellow Dark Peak members.

After being diagnosed, Dawn helped found a pioneering charity called "Challenge Cancer Through Adventure", with the aim of doing exactly that. She remained active in pursuits that would challenge many "well" people to the limit. You can read more about Dawn and her charity's remarkable work at <http://www.challengecancer.org.uk/index.php>

Anniversary tee-shirt

AS Dark Peak News was going full colour, Dark Peak kit was going mono. Richard Hakes has produced a special tee-shirt to mark our thirtieth birthday, with the words "Thirty Years on the Dark Side" tastefully emblazoned in white on an all-black background, (there is also an alternative version available in purple for the tasteless). They are available in a variety of sizes at £8 from Richard. More details at:

<http://www.dpfr.org.uk/Richard/kitsite.html>

Events

Club runs: Every Wednesday from the Sportsman, Lodge Moor, Sheffield at 18:30 or at an "away" venue (usually at 18:45 but check below). People run at different speeds but there are usually two or three stops to re-group. The weather can be bad on the moors, even in the spring and summer. So please be aware of the risk of exposure, and come prepared. Warts runs are in the dark - head torches, whisky and safety gear obligatory.

"Local races" are open events, usually entry-on-the-day with an entry fee and a few prizes. Full details can usually be found in the FRA Calendar.

"DPFR races" are informal events for Dark Peak club members, usually with no entry fee and no prizes. People running in "DPFR events" accept total responsibility for their own safety.

| Jan | | | | | |
|-----|----|-------|------------|--|--------------|
| Sun | 29 | 11:00 | Local race | Tigger Tor, Dore. See: www.totleycac.org.uk | 10ml/1550' |
| Feb | | | | | |
| Wed | 1 | 18:30 | Club run | Sportsman | |
| Sat | 4 | 09:15 | DPFR race | Margery Hill, Fairholmes | |
| Sun | 5 | 10:30 | Local race | Mickleden Straddle, Langsett. See: www.denbydaletravellers.co.uk | 13.8ml/1980' |
| Wed | 8 | 18:30 | Club run | Sportsman | |
| Wed | 8 | 18:45 | Warts run | George Inn, Castleton | |
| Sat | 11 | 09:30 | DPFR race | Loxley International Mountain Marathon. Long score. Start from Wilkin Hill, Bradford. See: www.limm.co.uk | |
| Wed | 15 | 18:30 | Club run | Sportsman | |
| Wed | 22 | 18:45 | DPFR race | Curry run. Details tba. | |
| Sun | 26 | 10:00 | DPFR race | Edale Circle. Parking/start at the Odin Mine, Castleton, GR 135835. More details on the car share site . | 9ml/3650' |
| Wed | 28 | 18:30 | Road run | Sportsman | |
| Wed | 28 | 18:45 | Warts run | King's Tree | |
| Mar | | | | | |
| Fri | 3 | 23:00 | Local race | High Peak Marathon, Edale. Overnight marathon. Entries now closed. See: www.highpeakmarathon.org.uk | 42ml/5400' |
| Sun | 5 | 09:30 | Local race | New Chew, Saddleworth. Choice of three orienteering courses. See: www.saddleworth-runners.co.uk | Variable |
| Wed | 8 | 18:30 | Club run | Sportsman | |
| Wed | 15 | 18:30 | Road run | Sportsman | |
| Wed | 15 | 18:45 | Warts run | Yorkshire Bridge | |

Crookestone Crashout, Sun Jan 1st 2006

The 22nd Winter Crashout proved eventful and offered interesting route choice, with three groups splitting within yards of the start. However the Knoll/Jaggers-Southern Edge was quicker than routes via Jubilee Cabin/Trig.

The real escapades began on the way back from Ringing Roger, with Dave Tait headbutting the frozen groughs and needing stitches to a bitten lip. Excellent camaraderie from Andy B. and Steve who helped him off the hill. The rest sped on to the holly bush - resplendent with berries - and thence to the Knoll. Richard was clear of the chasing pack, although John was first back having found his own bush higher up the valley!

Good to see Dave Allen out, and Helen taking a good route back. Chris Barber showed how to cock things up by choosing a sound route and then abandoning it.

Andy Harmer

| POS | NAME | TIME | POS | NAME | TIME |
|-----|----------------|-------|-----|-------------------|--------|
| 1 | Richard Patton | 63:35 | 19 | Paul Addison | 75:55 |
| 2 | Rob Little | 66:19 | 20 | Tim Ray | 76:58 |
| 3 | Phil Winskill | 66:40 | 21 | Bob Berzins | 77:59 |
| 4 | Gavin Williams | 67:00 | 22 | Ian Winterburn | 78:02 |
| 5 | Mark Harvey | 67:50 | 23 | Keith Holmes | 78:03 |
| 6 | Tony Herod | 68:23 | 24 | Jim Fulton | 81:01 |
| 7 | Dave Allen | 68:24 | 25 | Chris Barber | 81:25 |
| 8 | Tim Hawley | 69:09 | 26 | Richard Hopkinson | 81:50 |
| 9 | James Varley | 69:31 | 27 | Graham Berry | 82:08 |
| 10 | Rob Smith | 70:40 | 28 | Richard Branson | 82:21 |
| 11 | Ron Fawcett | 71:10 | 29 | Roger Slater | 84:31 |
| 12 | Helen Winskill | 72:45 | 30 | Hugh Cotton | 84:33 |
| 13 | George Yates | 73:24 | 31 | Trevor Milner | 87:45 |
| 14 | Andy Harmer | 73:29 | 32 | John Dalton | 88:40 |
| 15 | Tony Keddie | 73:57 | 33 | Pete Tapping | 89:51 |
| 16 | Dave Holmes | 74:51 | 34 | Maurice Musson | 97:30 |
| 16= | Chase | 74:51 | 35 | Mick Poulter | 103:50 |
| 18 | Martin Goodwyn | 75:00 | 36 | Geoff Nichols | 109:00 |

DNF: Dave Tait, escorted off by Andy Barnett and Steve Storey.
Disqualified: John Boyle - first back, but via the wrong holly bush!

New Year's Day Race, Sun Jan 1st 2006

Thanks to everyone for turning out, though there were more "prizes" than competitors. From the car park by Ladybower, there was immediate route choice as the field split in all directions. The anti-clockwise route was the best, up through the woods, over Bamford Edge to the track stile underneath Stanage, then High Neb trig and on to

New Gritstone Edges, Sun Oct 30th

A choice of clockwise or anti-clockwise. Everyone seemed to find Tegness Pinnacle alright, then there were wanderings below Froggatt Edge. Everyone except me went anti-clockwise, using the wind along White Edge. About 11 miles, depending on route.

Dave Tait

| POS | NAME | TIME | POS | NAME | TIME |
|-----|--------------|---------|-----|-----------------------------|---------|
| 1 | D. Harrison | 1:46:26 | 8= | I. Winterburn | 2:10:27 |
| 2 | M. Nolan | 1:46:45 | 8= | E. Connaughton | 2:10:27 |
| 3 | P. Addison | 1:51:00 | | J. Dalton-shorter course | |
| 4= | K. Holmes | 1:52:00 | | H. Bloor - shorter course | |
| 4= | M. Stenton | 1:52:00 | | R. Beresford-shorter course | |
| 4= | R. Beresford | 1:52:00 | | A. Beresford-shorter course | |

Leg it Round Lathkill, Sun Nov 13th

A scenic run round Lathkill Dale, and a new course record from Alan...

Dave Tait

| POS | NAME | TIME | POS | NAME | TIME |
|-----|-------------|-------|------|------------|-------|
| 1 | A. Ward | 45:43 | 15 | M. Hulley | 55:16 |
| 2 | P. Winskill | 46:30 | 17 | D. Tait | 56:32 |
| 4 | P. Young | 50:20 | 34 | P. Tapping | 64:53 |
| 7 | M. Stenton | 52:32 | 44 | M. Edwards | 70:39 |
| 10 | T. O'Neil | 53:25 | **** | **** | **** |

Cardington Cracker, Sun Dec 4th

Just a few showers in the wind, magnificent Shropshire hills where nobody gets lost, start and finish in the same field, warm clothing waiting ready at the end. So if anyone prefers a change from Tanky's, this is the place to be. A huge depth of prizes, as always, and home-made cakes. An example of how to put on a good event.

