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## THE FELL RUNNERS' ASSOCIATION

was formed on 4th April, 1970 to serve the interests of the sport of Fell and Mountain Running in the U.K.

F. R. A. NEWS - A. G. M. 6th April, 1974.

A brief summary of PROPOSALS RESOLVED and other items of interest:
1). By a majority of 40 votes to 10 , it was carried that the Committee consider alternative schemes, if any, for deciding the Fell Runner of the year for the 1975 season. Frank Travis asked for any ideas on the subject to be put in writing and sent to the Hon. Sec.
2). At the 3lst December, 1974, the F.R.A. Account was in credit by £160. 59.
3). It was agreed that no action be taken for the time being with regard to the F.R.A. establishing its own set of rules in co-operation with the A.A.A.
4). It was agreed that the Committee look into the possibility of holding a Social Evening after an event. in 1974.
5). It was carried unanimously that because of lack of enthusiasm the matter of adopting an Association Tie or Badge be dropped.
6). The Committee gratefully accepted an offer from David Meek who said he was willing to donate a trophy to be awarded to the runner-up in the Fell Runner of the Year Competition.
7). The Officials elected for the year 1974/1975 are listed on an earlier page of the magazine.
F. R. A. NEWS - COMMITTEE MEETING 24th November, 1974.

FELL RUNNER OF THE YEAR AWARD SCHEME. The main criticism levelled against the present scheme was that the runner who could make himself most available either in time or in cash, or both, stood the best chance of amassing more points merely because of having the opportunity to compete in more races.

After considerable discussion three lines of argument emerged :
(a) That put forward by David Payne, that since the scheme and its rules affected only twenty people out of a membership of 450 of the Association, and as the vast majority of runners took part in events purely for the enjoyment of the sport itself, he considered it best to

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leave the position as it stood:
(b) that put forward by Alf Case, that a determined number of Class $A$ and $B$ races be made and the performance of the runner be considered on that number, i.e. that no matter how many events a runner competed in, only his best 7 Class A races and his best 3 Class B races would be considered. This, he argues, had the advantage of allowing the runner the events he wished to compete in and where he wished to pick up his points:
(c) that put forward by Gerry Charnley, that a determined number of races be made and the races nominated in advance so that runners would know exactly the races which would count towards the Award. He argued that since this affected very few people this would not detract from the field of those events on the periphery of the scene. Pre-determined championship races were a common feature of other sports and the onus was on the runner to be present at these events.

After further discussion it was decided by general consent that the Award consist only of Category 'A' races and that the number for consideration be half the total number of 'A'. races for 1975.

INTERNATIONAL FELL RUNNING. The Committee on the whole was in favour of attracting foreign competition. George Broderick suggested that since British fell runners had been invited to take part in a race in Switzerland in 1974, a reciprocal arrangement. be made by the F.R.A. to invite foreign competition to a specific event in Britain so as to foster international fell running and to make fell running an internationally recognised sport, which it is not at present. Gerry Charnley pointed out that any invitations could not be made by the F.R.A. as it had no money to do so and was not a promoting body. Invitations could be made by individual race promoters.

FINANCE. The balance in hand was £240. As agreed at an earlier meeting those members who were more than one year's subscription in arrears on the lst January, 1975, could not receive further F.R.A. publications.

LOL CLARK. Frank Travis informed the Committee of the recent death of Lol Clark, a well-known personality in the fell running and orienteering world who devoted much of his time to the promotion of many events in this field. He was better
known in orienteering circles where he organised dozens of events and helped to popularise the sport in Britain in the last ten years. His cheerful, smiling face will be sadly missed at fell events such as the Vaux Mountain Trial, Twoday Mountain Marathon, and Three Peaks race.

THE A.A.A. AND FELL RUNNING. Alf case referred to a letter which he has sent out to various clubs and personnel connected with fell running for their views on certain developments that had taken place re- the A.A.A. and its attitude to fell running. One of the main points was that the A.A.A would recognise an independant body governing the sport of fell running with its own rules. It was agreed to put this before the A.G.M. and to recommend to i.he A.G.M. that a sub-committee be set up to examine the proposals put forward by the A.A.A.

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* * * \quad \text { A. G. M. } \\
\text { All members are invited to attend the } \\
\text { Annual General Meeting of the Fell Runners' } \\
\text { Association which will be held after the } \\
\text { PENDLE FELL RACE on SATURDAY, 5th APRIL, } 1975 \text {. }
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Cover Photograph shows 1974 Fell Runner of the Year, Jeff Norman, Winning the Three Towers Race in October. (Copywright - Bury Times)
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## JEFF NORMAN : FELL RUNNER OF THE YEAR 1974.

After much speculation as to the outcome of the 1974 Fell Runner of the Year Competition, JEFF NORMAN of Altrincham Athletic Club emerged the winner by 17 points from the 1973 holder of the Trophy, Harry Walker of Blackburn Harriers. At the end of July, Jeff had built up a commanding lead of 45 points over Harry and 65 points over Martin Weeks. But then Harry began to reduce the deficit in August and September when some of his favourite races are held. After the last "scoring" race, Thieveley Pike, neither Jeff nor Harry was sure who had won the trophy. The issue remained in doubt for some time until all the missing results had been collected. Thanks must go to the Statistician, John Howarth who prepared a comprehensive analysis of the Season's races and whose results are shown below.

Jeff Norman's success came in a year when he became the first man to break the $2 \frac{1}{2}$ hour barrier in the Three Peaks Race as well as recording his fifth consecutive win in the race. Apart from winning seven scoring races, he also won the Cannock Chase and Clitheroe races and was in invincible form in the Three Towers Race in October.

Jeff won his title as follows: lst Carnethy Hill (B) 16 points; 7th Pendle (B) 8; lst Rivington Pike (B) 16 ; lst Three Peaks (A) 22; 1st Fairfield (A) 22, 1st Pen-Y-Ghent (B) 16 ; 1st Chevy Chase (A) 22; 3rd Great Hill (B) 12: lst Skiddaw (A) 22; 6th Wasdale (A) 15; 4th Half Nevis (A) 17; 6th Creag Dhubh (A) 15: 16th Latrigg (A) 5: 7th Burnsall (A) 14: 4th Pendleton (B) 11; 4th Ben Nevis (A) 17: 16th Vaux Trial (A) 5; 8th Langdale (A) 13; 3rd Thieveley Pike (A) 18. TOTAL 286 POINTS.

In SECOND place was HARRY WALKER with 269 POINTS - lst Pendle (B) 16; 3rd Rivington Pike (B) 12; 2nd Three Peaks (A) 19; 3rd Fairfield (A) 18; 2nd Pen-Y-Ghent 13: 2nd Chevy Chase (A) 19; 4th Ennerdale (A) 17; 6th Great Hill (B) 9; 5th Skiddaw (A) 16 : 17 th Wasdale (A) 4; lst Latrigg (A) 22; 2nd Burnsall (A) 17; 2nd Pendleton (B) 13; 3rd Ben Nevis (A) 18; 5th Vaux (A) 16; 5th Langdale (A) 16; 1st Thieveley Pike (A) 22. Harry also won three other events - The Edale Skyline, Ingleborough, and Two Day Events.

THIRD was MARTIN WEEKS of Bingley Harriers with 241 POINTS 4 th Carnethy (B) 11; 3rd Pendle (B) 12; 3rd Three Peaks (A) 18; 2nd Rivington Pike (B) 13; 1lth Fairfield (A) 10;

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4th Pen-Y-Ghent (b) 11; 9th Chevy Chase (A) 12: 3rd Skiddaw (A) 18; 3rd Bens of Jura (A) 18; 1st Creag Dhubh (A) 22; 2nd Latrigg (A) 19; 3rd Burnsall (A) 18; lst Pendleton (B) 16; 7th Ben Nevis (A) 14: 11th Langdale (A) 10; 2nd Thieveley Pike (A) 19;

FDURTH BRIAN FINALYSON - LOCHABER A C. 195 points. wins in the Ben Lomond (A) Cairngorm (B) Bens of Jura (A) and half Nevis (A).

FIFTH MIKE SHORT - HORWICH WOn Langdale (A) 168 points
Sixth DAVE HALSTEAD - BLACKBURN 149 points won Borrowdale and Kinniside races (non scoring in 1974).

Seventh RAY RALINSON - ROSSENDALE, 146 points - won Barbon Hill race (B)

Eight JOSS NAYLOR - KENDAL 144 points - wins in Manx Mountain Marathon (A) Welsh 1000 metres (A) Ennerdale (A) and Vaux (A).

Ninth BOBBY SHIELDS - KENDAL 129 points.
loth Mike Nicholson Kendal 108 2lst.Dennis Weir Sale 56 llth Andy Churchill Clayton 98 EqualRonny Cambell Lochab 12th Pete WalkingtonB'burn $8623 r d$. A. Buckley Holmfirth52 l3th John Blair-Fish Lochab 82 24th. Alistair Scot Lochab 51 14 th Wade Cooper $\mathrm{M} / \mathrm{C}$ \& D.77 EqualPete Trainor Keswick l5th Pete Bland Kendal 75 26th Richard Belk Kendal 50 l6th NormanCarrington Sale 7327 th Richard Tinlin EdinAC 49 l7th Jimmy Jardine Penicuik 7128 thCharlie Jarvie Lochab 46 18th John Calvert B'burn 66 29th Brian Gemson Lanc\& M 45 19th Jim Smith Bury 59 EqualBrian Pickersgill 20th G.Ellis Holmfirth 58 3lstDave Cannon Kendal 41 Equal Pete Duffy, Motherwell.
220 competitors gained points. 10 gained between 30 and 39 points, 16 gained between 20 and 29,59 gained between 10 and 19, and 103 gained between 1 and 9. Altogether there were 5207 points available from 18 Category "A" races and 13 Category "B" races.

The events were as follows: "A" races - Manx Marathon, Three Peaks, Fairfield, Welsh 1000 metres, Chevy, Ennerdale, Ben Lomond, Skiddaw, Wasdale, Bens of Jura, (only 16 finished in this race), Half Nevis, Creag Dhubh, (results of first 15 only received), Latrigg, Burnsall, Ben Nevis, Vaux, Langdale and Thievely Pike, 22 points were awarded to the winner in each race, 19 for 2 nd, 18 for 3 rd and down to 1 for $20 t h$ place.
"B" races - Carnethy, Pendle, , Rivington, Manx Hill Race, Whernside, Pen-y-Ghent, Lomonds of Fife, Great Hill, Cairngorm, Barbon, Glenurqhart, Pendleton and Rossendale. 16 points were awarded to the winner in each race, 13 for the 2 nd , 12 for the 3rd.... down to 1 for 14 th place.
*FOR THE 1975 SEASON * only category "A" races (defined as "more than 250 feet of height gained or lost per mile at least two thirds fell, and very rugged"). For example if there are 26 "A" races listed, then a competitor's best 13 performances will be considered. If there are 27 races listed, then again a competitor's best 13 will be considered. If the total number of "A" races is an odd mumber, subtract one and divide by two. The points awarded for "A" races are the same as last season.

* SUBSCRIPIIONS 1975. *

The 1975 Subscriptions became due on lst January. Fixture lists and Magazines will not be sent out to those members owing over one year's subscriptions. Subs. are 50p. (minimum) - ordinary member; £1. - Patron.

* The 1965 "THREE PEAKS" RACE *

Limited copies of an article which appeared in an earlier Magazine entitled "THREE PEAKS; THE 1965 RACE AS ONE COMPETITOR (Winner Mike Davies) REMEMBERS IT", are available from the Registrar/ Treasurer. Please enclose a s.a.e. if you would like to be forwarded a copy.

## REPORTS and RESULTS OF 1974 EVENTS.

## CARNETHY HILL RACE.

Saturday, 23rd February.
The people of Penicuick didn't quite know what to expect. For weeks before the date the "Advertiser" had been printing stories about the men we were about to see - deeds like running up 60 odd peaks in the Lake District in under 24 hours and spending their holidays chasing chairlifts in Glencoe! These were strange men indeed, and it was with some awe that we awaited the 28 th February 1971 - the first Carnethy. Five or six of us locals were going to have a go, but apart from the "Grand Gala Pram Race" not many of us had much athletic experience and consequently didn't know what to expect. What to eat before the event? Well I thought that as I was going to be pretty tensed up I wouldn't each much before the race but when we were sitting in the changing rooms one of the others was spreading two hunks of bread thickly with cold beans - "Power me over the heather" he said. Later in the day I was to see him half-way up Carnethy and shouted over "how's the bean sandwiches?" "See for yourself!" he replied, pointing. There have been three more Carnethys since then and we are all wiser - he had an Aztec bar on his sandwich this year. The best way to find out the route is to come along with me in the race here we go.... The flag drops and I'm in about the 6th row over on the right, but there is no hold up, everyone is away like a shot and the pace is kept up right round the park, through the gate and up through the housing estate. Road turns to grass, then road, then grass. Seeing only heels, shoes and hairy legs for there is no energy for looking up - lucky there are police at all the junctions: Just a moment, I recognise these legs passing me - someone I should be staying with but can't seem to do much about it. The speed is killing and yet I feel I can't get moving. The little zig-zag style takes us out into the woods and we wind up the farm roads to the busy A702 where the long line of runners are strung colourfully out along the $\frac{1}{4}$ mile length of pavement. As I turn onto the road I see the first few go through the gate onto the hill - these folk have covered two uphill miles in under ten minutes! Where will I find the strength to tackle the heather on Scald Law if I'm already faltering on the

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pavement? Not to worry - it's the same for us all. Through the gate and over the two little burns making for the stone stile where the Juniors turn right to tackle Carnethy and the Seniors dip down to the left to do Scald Law. The yellow markers show up well but watch out, two traffic wardens are patrolling them. As we climb higher nearly everyone is walking and after going over the top, we shoot off down the shoulder to climb its sister, Carnethy. I keep off the path because it is short grass steep and slippery and run down the heather to the point where the two shoulders meet where it becomes very peaty and threatens to pluck your shoes off; then comes Carnethy, but it is a more gradual climb on a nice path and can be taken at a trot. Not much place swopping is going on now, but from the cairn at the top it is a different matter. Some like it, some don't. I'm talking about scree and by the time we arrived at the stone stile again there were a few "Jeellied nebs and skinnt knees." Now back to the road splashing through the wee burns and once through the gate and heading down the pavement, I have to keep shaking myself out of just getting into a mechanical plod, a sort of a numbing reverie. A Kendal vest goes by and I have something to. aim at again. Through the farm, past the houses and into the park - no lap to finish this year, but jog! Did you like that? Think you'll find your way round next year? Wonder who f'll have on my back next time?