Dave Tait

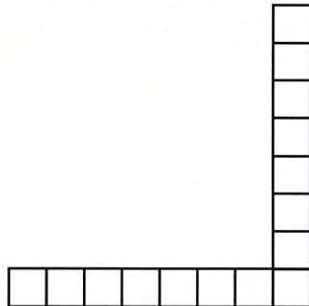
| POS | NAME | TIME | POS | NAME | TIME |
|-----|-----------|---------|-----|-------------|---------|
| 1 | T. Davies | 1:11:17 | 114 | G. Kirk | 1:45:10 |
| 2 | R. Little | 1:13:58 | 166 | H. Thorburn | 1:54:37 |
| 31 | D. Tait | 1:28:17 | 196 | M. Edwards | 2:04:05 |
| 35 | T. Heron | 1:29:23 | | 225 ran | |

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|------------|----|-------|------------|--|-------------|
| Sun | 19 | 10:30 | DPFR race | Don Morrison Memorial Edale Skyline. (n.b. you are asked to offer help on the day: http://www.dpfr.org.uk/skyline/Skyline.htm) | 21ml/4500' |
| Wed | 22 | 18:30 | Club run | Sportsman | |
| Mon | 27 | 18:45 | Local race | Trunce 1, Waggon & Horses, Oxspring. See: www.trunce.org.uk | 4.25ml/550' |
| Wed | 29 | 18:30 | Road run | Sportsman | |
| Wed | 29 | 18:45 | Warts run | Snake Inn | |
| Apr | | | | | |
| Sat | 1 | 12:00 | Brit champ | Slieve Bernagh, Mourne Mountains, N.I. Entries by March 24th. See: www.nimra.org.uk | 3.9ml/2680' |
| Wed | 5 | 18:45 | Club run | Cutthroat Bridge | |
| Sun | 9 | 11:00 | Local race | Kinder Downfall, Hayfield. See: www.cs.man.ac.uk/~temples/hc/ | 10ml/2500' |
| Mon | 10 | 18:45 | Local race | Trunce 2, Waggon & Horses, Oxspring. See: www.trunce.org.uk | 4.25ml/550' |
| Wed | 12 | 18:30 | Club run | Sportsman | |
| Wed | 19 | 18:30 | Club run | Longshaw | |
| Wed | 26 | 18:30 | Club run | Sportsman | |
| Thur | 27 | 19:30 | Local race | Hartcliff Hill, Langsett. £3 on night only. | 2.5ml/500' |
| Sun | 30 | 11:00 | Local race | Crowden Horseshoe. £3 on day. | 8ml/1700' |
| May | | | | | |
| Wed | 3 | 18:30 | Club run | Sportsman | |
| Wed | 3 | 19:00 | Local race | Tiger's Todger, Dore. New race. See: www.totleyac.org.uk | 6ml/850' |
| Fri | 5 | 19:00 | Local race | Cressbrook Crawl. £4 on day only. See: www.highpeaktri.org | 6.5ml/1100' |
| Sat | 6 | 11:00 | Local race | Mount Famine, Hayfield. See: www.cs.man.ac.uk/~temples/hc/ | 5ml/1700' |
| Mon | 8 | 18:45 | Local race | Trunce 3, Waggon & Horses, Oxspring. See: www.trunce.org.uk | 4.25ml/550' |
| Wed | 10 | 18:45 | Club run | Birch in Clough, GR 109915 | |
| Tues | 16 | 19:30 | DPFR race | Burbage Skyline. £3 on night only. Please e-mail Andy Moore with offers of help: amjl.moore@blueyonder.co.uk | |
| Wed | 17 | 18:30 | Club run | Sportsman | |
| Mon | 22 | 18:45 | Local race | Trunce 4, Waggon & Horses, Oxspring. See: www.trunce.org.uk | 4.25ml/550' |

N.B. Event/run organisers are asked to remember that the Dark Peak News events calendar takes people many hours to compile and is regarded as the "bible" by many club members who may not have the time or opportunity to check the web site before leaving for an event. Please do not change/add events at the last minute except in extreme circumstances.

The Pertex page

There are many in the club who felt last year's Pertex award was a shameful calumny. Hence this page, to help you remember and identify the rightful recipient, (no disrespect Jeff, but going slightly wrong on the Joss Naylor was not in the same league). The first element in our Pertex Special is Pertex Sudoku. This is quite similar to the standard version of Sudoku that you will find in most newspapers these days. Your task is simply to take the letters S,O,A,L,R,Y, M and L and to place them in the grid below so that they spell the same words vertically and horizontally. If you have rearranged them correctly, they will spell the name of the rightful 2005 Pertex Trophy winner. Here goes.....

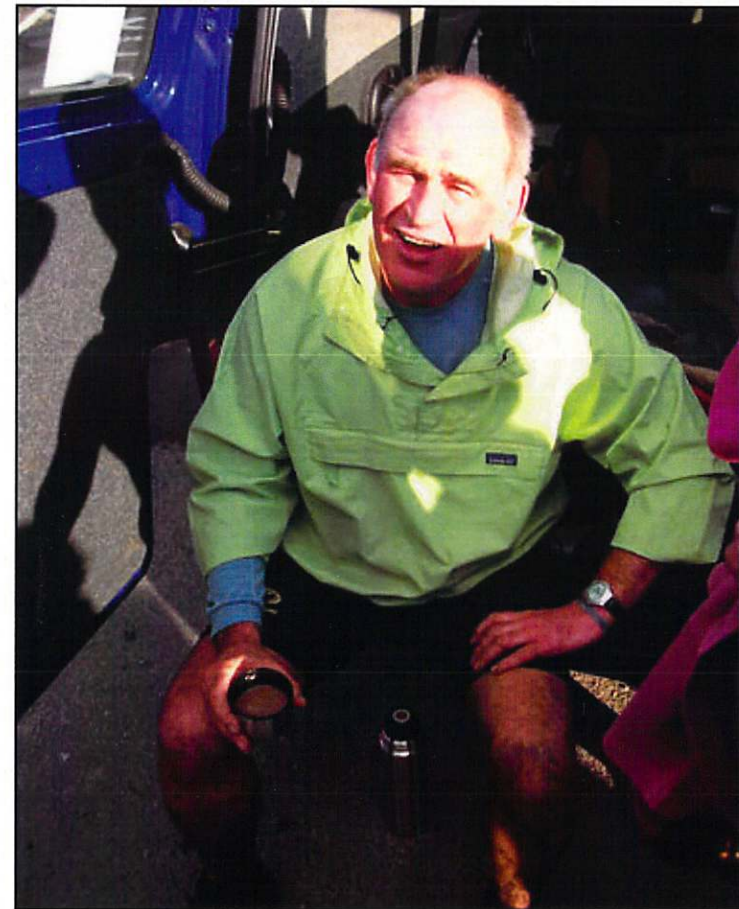


Now, study the image below to see if it offers any further clues. You may wish to ponder one of the boats in the distance, and consider specifically whether the clue may lie within it. Once you are satisfied you have identified the person you feel should have received the 2005 Pertex Award, please e-mail your suggestion to:

roy@rbig.demon.co.uk



| POS | NAME | CLOCK TIME | START | TIME | |
|-----|---------------|------------|-------|---------|---------------|
| 71 | John Dalton | 2.05.59 | 10.36 | 1.59.59 | |
| 72 | John Gunnee | 2.11.08 | 10.41 | 2.00.08 | |
| 73 | Jim Fulton | 2.09.19 | 10.39 | 2.00.19 | |
| 73 | Mick Poulter | 2.10.42 | 10.38 | 2.02.42 | |
| 75 | Pete Tapping | 2.25.43 | 10.50 | 2.05.43 | |
| 76 | Clive Last | 2.13.14 | 10.36 | 2.07.14 | |
| 77 | Jeff Harrison | 2.19.33 | 10.38 | 2.11.33 | |
| 78 | Steve Storey | 2.48.20 | 11.04 | 2.14.20 | Twisted ankle |
| 79 | Mike Browell | 2.18.18 | 10.32 | 2.16.18 | |
| 80 | Jim Orrell | 2.23.34 | 10.31 | 2.22.34 | |
| 81 | Jacky Smith | 2.39.02 | 10.37 | 2.32.02 | 1st FV50 |