No-one need show Jeff Norman the way round, in fact I doubt if anyone could without ending up in Emergency Ward 10; and Jeff headed a fine field of fell runners to win the nine-ish mile race in 52 minutes and that includes ascending 2000 ft .

JIMMY JARDINE

| 1.J.Norman | Altrincham 52.01 | ll.R.Anderson | Cambuslang 55.51. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2.I.Elliot | EdinburghS 52.27 | 12.F.Gribben | EdinburghAC55.53 |
| 3.R.Shields | Kendal 52.38 | 13.G.Swan | Edinburgh S56.02 |
| 4.M.Weeks | Bingley 52.43 | 14.P.Bland | Kendal 56.04 |
| 5.B.Finlayson | Lochaber 53.00 | 15.D.Fairweat | (er Law \&Dis56.16 |
| 6.W.Day | Falkirk Vic53.02 | 16.A.Samuel | Teviotdale 56.33 |
| 7.N.Bailey | Edinburah S 54.14 | 17.D.Weir | Sale 56.50 |
| 8.M.Craven | Edinburgh S 54.17 | 18.J.Smith | Bury 57.01 |
| 9.D.Halstead | Lancs Fire | 19.J.Blair. | Edin.Univ. 57.06 |
|  | Brigade 54.52 | 20.1. Duncan | - Andryew's |

98 Finishers. Team: l. Edinburgh Southern (Elliott, Bailey Craven)

## CARNETHY JUNIOR RACE.

1. D.Knowles EdinAC 43.19 4.R.Knowles. Edin AC 45.48
2. M. Jones Sale 44.24 5.A.Scott ForresH 46.22
3. C.Joss Bellahouston 45.31

CANNOCK CHASE 21 (1500 ft) Sunday 10th March, 1974.

1. J.Norman
2. J. Wigley
3. M. Phillips
4. G.Thompson
5. B.Wilkins
6. K.Boydon

EDALE SKYLINE FELL RACE.

Altrincham 1.59 .25 (Record)
Invicta 1.59 .58
Birchfield 2.01.21
Notts 2.04.49
Sparkhill 2.06.20
Tipton 2.08.53.

Fell Runners arriving at Edale for the inaugaural Skyline Race were informed that there had been modifications to the advertised course length of 18 miles including 3000 ft of ascent. A greater challenge lay ahead - the revised route was to be over 22 miles which incorporated some $4,700 \mathrm{ft}$. of ascent and descent. - The sandy gritstone tracks and peat groughs were dry making the going relatively easy, but the temperature was in the lower 60's.

Of the 127 entered for the race, 101 set off at 1.00.p.m. prompt to the clang of a cowbell. Jos Naylor and Pete Walkington led up the first steep climb from the Barn with Martin Weeks and Harry Walker, 1973 Fell Runner of the Year, in close pursuit. The pace was fast despite the steepness of the initial l mile climb of $1000^{\prime}$ to the first checkpoint at Grindslow Knoll (1860'). Here, Walker and Ricky Wilde led the field with Wilde leading from Walker and holding this position on the eastward stretch along the southern edge of the Kinder plateau through Jagger's Clough (1700'), the second checkpoint, and on to Win Hill (1523') via Hollins Cross. Walker had challenged hard over this section but. Wilde held him off and forged ahead on the one and a half mile descent from Win Hill down to the Cheshire Cheese Inn in Hope. (Oh for a pint!) and up the ever steepening $1000^{\prime}$ climb to the summit of Lose Hill (1563') the fourth checkpoint, and the start of the undulating southern section of the Skyline. Two miles further on, however, at Mam Tor (1696'), the site of
prehistoric earthworks, and the fifth checkpoint, Wilde twisted an ankle and dropped out of the race leaving Walker and Jon Wigley to fight it out over the remaining 8 miles back to Edale.

Though Martin Weeks, Joss Naylor (predictably moving through the field as the race progressed) and Dennis Weir put in late challenges, Walker maintained his pace across the rough moorland to Brown knott (1866') down to Edale Cross and on to Grindslow Knoll (1860') before the final dash down to Edale. He finished strongly in a time of 2 hrs. 40 mins. at least five minutes clear of Weeks who in turn was three minutes clear of Naylor.

The warmth of the afternoon sun had certainly taken its toll with 30 runners failing to finish - twelve of these who continued beyond this began to find it increasingly hardwork over those last eight "dry" miles. Many runners who had the intention of using this race as a stepping stone for the Three Peaks Race ( to be held a month later) under estimated the race. They will not make the same mistake next year!

This was a splendidly organised event over an inspiring natural route. Chris Worsell, The Race Sec., Dan Morrison the sponsor, and their numerous helpers must be congratulated on promoting this first Edale Skyline Race. This proved to be a very en joyable day and they can be assured that the same runners will be back in twelve months time.

Mike Hobden

| 1.H.Walker | Blackburn | 2.40 .10 | 11.V.Duf | ton | 3.04 .40 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2.M.Weeks | Bingley | 2.45.24 | 12.P.Walkingt | Blackburn | 3.05 .58 |
| 3.J.Naylor | Kendal | 2.48 .26 | 13. A. Shaw | Rochdale | 3.07 .49 |
| 4.D.Weir | Sale | 2.50 .30 | 14.R.Britton | Winton | 3.08 .55 |
| 5.J.Irwin | Bingley | 2.51 .30 | 15.D.Attwell | Altrincham | 3.08 .56 |
| 6.D.Ritchie | Birchfield | 2.53.25 | 16.J. Norman | Altrincham | 3.09 .00 |
| 7.B.Finlayson | Lochaber | 2.55 .56 | 17.M.Hayes | Sheff.Univ. | 3.09.36 |
| 8.H.Blenkinsop | Sale | 2.56 .18 | 18.B.Boxen | M/C \& Dis. | 3.11 .45 |
| A.Lightfoot | Sheffield |  | 19.G.Rhodes | RucksackCl. | 3.13.19 |
|  | University | 2.59 .02 | 20.D. Townsend | Invicta | 3.14.58 |
|  | Invicta | 3.00 .3 |  |  |  |

71 Finishers. Team : 1 Sale (Weir, Blenkinsop, Carrington)

CATHKIN BRAES HILL RACE. Saturday, 30th March.


Old Pendle $v$ New Pendle.
Fell races are subject to minor alterations or diversions, but seldom can one have undergone major surgery as did the Pendle this year.

Amongst the reason for the change were the queues which built up at the stiles in the fields after Whitehough camp school, the danger from traffic at the finish in Roughlee and the high proportion of cross country running in relation to fell running.

The race now commences at Barley, 100 yards up the Roughlea road, cross the Newchurch Rd. at the Chapel and 100 yards up the Waterworks Road turns through a gate and up a cart track. After one mile at Buttock Farm a path rises steeply to the ridge. After a short run on the escarpment, a long drop commences down a green track to the foot of Big End, the climb up this being the only part of the new course which coincides with the old one. Three quarters of a mile down the ridge the course is rejoined and followed down to a very fast finish in Barley.

This year's race was run in lovely sunshine, the ground was bone dry and a cooling wind was behind the runners on the ascent. John Calvert led through the first gate and up the first field but Harry Walker began to pull away at Buttock and built up a comfortable lead just failing to beat 30 minutes. The places were hotly contested - Alan Spence in second place being chased home by Martin Weeks (3rd) and Mike Short (4th).