Can I stop now? Mick Poulter grins and enjoys the sunshine at the finish

| POS | NAME | CLOCK TIME | START | TIME | |
|-----|-------------------|------------|-------|---------|----------------|
| 18 | Matt Hulley | 2.00.19 | 11.00 | 1.30.19 | |
| 19 | Mick Stenton | 2.06.04 | 11.05 | 1.31.04 | |
| 20 | Paul Addison | 2.01.43 | 11.00 | 1.31.43 | |
| 21 | Karen Davison | 2.01.49 | 11.00 | 1.31.49 | 1st Wom |
| 22 | Dave Allen | 2.01.20 | 10.59 | 1.32.20 | |
| 23 | Mike Nolan | 2.11.14 | 11.09 | 1.32.35 | |
| 24 | Andy Moore | 2.04.04 | 11.01 | 1.33.04 | |
| 25 | Tim O Neal | 2.03.05 | 11.00 | 1.33.05 | |
| 26 | Richard Horsfield | 2.02.24 | 10.59 | 1.33.24 | |
| 27 | Liz Batt | 2.01.28 | 10.58 | 1.33.28 | 2nd Wom/1st FV |
| 28 | Ryan Edwards | 2.04.37 | 11.01 | 1.33.37 | |
| 29 | Tim Hawley | 2.04.08 | 11.00 | 1.34.08 | |
| 30 | Dave Holmes | 2.01.11 | 10.56 | 1.35.11 | |
| 31 | Tony Heron | 2.03.26 | 10.58 | 1.35.26 | |
| 32 | Janet McIver | 1.59.34 | 10.54 | 1.35.34 | 3rd Wom |
| 33 | Tim Ray | 2.02.21 | 10.56 | 1.36.21 | |
| 34 | Andy Barnett | 2.04.58 | 10.58 | 1.36.58 | |
| 35 | Mike McIver | 2.02.07 | 10.55 | 1.37.07 | |
| 36 | Paul Sanderson | 2.00.08 | 10.53 | 1.37.08 | |
| 37 | Tom Westgate | 2.05.16 | 10.58 | 1.37.16 | |
| 38 | Paul Stopford | 2.02.42 | 10.55 | 1.37.42 | |
| 39 | James Varley | 2.07.54 | 11.00 | 1.37.54 | |
| 40 | Bob Berzins | 2.04.01 | 10.56 | 1.38.01 | |
| 41 | Dave Beresford | 2.08.18 | 11.00 | 1.38.18 | |
| 42 | Chris Barber | 2.02.32 | 10.54 | 1.38.32 | |
| 43 | George Yates | 2.04.30 | 10.55 | 1.39.30 | |
| 44 | Lynn Bland | 2.01.53 | 10.52 | 1.39.53 | 2nd FV |
| 45 | Helen Winskill | 2.09.32 | 10.59 | 1.40.32 | |
| 46 | Neil Drake | 2.13.22 | 11.02 | 1.41.22 | |
| 47 | Tony Keddie | 2.02.29 | 10.51 | 1.41.29 | |
| 48 | Andy Harmer | 2.01.44 | 10.50 | 1.41.44 | |
| 49 | Kevin Saville | 2.02.03 | 10.50 | 1.42.03 | |
| 50 | Russell Beresford | 2.08.36 | 10.56 | 1.42.36 | |
| 51 | Graham Berry | 2.02.18 | 10.49 | 1.43.18 | |
| 52 | Martin Payne | 2.01.21 | 10.48 | 1.43.21 | |
| 53 | Andy Jenkins | 2.14.52 | 11.00 | 1.44.52 | |
| 54 | Alan Yates | 2.04.48 | 10.49 | 1.45.48 | |
| 55 | Ian Winterburn | 2.15.32 | 10.59 | 1.46.32 | |
| 56 | Richard Hakes | 2.07.00 | 10.49 | 1.48.00 | |
| 57 | Vincent Cunliffe | 2.17.11 | 10.59 | 1.48.11 | |
| 58 | Rob Little | 2.32.13 | 11.14 | 1.48.13 | |
| 59 | Roy Small | 2.08.31 | 10.50 | 1.48.31 | |
| 60 | Rob Moore | 2.16.07 | 10.57 | 1.49.07 | |
| 61 | Maurice Musson | 1.59.12 | 10.39 | 1.50.12 | |
| 62 | Dave Lockwood | 2.09.17 | 10.49 | 1.50.17 | |
| 63 | Foin Connaughton | 2.08.51 | 10.48 | 1.50.51 | |
| 64 | Dave Markham | 2.01.51 | 10.40 | 1.51.51 | |
| 65 | Debbie Smith | 2.12.41 | 10.50 | 1.52.41 | |
| 66 | Rob Cooper | 2.01.42 | 10.39 | 1.52.42 | |
| 67 | Ken Jones | 2.18.59 | 10.55 | 1.53.59 | |
| 68 | Jane Searle | 2.10.00 | 10.44 | 1.56.00 | |
| 69 | Colin Lago | 2.02.22 | 10.35 | 1.57.22 | |
| 70 | Bob Marsden | 2.04.55 | 10.37 | 1.57.55 | |

Features

The Warts – an incurable disease?

*“Warting” has become as much a part of Dark Peak as the club hut. But how would you explain it to the road running masses who have yet to take part? How do you become a Wart? And what do you do when you have done? In this specially extended feature, **Chris Barber** lifts the lid on this curious pastime.*

In the light of the recent article in the Fell Runner about a bunch of Johnny Come Latelys who run on the hills in the winter using torches (!), an article on what must surely be the oldest nocturnal, artificially lit running section, is long overdue. The history of the “Warts” section of DPFR is a history of fell running itself.

Founded ostensibly by the late Tom Titt as a means of assuaging his guilt for using the roads in the winter months and as a means of satisfying his cravings for a “bit of rough”, this evolved into a highly disorganised “group” of outcasts: those whose personal habits prevented them from running with the others of the club, somnambulists and sheep “lovers”.

A brief explanation to the newcomers in the club, (and probably to a few of the older members who assume that running on the road in the winter is acceptable to a fell running club). The Warts - short apparently for stalwarts - run on the fells throughout the year, regardless of weather, availability of whisky or personal safety.

They use some sort of illumination device. The head torch is favourite, but there are some who still favour a hand job, (and who doesn't?), over the standard facial attachment. This is OK, but a bit of a bugger when you're on all fours scampering up some pitch black hillside.

We try to run from various points in the Peak every other week in the winter as most of us are at an age where boredom sets in easily. Also, we can better exploit the caches of whisky, which are an essential part of winter fell running. They are strategically placed at points around the Dark Peak known only to the wartier members.

Of late, however we have seen a worrying trend. Proper runners have got a sniff of the whisky and have started joining us. This means we have had to try running “fast”, (an alien concept), which has split the groups and left less time for drinking. We'll have to discuss the implications of this at the next committee meeting.

To give a flavour of the delights of warting, I will now move to some hitherto unpublished write-ups of some of the away runs from last season and from the early part of this season.

17th September 2004 – the Loxley Valley

The first Warts' run of the year from the Robin Hood at Loxley, an excellent pub which at the time seemed doomed to closure, (thankfully a financial saviour stepped in).

The run started with a "discussion", (see below), between the two erstwhile leaders of the clan, Mr H. and Mr H. I'm bound to say that Mr Harmer's proposed route did seem more interesting but because Mr Holmes was obviously under some personal stress, (see Fell Runner's Wives, Episode One, below), we allowed him to have his own way, which in retrospect was a big mistake.