No longer can spectators see large parts of the race sat in their cars, but as several competitors said at the Annual Meeting afterwards, Fell races are held for the benefit of the runners and though there must be a few who
preferred the old course, most runners seemed to favour the new one.

Jim Smith said it was "A vast improvement", Jeff Norman, although he had not personally had a good race, thought it a great course. Harry Walker confessed to a sentimental attachment to the old course, but faund the new one very much to his liking. Alan Spence had during training thought the course too rough but after his good run felt much happier about it. Mike Davies said that the change had made it into a real fell race. It would appear that the new course is here to stay.

| 1.H.Walker | Blackburn | 30.29 | 11.M.Jones | Sale | 33.04 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2.M.Weeks | Bingley | 31.18 | 12.R.Shields | Kendal | 33.25 |
| 3.A.Spence | Bingley | 31.20 | 13.P.Bland | Kendal | 33.36 |
| 4.M.Short | Horwich | 31.25 | 14.D.Anderson | Bingley | 34.20 |
| 5.J.Calvert | Blackburn | 32.31 | 15.S.Jackson | Bury | 34.25 |
| 6.C.Robinson | Rochdale | 32.42 | 16.R.Chaisty | Bury | 34.25 |
| 7.J.Norman | Altrincham | 32.45 | 17.W.Padgett | Bingley | 34.32 |
| 8.R.Rawlinson | Rossendale | 32.47 | 18.D.Waller | Rossenda | 1834.39 |
| 9.I. Partingt | nRossendale | 33.00 | 19.A.Harmer | Portsmo | th34.41 |
| 10.B.Pickersg | illWakefield | 33.04 | 20 G. Young | Rowntre | 34.44 |

Team : 1 Bingley (Weeks, Spence, Anderson) MANX MOUNTAIN MARATHON. Saturday, 13 th April. (30 miles - 9000 ft )

As in the 1973 race, there was a bit of controversy over the taking of short cuts by certain runners, though much less serious on this occasion. There were actually four involved and each was penalised according to the severity of his offence, but without affecting the first two positions, which were filled by Joss Naylor and Dennis Weir. The event this year claimed its first victim in the form of Jim Smith, who was occupying 2nd place till Injebreck, where he fell (drunk?) while crossing a stream by a rotten log, and dislocated his elbow.

Octavian Droobers Orienteering Club "A" Team (Norrish, Brad, Melton) won the team trophy and Mike Davies was the fastest veieran among the fell runners. (There are actually two categories in this event: A, Runners and B, Walkers.) The weather was dry and though misty at first, later developed into a sunny afternoon.

[^0]| 1.J. Naylor | Kendal | 4.32 .02 | 11.R.Cowley | Southern |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2.D. Weir | Sale | 4.59 .55 |  | A.C.I. $0 . M .6$ | 6.12 .24 |
| 3. M.Davies | Reading | 5.17 .47 | 12.J.Blair- | Edinburgh |  |
| 4.C.Brad | Octavian D. | 5.22 .12 | Fish | Univer. | 6.15 .28 |
| 5.G.Oliver | Junior |  | 13.P.Still | JLRRA |  |
|  | Leaders' | 5.43 .29 |  | Nuneaton | .18.05 |
|  | Regt. |  | 14.A.Parker | JLRRA |  |
| 6.R.Meadowcr |  |  |  | Nuneaton | . 35.45 |
|  | Bolton | 5.44.10 | 15.T.Walker | JLRRA |  |
| 7. E. Norrish | OctavianD | 5.51 .30 |  | Nuneaton | 6.37 .36 |
| 8.P. Dawes | Kendal | 5.52 .10 | 16.C.Taylor | JLRRA |  |
| 9.R.Melton | Octavian D. | 5.57 .10 |  | Nuneaton | 6.51 .44 |
| 10.M.Tyler | JLRRA |  | 17.A.Corlett | Boundary |  |
|  | Nuneaton | 5.57 .28 |  | Harriers | 6.52 .38 |
|  |  |  |  | I. O.M |  |
| x5e9 | aber |  |  | Octavian | . |
|  |  |  | 19.M.Garrat | Teeside \& |  |
|  |  |  |  | Cleveland | $.56 .06$ |
|  | - |  | 20.C.Welbourn | ne JLRRA |  |
|  |  |  |  | Nuneaton | 6.59 .28 |
| RIVINGTON P | IKE FELL RA |  | Saturday, 13 | th April |  |
| (31) miles - | 1149 Ft.$)$ |  |  |  |  |
| 1.J. Norman | Altrincham | 17.07 | 8.H.Symonds | Altrincham | m 18.01 |
| 2.M.Weeks | Bingley | 17.10 | 9.B.Gemson | Lancaster |  |
| 3.H.Walker | Blackburn | 17.16 |  | Morecambe | 18.08 |
| 4.N.Ward | Bolton | 17.26 | 10.G.Hulley | Sheffield | 18.19 |
| 5.M.Short | Horwich | 17.32 | 11.G.Woodburn | nBlackburn | 18.26 |
| 6, J. Calvert | Blackburn | 17.44 | 12.R.Heys | Blackburn | 18.30 |
| 7.B.Pickers | gill |  | 13.W.Cooper | Manchester |  |
|  | Wakefield | 17.51. |  | \& D. | 18.33 |
|  |  |  | 14.V.Duff | Keswick | 18.36 |
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| MANX HILL RA | ACE. |  | unday 14th Ap | ril. |  |

No. results available.

GOAT FELL RACE. (6 miles - 2866 feet)

Saturday, 27th April.

After ten years The Isle of Arran Tourist Organisation decided to revive this event though the late publicity failed to attract many entrants. Few runners outside the Ayshire or Glasgow area, who might anyway be tempted by the distant sights of Goatfell to come over, entered. It seemed that none of the 13 competitors who lined up for the start on a calm, warmish April-like day, had covered the course before. The excitement raised by the failure of the starter's gun to fire (despite the two practice attempts) provoked a fast start by a leading group of six runners as if for a road race. The route took us up the road to the castle, then up a Forestry Commission track, then a gentle climb by Cnocan Burn, through two deer fences to where the stiff climbing started. We ascended by the ridge round to the right, but descended straight down. The pace slackened on the steeper climb, and I passed Jimmy Jardine into second position after being left behind at the start. George Skinner did not seem far in front at the top - perhaps he could be caught. However, care was called for on an unfamiliar descent - Jimmy Jardine's early fast descent caused him to stop with cramp. I managed to lose the path just before we entered the forest and Jim Sloss moved to second to his surprise. Jimmy Jardine made an attempt to catch Jim Sloss again on the road, but his effort petered out as we entered the field together. The rest of the field was well spread out behind us.

John Blair-Fish.
(First thirteen only published in "Athletics in Scotland".)

| 1. G.Skinner | Cambuslang H | 1.21 .56 |
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| 2. J.Sloss | Beith H | 1.23 .17 |
| 3. J.Blair-Fish | Belgrave H | 1.24 .00 |
| 4. J. Jardine | Penicuik H | 1.24 .10 |
| 5. A.McMaster | Ayrshire A.C. | 1.29 .49 |
| 6. E. Wright | Ayrshire | 1.35 .59 |
| 7. J. Sands | Ayrshire | 1.37 .04 |
| 8. T.McCulloch | Ayrshire | 1.38 .43 |
| 9. J.Anderson | KinlochlevenAC | 1.39 .35 |
| 10. I.McKenna | Beith H | 1.43 .06 |
| 11. R.Connor | Unattached | 1.43 .28 |
| 12. F.Bias | East KilbrideA.C. 1.44 .59 |  |
| 13. I.Johnston | StirlingA.C. | 1.58 .02 |

THREE PEAKS RACE.
(22 miles, 4,500 ft.
Sunday 28 th April.
Jeff Norman made Yorkshire Three Peaks history in this race by at last breaking the $2 \frac{1}{2}$ hour barrier despite the poor conditions resulting from rain and sleet, high winds and low cloud. Harry Walker was disappointed to only finish second again and promises Jeff stiffer competition next year. The two reached Pen-y-ghen summit together, along with Martin Weeks, and Harry was leading on the descent but had a nasty fall on the way down. Jeff had a 2 minute lead at Ribblehead which he increased to 5 minutes at Whernside summit and almost to 6 minutes at the finish. Meanwhile, Weeks was maintaining a strong challenge for 2nd place, but Walker finally shook him off over the last section from Whernside to the Hill Inn.

George Rhodes was the fastest veteran, beating Eric Roberts by 03.20. and 4 places, while Altrincham (Norman, Blinston, Attwell,) had superior team strength to Bingley (Weeks, Irwin, Anderson) and Kendal (Naylor, Shields, Nicholson). 251 finished out of 280 starters and there were 141 First Class Certificates awarded (inside $3 \frac{1}{2}$ hours) and 99 Second Class (inside $4 \frac{1}{2}$ hours).

## BILL SMITH

| 1.J.Norman Al | 2.29 | 7.J.Irwin | Bingley | 2.44 .50 |
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| 2.H.Walker Blackbur | 2.35 .45 | 8.J.Wrigley |  | 2.46 .09 |
| 3.M.Weeks Bingley | 2.36 .41 |  | ill |  |
| 4.E.Himswor | 2.40 .14. |  |  | 2.47 .09 |
| 5.P. BraithwaiteThaq | 2.41 .38 | l1.R.Shields | Kendal | 2.48 .03 |
| 6.B.Finlayson Locha | 2. |  |  | 2. |

13.M.Nicholson Kendal 2.48.23.27.A.Spence Bingley 2.55:43 14.J.Calvert Blackburn2.48.31 28.G.Newton Vauxhall 2.55.47 15. M. Short Horwich 2.49.02 29.V.Duff Warrington 2.56.41 16. D. Anderson Bingley 2.49.05 30.D.Blakeley MZC \&Dis2.57.17 17.H.Blenkinsop Sale 2.49.19 31.D. White Thames 2.57 .19 18. A. Churchill Clayton 2.50.02 32.I. Macmillan Invicta2.57.29 19.D. Attwell Altrincham2.50.27.33.R. Meadowcroft Bolton2.58.28 20.N.Carrington Sale 2.50 .41 34.R.Jackson Sale sbri2.58.42 21.D.Weir Sale 2.50.57 35D. Quinlan Longwood 2.58.48 22.P.Walkington Black 2.52.53.36.W.Wade Coventry 2.59.19 23. H. Chadwick Thames ${ }^{\text {2 }}$ 2.52.57 37. D. Scott Clayton 2.59.48 24.P.Duffy Aberdeen 2.53.31 38.G.Rhodes Stafford 3.00.03 25.A.Styan Holmfirth2.54.41 39.K.Windle Clayton 3.00.04 26.W.Padgett Bingley 2.55.12 40.T.Ramsden Holmfirth3.00.27
G.Ellis (Holmfirth) beat his clubmate, G.Hollingworth by 12 seconds to win the Whernside Junior Fell Race, There were 2 retirements out of the 22 starters. W.R.S. l.G.Ellis Holmfirth 37.58 6.A.McGee Keswick 40.34 . 2.C.Hollingworth " 38.10 7.B.Gemson Lancaster 41.05 3.E.Irving Airedale 39.05 8. A. BrierleyAiredale 41.29 4.R.Chaisty Bury 39.25 .9. S.Jackson Salford 41.45. 5.H.Symonds Altrincham 40.26 D.P.Speqfer Keswick 42.08

FELLSMAN HIKE
( 55 miles, $10,000 \mathrm{Ft}$ )

## May $18 \mathrm{th} / 19 \mathrm{th}$

The course was reversed this year, starting at Threshfield and finishing at Ingleton. Conditions underfoot were mainly very firm - "The ground was the driest I have ever known it", said Ala! Heaton - and the weather was quite mild, despite showers in the afternoon and a considerable amount of mist. The lead was closely contested by a bunch of half-a-dozen fell runners in the early stages, but Alan Heaton gradually got out in front and rapidly began to make ground, thereby ensuring his seventh win in this event. Boyd Millen of Kendal A。C. representing Lakeland Orienteering Club on this occasion, took the prize for the fastest novice, while his Club tied with Manchester Associates Rambling Club for the team award. 229 finished out of 381 starters.

Bill Smith.

1. A.Heaton
2. J.Richardson
3. N.Heaton
4. W.Smith
5. B.Millen

Pendle Forest Orienteers 15.17
Rucksack Club. Bes 15.58
Manchester Assoc.
Clayton-le-Moors
Lakeland O.C.
16.04
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FAIRFIELD HORSESHOE FELL RACE.
(8 miles - $3000 \mathrm{ft}$. ) Sunday, 19th May.


THE PEAKLAND HUNDRED.
Sat/Sun 25/26th May,
(100 miles)
This was the second hundred mile event to be organised by the Long Distance Walkers' Association, their first such promotion having been the "Downsman Hundred" in 1973. The

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route started from Hayfield at 12 noon on the Saturday and circled the Peak District - both gritstone and limestone - via road, cross-country and moorland, including Black Hill and bleaklow. The weather was perfect and so were the conditions underfoot. Boyd Millen said he'd never before experienced such firm ground on the notoriously boggy summit of Black Hill Though the event is officially a "challenge walk" (non-competitive) a fair amount of competitive spirit does creep in, and the fastest time of $19 \mathrm{hrs}$.13 mins. was recorded by fell runner Peter Dawes of Kendal A.C. Peter's clubmate, Boyd Millen, also did well to finish in 5th place, with a time of 27 hours 27 mins. after having competed in the Fellsman Hike the previous week end while Brian Covell of Edinburgh A.C. went round in 29 hrs. 52 mins. to gain llth place. There were 86 entries, 74 starters and 33 finishers.