Things were fine until Dungworth and even beyond but it all started to look a bit suspect when he took us onto the road and then via a soggy mattress, (no really, not a euphemism), through masses of brambles and nettles into Ughill Beck. Now Ughill Beck in the middle of winter is quite a sight to be seen, with its cascading waterfalls and pleasant rills. But at the end of a dry summer it just serves to get dry feet wet and slows the pace to that of the "fat boys" encountering Win Hill.

Pete Gorvett had the most memorable evening, doing his trick of stepping bravely into the unknown, only to end up scrotum deep in the murky waters. An excellent start to the season!!

So on we struggled and it soon became apparent that Mr Holmes obviously hadn't thought this one through, as the exit from the canyon involved a climb which no sane person would consider without being roped.

Anyway, from here, the best way of describing the run was that it was an unholy attempt to find the quickest and most boring way back to the pub. Muttered curses were heard throughout this section, adorned with words such as "bastard" and "Holmes". Next year, we'll listen to Mr Harmer!

Wednesday 24th September – Hathersage Baths

A first!! The new Dark Peak kit was unveiled by Mr Harmer – a girly kilt which he bought from Top Shop (size 10) and actually tried on in the women's changing room before buying it. The first bearded lady to run for Dark Peak. He even took his front teeth out to complete the young school-girl look. Before the end of the run there were a few envious glances, that was until he caught his nethers on a gorse bush to the demi-group's, (see later), positive delight.

The run, it has to be said, was excellent, combining a long, long climb to a trig point near Eyam and a long very slow battle through head-high bracken. Many comments were made at this stage about how considerate Mr Harmer had been in choosing a long slow descent with bracken and brambles to slow even the heartiest of runners. The Warts often divide into the "demi-groups", i.e. the slow runners and the walkers, but this night was an extreme example of this.

Communication between the groups was maintained for some time by a series of banshee-like wailings from Messrs Gunnee and Hawley, but the jungle was so thick that visual contact was soon lost. Thankfully, so was auditory. The important point is that Mr Fulton was in the leading group and consequently would not be taking his bat home and

An impressive list of excuses for a good handicap followed. Unfortunately this included Dave Markham showing me his hernia scar, (thankfully it wasn't located where I imagined it would be!).

Not wanting to make any glaring errors, I took the handicap list to The Sportsman on a few Wednesday nights so people could add their words of wisdom. I came up with a final version based on a combination of this year's results, the 2002 triple crossing and hearsay, which caused much entertainment in the pub.

Saturday morning arrived sunny and clear. Bad for the navigators, but I was pleased the marshals would be able to enjoy the day too. When I got to the Kinder River it seemed like all 81 runners were there together, with Moz in the lead and the pack hunting him down. For me this is always a fantastic and unique sight, a real mixture of Dark Peakers of all speeds, shapes and sizes all together, and the reason why I hope we keep the triple crossing as our club champs once every three years.

I arrived back in Edale to a mob of muddy runners with big grins on their faces enjoying the sunshine. I spotted Martin Payne who seemed to have had a particularly unpleasant time last year on his club champs debut. "How was it?" I asked. "It was perfect," he replied. "I enjoyed every minute of it." A sentiment echoed by the huge number of people who came and thanked me and said how much fun they'd had.

It would of course not have been possible without the marshals. They did a fantastic job, especially at the finish when the runners started coming in thick and fast. So a huge thank you to Anne Beresford, Ann Watmore and Lesley Storey at the start and finish, Jan and Hilary at the Downfall, and John and Frank at Snake Bridge.

And finally, if you still haven't paid your £1 entry fee, (a small price to pay for so much fun!), it's not too late. I have covered my costs but would like to give the rest to the charity which Dark Peaker Dawn Hopkinson was involved with, called "Challenge Cancer with Adventure". So, cough up. YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE!

Lynn Bland

| POS | NAME | CLOCK TIME | START | TIME | |
|-----|------------------|------------|-------|---------|---------|
| 1 | Alan Ward | 1.57.28 | 11.15 | 1.12.28 | 1st vet |
| 2 | Phil Winkill | 1.58.46 | 11.13 | 1.15.46 | |
| 3 | Neil Northrop | 1.56.35 | 11.09 | 1.17.35 | |
| 4 | John Helm | 1.57.23 | 11.05 | 1.22.23 | |
| 5 | Rob Smith | 1.57.34 | 11.04 | 1.23.34 | |
| 6 | David Taylor | 2.06.49 | 11.13 | 1.23.49 | 2nd vet |
| 7 | Gavin Williams | 1.58.12 | 11.04 | 1.24.12 | 3rd vet |
| 8 | Jon Batt | 1.57.46 | 11.03 | 1.24.46 | |
| 9 | Steve Bell | 2.02.43 | 11.06 | 1.26.43 | |
| 10 | John Ascroft | 2.03.10 | 11.05 | 1.28.10 | |
| 11 | Simon Patton | 2.11.12 | 11.13 | 1.28.12 | |
| 12 | Adam Jackson | 2.02.00 | 11.03 | 1.29.00 | |
| 13 | Darrell Bradbury | 1.59.06 | 11.00 | 1.29.06 | |
| 14 | Ron Fawcett | 2.00.13 | 11.01 | 1.29.13 | 1st V50 |
| 15 | Phil Crowson | 1.58.19 | 10.59 | 1.29.19 | |
| 16 | Dave Tait | 1.59.47 | 11.00 | 1.29.47 | 2nd V50 |
| 17 | Tom Webb | 2.03.16 | 11.03 | 1.30.16 | |

Memorial Trophy. Honours were shared by Rob Smith and Tom Webb, both DPFR, whose stunningly exciting neck-and-neck finish was officially declared a dead heat.

John Boyle came into the finish field with them and was still in contention. He'd been battling it out all the way with Rob and Tom, and was indeed leading at the Jones's Corner turn. Well done to all three of them, and to everyone else who made their personal endeavours over the famous course with its unique bent-tennis-racket configuration.

PFR did not leave empty-handed. The Moosehead was won by first lady Nicky Spinks, who put in an excellent run. Barbara Hague made a commendable individual bid for Hiro's Fan, awarded for the most imaginative walk-about. Barbara, however, failed to find the pub, so last-minute deliberation determined that the coveted trophy should go to PFR as a team. This seemed appropriate as several of their old-stagers had been intent on revisiting, (through nostalgia or atavism, who knows?), some bits of track, road, field and farmyard long since by-passed by the now definitive route.

A good morning's autumnal sport was enjoyed by all. Thanks to John Edwards and John Manthorpe for helping to mark the course, and to Sue Buckle for moral support and time-keeping. The contents of the Brasso tin provide a bottle of whisky each for Messrs Sanderson and Bramall, of Woodside and Hall Broom Farms, and pay for engraving costs, with any eventual residue going to DPFR funds.

Alan Yates

| POS | NAME | TIME | POS | NAME | TIME |
|-----|----------------|-------|-----|-----------------|-------|
| 1= | Rob Smith | 36:42 | 19 | Stuart Woodhead | 43:27 |
| 1= | Tom Webb | 36:42 | 20 | Andy Harmer | 43:41 |
| 3 | John Boyle | 36:49 | 21 | Kev Saville | 43:42 |
| 4 | Andy Moore | 37:53 | 22 | Nicky Spinks | 43:44 |
| 5 | Sean Walker | 37:56 | 23 | Roger Slater | 44:02 |
| 7 | Dave Gale | 39:02 | 24 | Dave Bell | 44:19 |
| 8 | Ron Fawcett | 39:07 | 26 | Bob Innes | 45:30 |
| 9 | Tom Westgate | 41:00 | 27 | Dave Markham | 45:34 |
| 10 | Ian Winterburn | 41:06 | 28 | Dave Foster | 46:31 |
| 11 | Darren Unwin | 41:38 | 29 | Nick Winterburn | 47:13 |
| 12 | Chris Barber | 41:51 | 30 | Robert Cooper | 47:55 |
| 13 | Owen Connaught | 41:53 | 31 | Mick Poulter | 48:47 |
| 16 | Tim Ray | 42:33 | 32 | Jane Cockerton | 51:13 |
| 17 | Graham Berry | 42:55 | 33 | Neil Palazzon | 51:30 |
| 18 | Richard Hakes | 43:21 | 39 | John Edwards | 76:00 |

Dark Peak club championships, Sat Nov 12th

I have had many memorable November days doing the Club Champs thanks to various organisers and this year I inadvertently found myself in their position.