Bill Smith.

| 1. P.Dawes | 19hr | 13 min | 7.G.Smith | 27hr.41.mi |
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| 2. D. Rosen | 20! | 34 | 8.R.Gibbard | 28 " 01 |
| 3. A. Bla | 20 | 45 | 9.D.Fitter | 28 " 48 |
| 4. P.Fitter | 21. | 52 | 10.B. Hynes | 28 " 49 |
| 5. B.Millen | 27 | 27 | 11.B.Covell | 29 " 52 |
| 6. R. Knutzen | 27 | 27 | 12.G.Bell | 29 " 52" |

WELSH 1000 METRES PEAKS RACE. (27 km. - 2700 metres)

| 1.J.Naylor | Kendal | 3.44.15 | 9.M.Walford | Kendal 4.32.00 |
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| 2.D. Weir | Sale |  | 兂 |  |
| 3.P.Walkingt | Black | 4.00 .33 |  |  |
| 4.A.Evans | Kendair | 4.21 .00 |  |  |
| 5.P.Trainor | Keswick | 4.23 .00 |  | 4.45.13 |
| 6.J.Smith | Bury | 4.25 .00 | 13.P.Dawes | Kendal 4.46.45 |
| 7.K.Windle | Clayton | 4.26 .00 | 14.P.Bland | Kendal 4.47.00 |
| 8.P.Jones | Kendal | 4.26 .30 | 15.G.Blackbu | Bingley4.47.4 |

## PEN-Y-GHENT RACE

( 6 miles - 1450 ft .)
In contrast to last year's torrential rain, the weather this year was quite warm, but cloudy, and the ground was very dry. After leaving the starting field at Horton-in-Ribblesdale, and going along a short section of road, the course led onto a rough track and then onto open moorland when the field began to sort itself
out. Harry Walker led through the checkpoint at Whitber followed by Mike Short, Martin Weeks, Jeff Norman and Brian Gemson who were all under 8 mins. From there to the summit and back was unflagged, but all runners reached the top by going up a diagonal track on the west side of Pen-y-Ghent. At the top, Walker had a good one minute's lead over Norman with Short and Weeks some way behind. On the descent runners were faced with a choice of routes : to go back down the diagonal track, or to go over the edge and straight down a hair raising steep slope which was shorter, but no route for the fainthearted. A majority used the diagonal track, but those who took the plunge down the slope seem generally to have had an advantage. On return to Whitber, Walker was still in the lead, but Norman had cut back the huge gap with some very fast downill running and was rapidly :atching up. Norman finally gained the lead just before the course returned to the rough track and went away to win by 13 seconds, and to knock no less than 4 mins off the record set by Walker last year in very wet conditions. There was no team event, but the veteran's prize was won by David Hodgson of Leeds City, 49 runners started and finished the course.

| 1.J. Norman | Altrincham | 43.46. | 11.P.Hartley | Rossendale | 50.59 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2.H.Walker | Blackburn | 43.59 | 12.M.Davies | Reading | 51.17 |
| 3.M.Short | Horwich | 45.20 | 13.G. Howard | Shaftesbur | 51.39 |
| 4.M.Weeks | Bingley | 47.11 | 14.D. Montgom | ery Sefton | 51.47 |
| 5.B.Pickersg | ill Wak | 47.52 | 15.B.Bristow | Clayton | 51.44 |
| 6.B.Gemson | Lancaster | 447.54 | 16.T.McDonal | dUnattached | 52.07 |
| 7.V.Duff | Warrington | 49.42 | 17.P.Loftus | Bingley | 52.41 |
| 8.D.Hodgson | Leeds City | 49.48 | 18.E.Foley | Bolton | 52.55 |
| 9.P.Weather | head Wirral | 50.13 | 19.P.Spencer | -Keswick | 53.07 |
| K.Cartme | eswick | 50.20 | Ellis |  | 53 |

CHEVY CHASE.
(17 miles-4000 ft.)
1.J.Norman Altrincham2.16.00
7.A.Churchill Clayton
8.G.Newton Luton 2.30.
9.M.Weeks
10. D. Coker

Bingley 2.31.
2.33.
ll.B. PickersgillWakefield2.35.
12.I.Mitchell
2.36

| mbell | Lochaber | 2.37 |  |  |
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| ? | ? | 2.40 | 18.J.Jardine | Penicuik 2.50 |
| 15.H.Forrest | Gosforth | 2.40 | 19.M.Davies | Reading 2.55 |
| 16.D.Nicholson | Kendal | 2.4 | 20 | Rowntr |

SADDLE JORTH FELL RACE.
1.R.Rawlinson Rossendale 20.20
2.M.Short Horwich 20.50
3.D.Gaskell Wakefield 20.59
4.D.Blakeley M. \& D. 21.28
5.J.Waterhouse Bingley 21.31.
6.R.Harrison L'Pool H 21.35.
7.C.Hollingworth Holmfirth21.54

Sunday, 2nd June.

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\text { 8. W. Cooper M.\&D. } & 21.59 \\
\text { 9. M. Seddon Holmfirth } & 22.05 \\
\text { 10.G.Entwhistle M.\&D. } & 22.07 \\
\text { 11.I. Partington Rossenn- } 22.09 \\
\text { 12. M. McGann E. Chesh. } 22.16 \\
\text { 13. R. Asquith Holmfirth22.23 } \\
\text { 14. D. Anderson Bingley } 22.47
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ENNERDALE HORSEHOE FELL RACE. Saturday 8th June. (23miles - 7,500 ft)

Suffering from a recurrence of his old back injury, Joss Naylor failed to improve on - or even equal - his course record this year, despite perfect weather, but was a clear winner even so. Dennis Weir, who has made a habit of finishing 2 nd in this event could only manage 6 th place on this occasion, while a fierce battle for 2nd place was waged by two men who are 13 years Joss's junior (he is now 38) Andy Churchill and Mike Short, with Mike finally winning by 19 seconds. Eric Roberts again turned in the outstanding veteran performance, recording a personal best time of 4.08.12, with Alan Heaton (24th) and John Marstrand (30th) also receiving prizes in this category. Eddie Leal won the over 50's trophy for the second year running, while team prizes were awarded to Blackburn (Walker, Halstead, Walkington) Kendal "A" (Naylor, Nicholson, Roberts) and Sale (Weir, Jackson Carrington). Two retired out of the 62 starters.

There were only four competitors in the junior race up Crag Fell, which was won by Alan McGee from nearby CleAtor Moor, representing Keswick A.C.


CRAG FELL RACE. (Under 21) (4 miles - 1700 ft )
1.A.McGee Keswick 34.16.
2.P.Spencer-Ellis Keswick 37.18

BEN LOMOND RACE. (7miles - 3000 ft.)

Ben Lomond at 3192' is the most southerly "Munro" in Scotland and with the possible exception of Ben Nevis and Cairngorm, it is the most popular and frequently ascended of all the major Scottish peaks. The race, which is always held on the second Sunday in June, and is organised by the S.Y.H.A., starts from the Rowardennan Y.H. and after half a mile of fast road/ track to Rowardennan Hotel, climbs for around four miles to the summit, with exactly the same route used on descent. The track rises in stages, with numerous steep ascents leading to the broad south ridge and eventually to the final steep summit cone. The track itself is fairly rocky in places and has very poor drainage so that after heavy rain it can became a fairly tricky descent.

The race has attracted an ever increasing field and this year around 50-60 runners, a fair proportion from South of the Boarder, took part. Afterthe initial fast start, Ray Rawlinson took the lead and set a fast race before being overtaken by Brian Finlayson who led for the remainder of the race. The leading runners were very fortunate, for after having a dry cool run tothe summit, the weather became very Wintry, but with the wind now blowing on their backs, this was no handicap. Conspicuous by his absence from the leading runners was the holder, Bobby Shields, who seems to be suffering from either too many races in 1973? - too little training? - too much beer? Anyway it was reported that Brian Finlayson was not too disheartened to get his titleback without a serious challenge from this quarter.

Brian Finlayson.
1.B.Finlayson Loch 1.11.26 8.H.Martin Dumbartonl.18.51
2.R.Rawlinson Ross 1.13.21. 9.J.Jardine Pen 1.19.25
3.J.Graham Motherwell 1.14.27 10.R.Campbell Loch 1.20.23
4.J.Blair-Fish EdinUniv.l.15.31 ll.G.Young Rown l.21.10
5.G.Skinner Cambuslang 1.15.47 12.A.Scott Loch 1.21.30 6.P.Duffy Aber 1.15.55 13.D.Fairweather Law 1.21.42 7.R.Tinlin EAC 1.16.11 l4.R.Anderson Loch l.23.11
15.B.Yate Mary 1.23.15. 18.I.Partington Ross 1.26 .13
16.A.Chainey
17.R.Shields

Inter 1.24.43. 19.J.Mclatt
Clyde 1.25.49 20.J.Lewis

Dumb 1.26.28
RAF 1.27.15

LAKE DISTRICT FOUR 3000 ft . PEAKS "WALK" Saturday 15 th June (45 miles)

Although this event appears each year in the F.R.A. Calender, it is not a true fell race. It is a noncompetitive walk, organised by the Ramblers' Association for which there are no prizes. The object is to complete the course on foot in under 22 hours and all who do this are awarded a certificate. A number of fell runners take part each year, and the record was set in 1970 by Joss Naylor of 8 hrs. 24 mins. Fell boots must be worn except on the two road sections, but interpretations of "Boots" did vary. The true hikers were wearing proper walking boots, but several runners wore what seemed to be special running shoes with high ankle supports and either ripple soles or studs. The regulations for this even make no allowance for runners, as fulk waterproof clothing, compass, map, whistle and a thick sweater and long trousers must
be worn or carried. All this equipment was checked at the start, but it is fair to say that many runners discarded some items such as warm clothing.

It was a very clear and quite warm night as the 183 starters left Keswick Rugby Club at 2.00.a.m. and headed up Skiddaw on the Skiddaw Fell Road track. From the town, torch lights were visible all the way up the mountain although some competitors said they hardly needed to use them at all. Pete Walkington was first to the Moot Hall in the Main Street of Keswick in 86 mins. - perhaps a Skiddaw Race Certificate time considering the extra distance involved - followed by Pete Trainor some 5 mins behind. As competitors set off on the ten mile section of of road to Seathwaite, it was almost completely light and many of the faster entrants wore running shoes, either carrying their boots or having them taken on to Seathwaite by supporters. The fastest time for this section was 56 mins by Trainor. At this checkpoint, refreshments were available to competitors before they set out on the longest and most arduous leg - over Scafell and Scafell Pike to Steel End at the South end of Thirlmere. The field was naw well strung out, and the fifteenth man

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arrived almost an hour behind the leader, giving supporters time to see a party making a fast attempt on the motorised " 3 Peaks" and to watch the many semi-tame rabbits that filled the farmyard, regardless of everyone. Times over the longest section varied greatly, with only six people managing to beat the 5 hour mark - these six, incidentally, the first six to finish overall. K. Brooks did 4h. 58m., P.Beasley 4h. 23 m. , A Evans 4h.18m., and E.J. Roberts 4h.Olm. Walkington managed to beat four hours with a very fast time of 3 h .55 m . but the fastest time was an incredible 3h.33m. by M. Walford.

More refreshments were available at the next checkpoint as competitors gathered their strength for the last peak.-Helvellyn. The fastest time for this section which ended at Stanah - some way along the road after competitors came down the White Stones track to Thirlsfoot - was lh. 4lm. by Walkington who went on along the tiring road to Keswick to record the fastest time of the day 8 h .5 lm . Bright sunshine throughout the day made the latter part of the course very tiring, and several competitors retired with exhaustion. An unfortunate retirement was that of Trainor who dropped out at Styhead while in the lead, with a strained muscle.

At about 9.00.p.m. some 3 hrs . before the deadline for finishers, there was a presentation of certificates to all those who had already finished - among them being several women, the fastest of whom was Miss L. Mitchell, who took 13 hrs. 45 mins. and was the 24 th to finish. This event lacks the competitive element of a long distance fell race, as is shown by the two sets of equal finishes in the results; it is far more a battle against the fells and the clock, and this is emphasized by the boots, long trousers sweaters and rucksacks worn by many competitors, including some of the faster ones.

## Paul Spencer-Ellis.




The stream is crossed in the bottom of the ravine (I believe one runner lost his false teeth down here a couple of years back), followed by a short, steep climb up the opposite bank, above which two laps are made of the old Metham racecourse on a small grassy plateau. The ravine is then once more negotiated, two walls are climbed, and the runners sprint (or stagger) up the trials field to the finish. Not to be compared with short fell races like Latrigg or Burnsall, but a very enjoyable course for all that, whose toughness lies mainly in its speed (at least as far as this reporter is concerned!).

James blakeley was a good runner with Leeds City A.C. during the 'thirties. A frequent visitor to Holmfirth on business, he presently became a member of the Holme Valley Beagles, whose members eventually persuaded him to found and organise the "fell race" to be run on sheepdog trials day. The winner of the inaugural event in 1937 was G.W. Bailey (Salford) followed by A. Partington (Salford) N. Haigh (Holmfirth) and H.Bray (Slaithwaite). W.Pearson of Leeds succeeded Blakeley as the race organiser till 1969, since when Martin Booth of Holmfirth Harriers has served in this capacity.
the 1974 event was run on a fine, sunny afternoon with a good crowd in attendance. (There were also other sporting events on display, incidentally). Ricky Wilde scored a clear victory by arriving at the finish 42 secs. in front of the second man home, R. Duerden (Sheffield United Harriers), but was 18 secs. outside the elusive 12.37 record established by Peter Watson in 1967. (Ricky afterwards motored up to Brinscall and won the Great Hill race that same evening). P. Goodfellow (City of Stoke) was the fastest veteran, while the first team prize went to host club, Holmfirth, followed by Sheffield and East Cheshire. There were 37 competitors, all of whom completed the course.

## Bill Smith

1.R.Wilde M/C \& Dis. 12.55. 4.N.Ward Bolton 13.53 2.R.Duerden Sheff Utd.H.13.37. 5.G.Ellis Holmfirthl3.54 3.C.HollingworthHolmfirth 13.39. 6.G.Jordan Rochdale 14.11

EILDON HILL RACE
(3立 miles - 1200 ft .)

| 1.B.Finlayson | Loch | 23.28 | 8.P.Bland | Ken | 25.04 |
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| 2.R.Shields | Clydes | 23.54 | 9.J.Blair-Fish | Belg | 25.10 |
| 3.R.Asquith | Holm | 24.12 | 10.M.Nicholson | Ken | 25.12 |
| 4.P.Duffy | Aberd | 24.19 | ll.J.Jardine | Pen | 25.19 |
| 5.A.Bradley | Holm | 24.26 | 12.J.Marsh | Teviot | 25.36 |
| 6.R.Tinlin | EAC | 24.32 | 13.B.Tatham | Ken | 27.10 |
| 7.G.Meikle | Teviot | 24.43 | 14.G.Swan Ed | South | 27.20 |

Saturday, 22nd June.
(5 miles - 1450 ft.$)$
1.R.Wilde M.\& D. $\quad 31.42$
2.J.Calvert Black $\quad 32.02$
3.J.Norman Alt. 32.18

## LOMONDS OF FIFE HILL RACE Sunday, 23rd June,

(91 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles $-2,200 \mathrm{ft}$.)
This year's route showed a slight alteration in that start in the fields to the west of the West Lomond (1713 ft) the runners went straight to the top of the latter hill before dropping to the $3 \frac{1}{2}$ miles plateau which leads to the East Lomond ( 1349 ft ). The return follows the same route except that the descent from West Lomond to the finish is via a very steep grassy slope.