Gathering entries was a fairly painless process thanks to e-mail, with only a handful of phone calls needed and a great postcard entry featuring a certain V50 who "climbs a bit" in action.

sulking for the following three weeks, as is normal when he's left in the trailing demi-group, (usually just him). And the whisky was good too.

Wednesday 1st October – Yorkshire Bridge

The "group" departed from Yorkshire Bridge with two new boys – Mark Harvey, who used to be a runner, and Martin Payne, a recent convert to the cult. A new record was created in that within 200 yards the sect had divided into the "demi-sects" that we mentioned earlier. Messrs Flatulent and Markham disappeared off the back only to reappear on the top of Win Hill in front of the main group who went the difficult way, (the Harmer-approved route).



Two-handed: Guy demonstrates advanced flask technique

Wednesday 15th October – Castleton

A welcome return by the recently-injured old curmudgeon Holmes, who on arriving late and seeing the rest of the "team" departing in a northerly fashion, proceeded to lose himself and the rest of us within seconds. Now a David Holmes scorned deserves an 18-certificate. After we kindly waited for him to catch us up at Hope Cross, he berated us with the sort of bile and expletives that we've missed for so long!

The reunited "team" proceeded via Edale to the late Grindslow Ponds, (where the tide seems to have receded), for a long overdue minibar. The whisky was so good that even Mr Holmes couldn't complain, (well, just a bit). From there, down again and up again onto Rushup Edge, only to find the tight-knit team had now fragmented into pairs and threes. Mr Harmer went the rough route back. The rest of us went to the pub via the road.

Wednesday 29th October – Ladybower Inn

No Captain Harmer this time. On leave in Greece. So instead an unlikely candidate for leadership emerged, none other than James Flatulent. A memorable start, down into what would have been Ladybower Reservoir had it rained, via a 20-foot cliff and up a

similar cliff on the other side and then via virgin forest to the top. So far so good. After all, we only had to go either down or up. But from here the "team" began to question the stand-in leader, e.g. why, when we want to head for Bamford Edge, are we going towards The Sportsman?

The resulting split involved most going the correct way but JF sticking to his guns, (as per the television programme shown some years ago in which he confidently set off at 180 degrees in the wrong direction in front of a few million viewers). He confidently set off in the wrong direction yet again, only to reappear some time later when we were all getting a bit worried. To the pub.

Wednesday 12th November – High Bradfield

Two new members including a non-male, (Debbie), and James. A steady run this, especially after some of us had really excelled ourselves in the Champs (?) and the Pendle race was pending. Also virgin territory for most of us, down Ewden Beck via the Rocher and Bar Dyke. Memorable only for its wetness.

...Oh well, at this point I got bored with writing things down. The only bit that really sticks in my memory after this was the interminable trudge up Pike Low from the Broomhead side after floods and pestilence had hit the land. We must have averaged about half a mile-an-hour for an hour or so of bog, tussocks, dead sheep, Mr H. complaining, the other Mr H. extolling the virtues of the Dark Peak bogs with boundless and totally unwarranted enthusiasm, followed by bracken, wind, rain, flatulence etc. etc. Even Major Harmer was beginning to doubt his own sanity. A perfect night's warring overall!!

Before we move to the new season, allow me to divert you to a subject that is deeply entwined with Warring, racing and, indeed, so many aspects of Dark Peak life...

FELL RUNNERS' WIVES, Episode 1

I thought the time was long overdue for a sexist article on warring and relationships, two words rarely, if ever, heard in the same sentence or uttered on a Wednesday night. The thought was in part inspired by a remark from a certain Mr H., (although to preserve his anonymity, I shall refer to him as "Doris"), who remarked that he was on his way home to resume the argument where he had left it.

I, and no doubt many other male members of the sect, can of course relate to this comment, (although I wouldn't dare suggest that there is a certain cyclical nature to all of this, not me).

Most men involved in sporting activity, (and, yes, warring just about fits this description), have frequent arguments in which the word "always" appears. The other word is "never". Innocuous words, you may think. But they herald what is usually a prolonged and tortuous "discussion", (the female term), or blazing row, (the male term), the forerunner of a one o'clocker or even later!

The Good Shepherd Classic, Sat Sep 24th

The Good Shepherd Classic at Mytholmroyd was an excellent event. Very well organised, friendly, an interesting course, (flagged wooded paths and open moorland), soup & sarnies at the finish & plenty of prizes (eg three V50 + spot prizes). It was a small field, nearly all club runners. Fifty six ran. Todmorden took the team prize.

Mick Cochrane

| POS | NAME | CAT | TIME |
|-----|---------------|---------|---------|
| 1 | Karl Grey | | 1:51:59 |
| 7 | Simon Bourne | | 2:05:26 |
| 23 | Mick Cochrane | 1st V50 | 2:18:54 |

Saddleworth Autumn Leaves, Sat Oct 1st

Strong wind and heavy showers made conditions difficult in places. As much tea and cakes as you wanted afterwards. One more counter would have got us the team prizes, but it seems most were doing well up at the Lakes.

Paul Young

| POS | NAME | CAT | TIME | POS | NAME | CAT | TIME |
|-----|----------------|-----|-------|-----|---------------|-----|-------|
| 1 | Malcolm Fowler | V40 | 69:39 | 7 | Mick Stretton | V40 | 74:48 |
| 3 | Paul Young | V45 | 73:07 | 10 | Steve Storey | V45 | 76:01 |

The Royal Dungworth, Sat Oct 1st

The race has been known for 20 years as the 'Celebrity International Amateur Dungworth Gala Fell Race'. The 21st in the series was the occasion for official re-branding and re-designation. The race will henceforth be known as 'The Royal Dungworth'. This is intended as a tribute to publicans Dave and Linda Lambert, now taking a sideways step towards retirement, and also as an expression of good wishes to 'Young Dave' and his family as they take over running The Royal. 'Big Dave' prepared a special meat and potato pie to commemorate the historic conjuncture.

There was a good turn-out, due to the very welcome appearance of numerous Penistone Footpath Runners, many of whom had run, on footpaths, over from Penistone to take part. Andy Plummer performed a four-and-three-quarter-mile lap of honour in celebration of his successful Bob Graham Round.

The race was run in perfect Dungworth conditions, both underfoot and atmospheric. Bramall's Bend was nice and slack and all appreciated the rich soup of slurry near Syke House Farm. The congenial post-race debriefing was fuelled by fine ale and the aforementioned pie. After his solemn speech, the organiser introduced Mrs Harper, an unfailing supporter of the race from its inception, to present the Granville Harper

Peris Horseshoe, 17.5 miles, 8,500ft, Sat Sep 17th

A good DPFR turnout for this classic mountain race. Conditions were favourable with only thin mist on the big tops. Bob Johnson had an excellent run and came in second after a fine race for top spot.

Elsewhere Dave starred as ever and Richard brought in a posse of six within a competitive eleven minute window. Jackie Lee of Eryri was first lady and obviously had a flyer.

The tyre supplier caused much amusement at his trouble in finding Wales' largest mountain coming off Y Lliwedd – he blamed a local. Organisation on the day was thin but who cares on such a natural course? The results were slow in coming with some of the translations of the surnames being somewhat awry!

Gavin Bland's course record of 3:02:49 has now stood since 1994. It will be interesting to see if it survives the race this year, when it will be a British Championship event. Details from Eryri Harriers: <http://www.btinternet.com/~alantudur/rheryri/Cynnwys/530eperis.htm>

Tom Westgate

| POS | NAME | CAT | TIME | POS | NAME | CAT | TIME |
|-----|-------------------|------|---------|------|------------------|------|---------|
| 1 | James McQueen | | 3.27.02 | 36 | Paul Sanderson | MV40 | 4.41.49 |
| 2 | Bob Johnson | | 3.31.10 | 39 | Tim "Ram" | | 4.43.17 |
| 14 | Dave Tait | MV50 | 4.15.30 | 47 | Andrew Harmer | MV50 | 4.54.22 |
| 27 | Richard Hopkinson | MV50 | 4.32.53 | 50 | Kevin Saville | MV40 | 5.03.33 |
| 28 | Tim Hawley | MV40 | 4.37.06 | 59 | Richard "Harris" | MV40 | 5.08.17 |
| 29 | Bob "Berzing" | MV40 | 4.37.18 | 70 | Eoin "Commaxon" | MV40 | 6.37.50 |
| 31 | Tom Westgate | MV40 | 4.38.39 | **** | **** | **** | **** |

Black Mountains, Sat Sep 24th

Ten years since I last did this race, and it's every bit as good as I remember. Great course. It may be a British Champs race in 2006, in which case get it in your diary and I'll do some route notes.

The weather was cool and clear – a great day for running. The start was slightly delayed as the organiser, John Darby, who also always runs, had forgotten his bum bag!

A good run by Joe Blackett to come second behind Andy Trigg, and I was pleased to knock four minutes off my previous best time. Seventy-four started.

Richard Hopkinson

| POS | NAME | TIME |
|-----|-------------------|--------|
| 1 | Andy Trigg | :02:41 |
| 2 | Joe Blackett | :02:42 |
| 22 | Richard Hopkinson | :03:11 |

I can vouch for the certainty of a prolonged "discussion" when I return from my Wednesday night pleasures if, in the parting sentence, the two key words appear. They are occasionally accompanied by the slamming of a door, kicking of the cat or expulsion of certain of my possessions.

To the point in hand: relationships. It's long been a source of wonder how certain members "get away with it". I think it wise not to mention, even in a coded way, any names here – you know who you are! It is however rumoured that in at least one marriage in north Sheffield, the double bed has been deemed a waste of space as one of the partners rarely sleeps there. When he does, he rises at some unseemly hour to "fetch his paper". (*I think his newsagent must be on Skye. Ed.*)

Most of us, (well me at least), have to amass a number of "Brownie points" before sheepishly asking if it would be OK to go away for the weekend for a little race with some like-minded chums. This usually involves Hoovering, decorating, cat-sitting, buying flowers, "servicing" etc., etc. But what I consider worth a high number of points often gets only a mention in passing by the other member of the partnership. Once I have done it once or twice, it seems to become a duty and I cruelly lose any right to pleasures extraneous. The danger of "point inflation" is ever present and has to be guarded against. Some members of the Warting group seem, however, to have an inexhaustible supply of Brownie points. Like so much in life, it can be baffling.

So...the point of all of this rambling is to say that perhaps we need an advice and guidance forum fronted by some of the more fortunate members, plus clear guidance on what actions warrant reward from the partner as opposed to simple acceptance, e.g. how many Hooverings constitute a weekend away? Perhaps someone would like to devise a points system we can all agree on?

Anyway...winter at last! Thank goodness that horrible sunshine has disappeared for another six months.



Startled: Chris didn't expect his wife to run

Wednesday 21st September 2005 – Hathersage Baths

The first night of the new season. Thank goodness summer's gone and we can get down to some serious enjoyment. There is a large group of around 20 runners, plus John Gunnee, a rare sighting these days. Numbers will surely dwindle when it gets a bit colder.

We depart from the usual slog up onto Eyam Moor. Up the old race route and then a fight - even by Major Harmer's standards - through neck-high bracken and steaming bog up Callow Bank. From here to Higger Tor and the plummet, and then via a tortuous, bracken and thorn-filled route back to Hathersage. A fairly mundane run really, but the opportunity to use the new 29 (29!!) LED lights bought for 1p on e-bay was just so...well, erotic, that's the only way to describe it! If I mentioned my new 21 LED head torch as well...oh,oh,ohhhhhhhhhhh, damn, I'll just have to go and clean up! Ah well, it can only get better as the weather gets more miserable, the whisky starts flowing and Mr H. becomes his curmudgeonly self again. The winters just seem to fly by!

Wednesday 28th September 2005

Normally I don't bother with reporting the home runs but this one deserves special mention because of its vileness, (and yes, Mr H. complained bitterly and even took his bat home early as a result). Picture the night. Pissing down with rain, dark at 6.30, a first time Warter, James, and where does the boss decide to take us? F...ing Hallam Bog to see the f...ing ponds, which seeing as how the whole moor could be more or less classified as a pond, seemed fickle to say the least. And a lot more was said, believe me. Much rolling around in the bog.

I'm always reminded of a sage word from one of our more senior members, Mr (ex Prof.) Yates, who said that running round Rud Hill was good practice for this sort of thing...and that about sums it up, really. Pace was "steady", cursing was profuse and had there been a tree and bit of rope, a lynching may have ensued. Exposure was only kept at bay by the promise of the first whisky of the year.

Wednesday 5th October – Rowlee Bridge

At least 20 runners plus John Gunnee set off in the semi-tropical weather up to Jubilee Cabin and then up to Mad Woman's Stone, (as was pointed out "aren't they all"? - *his words not mine, Ed.*)

Mr Gunnee soon fell off the back of the peloton but we decided an attrition rate of less than 5% was acceptable and left him. To Blackden Trig following the trusty Major Harmer, and then quickly, (relatively), down to the Youth Hostel. Then up to Point 444. However, the navigational capabilities of Lieutenant Harmer, (now demoted), were questioned when he signally failed to find Point 444 despite the offered advice that he was "far too high and had the navigational qualities of a disorientated lemming".

So...having abandoned this target, we thought "Bollocks to it, get the whisky out" and then went down to the pub. The alcoholic quality of these early-season runs is showing promise.

To be continued...

Lake District Mountain Trial, Sun Sep 4th

A very hot day for this year's Lake District Mountain Trial. Sun hats were obligatory and the pools in the becks looked so inviting. The men's trial started from High Tilberthwaite Farm and took competitors to checkpoints on the upper slopes of Wetherlam, Coniston Old Man, Harter Fell, Hard Knott and then Wetherlam again. The short and womens' trials omitted the excursion across the Duddon Valley.

The event has an illustrious 53-year history and is rightly regarded as a classic. It can be likened to a single day of a mountain marathon: a staggered start to pick up a map, then choose your own route between the controls. The event starts from a different venue each year, usually an obliging farmer's barn. Even in popular areas of the Lakes, the checkpoints are positioned such that running on a path is seldom the fastest option. So expect a long day out. Just ask this year's competitors!

Men's Trial (16 miles, 8,000')

| POS | NAME | TIME |
|-----|---------------------|------|
| 1 | Ifor Powell | 4:52 |
| 4 | Simon Bourne | 5:05 |
| 10 | Gavin Williams | 5:33 |
| 40 | Steve Lumb | 7:08 |
| 44 | Tim Hawley | 7:15 |
| 54 | Rick Ansell (Tring) | 7:24 |
| 69 | Christopher Barber | 8:05 |

dnf Alan Yates

105 started, 76 finished

Short Trial (11 miles, 5,000')

| POS | NAME | TIME |
|-----|----------------|------|
| 1 | Hector Haines | 4:04 |
| 15 | Maurice Musson | 5:43 |
| 27 | John Dalton | 6:08 |
| 33 | Bob Marsden | 6:49 |
| 34 | Jeff Harrison | 6:58 |
| 35 | John Armistead | 7:04 |

dnf Colin Henson, Graham Bell

61 started, 40 finished

Gavin Williams

If you are interested in finding out more about this event, you may want to have a look at the Lake District Mountain Trial Association site: <http://www.ldmta.org.uk/index.htm>

There is also a commemorative booklet "Fifty Years Running: A History of The Mountain Trial", that was published by the LDMA in 2002. It does not seem you can order this from their website, but you can buy it online for £3 at [Books Cumbria](#). Ed.

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|----|---------------|------|------|--|
| 9 | Chris Barber | V50 | 1:58 | Did well to navigate round the course |
| 10 | Dave Gale | | 2:00 | |
| 11 | Richard Hakes | V40 | 2:02 | |
| 12 | Dave Holmes | V40 | 2:05 | Credit for climbing all the check points |
| 13 | David Hakes | Baby | 2:05 | Haircut did not make him run any faster |
| 14 | Jamie Fulton | V50 | 2:07 | |
| 15 | Gary Westwood | V40 | 2:07 | |
| 16 | Guy Seaman | V50 | 2:08 | Good training for the KIMM long score |
| 17 | Pete Gorvett | V50 | 2:09 | Managed to start on time |
| 18 | John Dalton | V50 | 2:10 | They would have run faster if they |
| 19 | Hugh Cotton | V50 | 2:13 | hadn't held hands all the way round |

Longshaw Sheepdog Trials race, Sat Sep 3rd

It was great weather for trialling sheepdogs or fellrunners. The race clashed with several others and this appeared to act as a deterrent to some runners but an incentive to others who like to attempt three or four races over a weekend. Lloyd had raced the night before, came and broke Phil Winkill's previous Longshaw record in the morning and was off to race elsewhere in the afternoon!

Sally Ward set a new womens' record by shaving six seconds off her 2004 time, and Tony Hall had a good run to take the V40 trophy but didn't get close to the 41min 38sec record set by Kev Lilley last year. So Dark Peak had a good day.

My fears about lack of marshals were resolved when late injuries prevented various DP members competing in the Mountain Trial. Dave Lockwood - stubbed toe...going round to next-door neighbour's in carpet slippers in the dark, and Dick Pasley - head injury...practising diving into garden compost heap, (*should I know more about these? Chase*) joined Andy Moore, Derek Jewell and Jon Straker. My thanks to them for helping, to Alison for laying out the course and to Frank Galbraith for his excellent race commentary over the public address system.

Dave Moseley

| POS | NAME | CAT | |
|-----|------------------|------|-------|
| 1 | Lloyd Taggart | | 38.09 |
| 2 | Rob Little | | 40.34 |
| 5 | Tony Hall | V40 | 44.29 |
| 7 | Paul Sanderson | V40 | 48.42 |
| 9 | Karl Marshall | | 49.39 |
| 11 | Sally Ward | FV40 | 53.18 |
| 15 | Matthew Flinders | | 54.58 |
| 17 | Alison Shepherd | FV40 | 55.55 |
| 20 | Jim Fulton | V50 | 57.18 |
| 20 | Dave Moseley | V50 | 57.18 |
| 25 | Mike Arundale | V50 | 60.59 |
| 32 | Mandy Moore | FV40 | 65.21 |
| 35 | Mike Browell | V50 | 67.27 |
| 36 | Roger Baumeister | V60 | 69.06 |
| 38 | John Myers | V50 | 71.48 |

Captain Ward and his relay crew

*FRA Relay champions two years running, plus second place in the Ian Hodgson, and runners-up by just seconds in the 2005 Calderdale? Could it just be that Dark Peak now have the best team of fell runners in Britain? Let's celebrate. Cue club captain **Al Ward**...*

First of all, may I say a big thank you to all those who ran, (and who volunteered to run), in the 2005 relays. Especially the Calderdale Way, since this involves a lot of logistical difficulties with the transport.

The year saw probably the best set of results the club has ever achieved in the three major relays, although being a relative newcomer I stand to be corrected.

Let's start with what is usually the toughest course, the Ian Hodgson. We put in a marvellous effort to repeat last year's second place, only five minutes behind Borrowdale. **Leg One** saw Rob Little and Al Ward take off like they were being chased by Tim Austin with his trousers down. All was going well until Rob's brain caught up with him descending the boulder field by Cofa Pike, (tip: take it out before you start next time, fella). Even so, sixth place kept us well in contention.

Leg Two. An excellent second leg by Andy Middleditch and the Pocket Rocket, (Dave Taylor for those of you who have never had the pleasure!), brought us back in fourth position leaving Tim Austin and Lloyd Taggart the simple task of making five minutes up on Borrowdale, (if only we could get the runners!).

Leg Three. A very fast and incredibly gutsy run. If you could only have seen what pain Tim was in approaching Ravens Edge - laugh?...I nearly joined P&B! They handed over in second position, comfortably ahead of third placed Ambleside. Nice jogging, Lloyd.

Leg Four. Mike Robinson and new lad Joe Blackett, (welcome yer old codger), were comfortable runners-up on this leg, to consolidate our second position, five minutes behind Borrowdale, but nearly ten minutes ahead of Ambleside.



Duelling Davison: Karen at Alva

Now to the big one, the one our rivals claim we can only win if its on Kinder, and even then only if we cheat. Off to "home" territory at Alva in Scotland, and the British Relay Champs.

Leg One saw me definitely take my brain out before I started, setting off as if it were an 800m race. Having taken a second breath some 15 minutes later, (and having gone from 1st to about 12th place in the interim), I eventually recovered to hand over in a pretty shoddy sixth place, (but quite importantly, less than a minute behind Pudsey).

Leg Two was a much more intelligent affair from Rob Little, (he kept his brain in this time). He ran the fastest leg time to bring us home in front, but neck-and-neck on aggregate time with Pudsey and Bramley, (our strategy was to try to get clear of them before the navigation leg.)

Leg Three. Unfortunately, a beautiful clear day and a very straightforward first control meant that P&B were able to tail Andy Middleditch and Oli Johnson around the whole of the navigation leg. Fortunately, however, Oli and Andy were the stronger runners and pulled clear of Gary Devine and Steve Bottomley before the changeover to finish just in front.

Leg Four. Our slender lead got even more slender while Lloyd finished doing whatever he was doing, (I didn't ask). By the time they set off, a cynic was sagely pointing out we had "no chance of winning the thing", (well-known and very good runner, another club, knows bugger all about Dark Peak). So imagine our surprise, (I don't think), when Lloyd and Tim came coursing down the hillside and into the finish some four minutes ahead of P&B. Again, thank you Tim for going through what must have been a very unpleasant few miles with that monster - no offence intended Lloyd! (well, not much anyway). Eh, and guess what - no accusations of cheating this time!

The same cannot be said of the last of the three, the Calderdale Way Relay. Now, first of all can I say that it's about time we won this bloody thing? Despite some very strong and esteemed clubs turning out, (including Salford, Bingley and P&B), and despite missing some strong runners ourselves, we very nearly did it this year.

Leg One. Oh how they love to get up for this one. Soz Dave (Taylor) and Rob (Baker) but you know it now so at least one of you is having it next year. Dave and Rob ran a solid first leg to bring us to Cragg Vale in ninth place.

Leg Two. A great performance from two of our esteemed orienteers. Or is that an oxymoron? Only kidding. Matt Crane and Neil Northrop not only managed not to get lost but also ran the second fastest leg to arrive in Todmorden in fourth place overall. Nice one!

Leg Three. Big thanks to Pete Hodges and Andy Middleditch who got out of his sick bed, (someone told him that Man U had flogged Wayne Rooney to the mighty 'Pool), for digging in on this one. They handed over at Blackshaw with the team holding on to fourth place.

Leg Four. At the end of this, Richard Patton said he would like to shake Oli Johnson's hand for not getting back from Russia in time and letting him kindly run the leg in his place. Oh how he enjoyed it, especially when I slammed a gate on his thigh. Despite

Ashford (Thornbridge) race, Sat Aug 20th

We extended the course by a few yards, to take the finish line to the opposite bank of the river. This minor change produced a surprising variety of entertaining finishes, with quite a few people failing to spot that the line to the left was a lot shallower than the deep pool to the right. Happily nobody drowned. Most notable performance was by Dave Lockwood, who led a merry little bunch well off-route via Brushfield. The results suggest Alan Yates is drifting dangerously close to doubling his son's finish time in races.

Dave Holmes

| POS | NAME | TIME | POS | NAME | TIME |
|-----|--------------------|---------|-----|---------------|---------|
| 1 | Mick Stenton | 0:52:57 | 13 | Dave Holmes | 1:02:02 |
| 2 | Richard Horsefield | 0:54:20 | 14 | Richard Hakes | 1:06:49 |
| 3 | Matt Hulley | 0:54:53 | 15 | Hugh Cotton | 1:08:08 |
| 4 | George Yates | 0:56:50 | 16 | Dick Pasley | 1:08:20 |
| 5 | Dave Wilkinson | 0:58:17 | 17 | Roger Slater | 1:14:30 |
| 6 | Rob Davison | 0:58:18 | 18 | David Hakes | 1:15:07 |
| 7 | Tom Westgate | 0:58:20 | 19 | Dave Lockwood | 1:16:00 |
| 8 | Tim Hawley | 0:58:53 | 20 | Jeff Harrison | 1:17:16 |
| 9 | Roy Small | 0:59:13 | 21 | Jim Fulton | 1:17:25 |
| 10 | Chris Barber | 0:59:34 | 22 | Sue Westgate | 1:22:04 |
| 11 | Paul Sanderson | 0:59:50 | 23 | Marilyn Small | 1:25:50 |
| 12 | Tim Ray | 1:01:30 | 24 | Alan Yates | 1:25:57 |

Three Stones (Cowper, Buck and Head), Wed Aug 24th

With the ring ouzels long since fledged and the not-so-glorious twelfth two weeks out of the way, it was randomly decided on club night to run this classic Dark Peak race. I don't think anybody quite knew the quickest route, but everybody had fun and finished the night not much the wiser. On a semi serious note, we did have a non-club runner - who will remain nameless - who led the anticlockwise field to the Cowper Stone and then disappeared without trace and failed to log in at the hut. This left Gavin and I telephoning around once we got home.

Tom Westgate

| POS | NAME | CAT. | TIME | RANDOM COMMENTS |
|-----|----------------|---------|---------|--|
| 1 | Neil Northrop | Whippet | 1:24 | Good run |
| 2 | Rob Little | Whippet | 1:36 | Ran quickly, not always in right direction |
| 3 | Tom Westgate | V40 | 1:37 | |
| 4 | Tim Hawley | V40 | 1:39 | Needed his road shoes from the pole |
| 5 | Gavin Williams | V40 | 1:42 | Saving himself for Pilsley |
| 6 | Paul Stopford | | 1:47 | |
| 7 | Roger Slater | V40 | 1:47:30 | Seemed to enjoy himself far too much |
| 8 | Tim Ray | | 1:55 | Good BG training |

Race results

Margery Hill, Wed Aug 8th

I led to Wet Stones when the pack caught me. At Howden Pond, Paul and Tom opened a gap until Phil caught up from the 09:18 start. Excellent run from Alan Yates, who could have won, but seemed to lower his sights in an obsessive urge to beat Dave L. and Mike. 2004 survivors resisted the temptation to wear water wings, although Dave Tait was conspicuously absent. Fearful of flash floods, or maybe pot hunting at Mickleden?

Andy Harmer

| POS | NAME | TIME | POS | NAME | TIME |
|-----|----------------|----------|-----|----------------|---------|
| 1 | Phil Winskill | 1:47:07 | 13 | Bob Berzins | 2:14:42 |
| 2 | Roger Woods | 1:58:15 | 14 | Nev Boler | 2:15:09 |
| 3 | Bob Johnstone | 1:58:15 | 15 | Ken Jones | 2:20:22 |
| 4 | James Varley | 1:58:57 | 16 | Helen Winskill | 2:22:11 |
| 5 | Tom Westgate | 2:09:23 | 17 | Dave Lockwood | 2:24:17 |
| 6 | Paul Sanderson | 2:11:23 | 18 | Richard Hakes | 2:26:32 |
| 7 | Rob Hutton | 2:12:ish | 19 | Dick Pasley | 2:37:07 |
| 8 | Tim Ray | 2:12:13 | 20 | Dave Holmes | 2:38:45 |
| 9 | Andy Harmer | 2:12:53 | 21 | Jim Fulton | 2:40:48 |
| 10 | Chris Barber | 2:13:11 | 22 | Colin Lago | 2:41:24 |
| 11 | Neil Drake | 2:13:21 | 23 | Mike Hayes | 2:42:30 |
| 12 | Alan Yates | 2:13:42 | 24 | Don't know | ? |

Alport, Wed Aug 8th

| POS | NAME | TIME | POS | NAME | TIME |
|-----|----------------|---------|-----|----------------|---------|
| 1 | Dave Taylor | 1:04:00 | 20 | George Yates | 1:26:00 |
| 2 | Matt Crane | 1:13:01 | 21 | Rob Davison | 1:26:40 |
| 3 | Rob Smith | 1:15:25 | 22 | Dave Walsh | 1:27:40 |
| 4 | Gavin Williams | 1:16:25 | 23 | Ashley Field | 1:27:40 |
| 5 | Mick Stenton | 1:19:04 | 24 | Alan Yates | 1:28:17 |
| 6 | Steve Storey | 1:19:10 | 25 | Roger Slater | 1:29:59 |
| 7 | Mike Nolan | 1:19:14 | 26 | Dave Lockwood | 1:30:39 |
| 8 | James Varley | 1:19:20 | 27 | Jim Fulton | 1:31:34 |
| 9 | Phil Crowson | 1:20:30 | 28 | Maurice Musson | 1:32:14 |
| 10 | Tom Westgate | 1:21:15 | 29 | Bob Marsden | 1:33:00 |
| 11 | Mick Cochrane | 1:21:40 | 30 | Richard Hakes | 1:33:10 |
| 12 | Paul Sanderson | 1:21:50 | 31 | Jane Searle | 1:34:33 |
| 13 | Damian Kilpin | 1:21:50 | 32 | John Dalton | 1:35:04 |
| 14 | Roy Small | 1:22:45 | 33 | Hugh Cotton | 1:36:30 |
| 15 | Sean Walker | 1:22:50 | 34 | Guy Seaman | 1:38:12 |
| 16 | Tim Ray | 1:23:25 | 35 | Pete Tapping | 1:40:04 |
| 17 | Chris Barber | 1:23:40 | 36 | Gary Westwood | 1:41:05 |
| 18 | Darren Unwin | 1:23:42 | 37 | Dick Pasley | 1:47:30 |
| 19 | Andy Harmer | 1:23:45 | 38 | Max Mitchell | 1:49:00 |

this, a just-back-in-training Richard and an apologetic pillock ran a creditable 1:08 to bring us to the changeover on Jerusalem Lane in fifth.

Leg Five. John Boyle and Mike Robinson now know this leg like Robinson knows his way round the hairdrier department at John Lewis. They ran the second fastest time on their leg to consolidate our fifth place and pull us closer to the leading pack.

Leg Six. A blinding run from a fully recovered Tim Austin and a rather worried, (well, as worried as he can be), Rob Little produced not only the fastest leg time but also a new leg record of 1:08:37. The pair overtook all but Bingley to bring the club home in second place only 17 seconds behind the leaders after six hours. How close can you get?!

Cue the complaints...

Uncharacteristically for this event, results were quite slow in appearing, not least of all because of the litany of whinges flying about. Me and Dave Taylor waited for hours to get the prizes,* (for the most part ably supported by Karen Davison, Debbie Smith and Julie and Micah Wilson), during which time we had to defend the club against accusations of cheating on two counts - first one about a club vest, the second one about sneaky short cuts. Cue some rather amusing but unprintable texts from Mr. Austin! Eventually the result stood but, let me say this loudly:

NEXT YEAR, BE UP FOR THIS ONE - IT'S ABOUT TIME WE HAD IT GOOD AN' PROPER!

*If you haven't got your prize yet, give me a ring.

Anyway, thanks for reading my ramble. If I've offended anyone, soz (except Tim). And I tried ever so hard not to swear.

PS On a serious note, if you do want to do the relays, please compete against the regulars from other clubs beforehand in a couple of tough fell races, especially for the Hodgson. It's very hard to know how you would perform in this sort of race or who would be a good partner for you if there's no yardstick.



Gurner: Tim smiling in the FRA's

N.B. We haven't forgotten the women! Full report from Karen in next edition. Ed.

Tom Westgate risks frostbitten feet to initiate the traditional ascent of the 1894 Stone on the 2005 Bradfield Boundary Run. Chase was impressed.

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