30 runners faced the starter on a warm, breezy day. On reaching the steep ascent to West Lomond, Shields, Tinlin, Edwards and Anderson were at the head of the field, and about 20 secs. covered these four at the summit. On the plateau Bobby Shields and Dick Tinlin opened a gap of about 150 yards, over Ander on, but on the ascent of East Lomond positions began to change dramatically, and at the summit Tinlin was 10 secs. up on Mel Edwards, Roger Bradley, and Bobby Shields. Tinlin and Bradley battled out the return journey along the plateau with the latter opening up a gap on the ascent of West Lomond, which he maintained to come home a clear winner.

## MEL EDINARDS

| 1.A.Bradley | Holm | 73.05 | 11.J.Jardi | Pen 80.45 |
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| 2.R.Tinlin | EAC | 73.40 | 12.A.Chainey | Ed.Univ82.18 |
| 3, M. Edwards | Aberdeen | 74.26 | 13.B.Tatham | Ken 83.48 |
| 4.P.Duffy | Aber | 75.05 | 14.J.Wilson | Cambus 85.10 |
| 5.R.Anderson | Cambus | 76.05 | 15.D.Ritchie | Aberdeen85.35 |
| 6.R.Asquith | Holm | 76.16 | 16.I.McNicol | Pitreavie88.21 |
| 7.J.Blair-Fis | shBelgrave | 76.29. | 17.H.Kohler | Morpeth 89.00 |
| 8.P.Bland | Ken | 77.25 | 18.D.Bar | R.A.F. |
| 9.G.Newton | Luton | 78.48 |  | Leuchars90.16 |
| , | Loch | 80.23 | 19.R.Shields | Clydias |
|  |  |  | 20.G.Hearns | Clydas |

MUSBURY TOR RELAYS

1. Blackburn, 2. Rossendale,

Fastest Laps: R.Rawlinson 8.38,

CAIRNGORM HILL RACE (10 miles - 3,084 ft.)

On a day which was ideal for hill running - good visibility, firm going and with a cooling breeze on the mountains, Brian Finlayson, leading for most of the way, emerged a very easy and worthy winner in a time just 47 seconds outside Bobby Shields 1972 record. Second was Geoff Newton of Luton who passed Shields on the descent and third was Shields himself.

By his standards last year and due to a break in training, 1973 was a year of moderate success for

Finlayson, but on this showing at Cairngorm, the ola fire and edge would appear to have returned to his running.

For the record, Finlayson reached the top in 45 mins. 31 secs. From the organisation point of view, this race i's well nigh perfect.

## Duncan Davidson.

1.B.Finlaysom Lochaber 1.13.34.11. H. Martin Dunbartonl. 25.57
2.G.Newton Luton 1.16.22.12.J.JardinePenicuickl.26.13
3.R.Shields Clydesdalel.16.44 13.M.Cameron Lochaberl.27.01
4.R.Tinlin Edinburgh 1.17.09 14.J.MacPhersonb Dutoonl.27.41
5.M.Edwards Aberdeen l.18.31 15.J.Black Livingstonl.27.48
6.J. Blair-Fish Belgravel.19.43 15
7.R.Campbell Lochaber 1.19.58 16.I.McNichol Pitreaviel.29.13
8.H.Scott

Perth
Strathtay 1.22 .00
9.C.Jarvie 10.I.Mclatt Lochaber 1.25.17 27 Finishers Team: Lochaber.

ELDUICK FELL RACE
(3专 miles - 500 ft )

Saturday, 29th June,

1. J. Temperton, Airdale.

CLEVELAND POLICE $8 \frac{1}{2}$ MILE FELL Sunday, 30th June. AND CROSS COUNTRY RACE.

(16 M - 1500 ft.)

| P. Dolan | Clydes 1.40.03 | 4.C.Gaffney $\quad 1.46 .39$ |
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| 2.A.Partridge | E.Kilbridel.41.21 | 5.B.Finlayson Loch 1.46.50 |
| 3.P.Duffy | Aberd 1.46.16 | 6.J.Wilson Cambusl.49.45 |

SKIDDAW FELL RACE
(9 miles - 2,700 ft.)
Dave Cannon was first to the summit and seemed to have
a good lead on the initial descent to the main ridge, but Jeff Norman caught him on the steep descent of Jenkin Hill and went on to win by 36 secs. His time of 63.46 was, however, 01.16 outside the record established by Cannon last year, though this was no doubt partly due to the Spooney Green Lane diversion. caused by work on the new Keswick by-pass. This was only Cannon's second fell race of the season, incidentally: the previous weekend he had won the Cleveland $8 \frac{1}{2}$ mile Fell and Cross Country Race.

Eric Roberts won his third successive veteran's prize in this event by finishing 34th with a time of 75.33 while Walker, Halstead and Calvert formed Blackburn's victorious trio in the team race. There were 3 retirements out of the 102 starters, and 56 qualified for a certificate. getting round inside 80 minutes.

Seven competitors lined up for the Junior Race up Latrigg and the winner was C. Hollingworth of Holmfirth who had finished second last year. He knocked 01.14 off clubmate G. Ellis's record time (1973). It was a sunny afternoon and very warm for the runners.

Bill Smith.

| rman | Altrincham | 63.46 |  |  |  |
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| 2.D.Cannon | Kendal | 64.22 | 12.H.Jarratt | Blackpool |  |
| 3.M.Weeks | Bingley | 66.07 | 13.A.Buckley | Holmfirth | 70.23 |
| 4.M. Short | Horwich | 66.17 | 14.V.Duff | Warrington | 70.30 |
| 5.H.Walker | Blackbur | 66.20 | 15. A. Church | llClayton | 70.43 |
| 6.D.Hals | Bl | 69.01 | 16.T.Ramsden | Holmfirth | 70.55 |
| 7.G.Ellis | Holmfir | 69.15 | 17.G.E | le M/C \&D | 71.19 |
| 8.S.Bea | llHolmfir | 69.25 | 18.R.Bradley | Gosforth | 71.37 |
| 9.I.Kellie | Keswick | 69.29 | 19.H.Forrest | Gosforth | 71.40 |
| O.P. Howard | Wirral | 69.45 | 20.P.Bland | Kendal | 72.01 |

## LATRIGG JUNIOR FELL RACE

1. C.Hollingworth
2. A. Ratcliffe
3. A.McGee

Holmfirth 17.35.
Rossendale 18.27
Keswick 18.39

WASDALE FELL RACE
(23 miles - 8,500 ft.)
In this race, Andy Churchill finally fulfilled the great promise he has shown over the past couple of vears,
particularly in the 1973 Wasdale and Vaux and the '74 Ennerdale, and not even the fact that Joss was suffering from both his back injury and the effects of his Pennine Way 3 weeks previously, can mar this splendid victory for him. He was, in fact, less than 5 minutes outside Naylor's record time (3.48.55: 1973).

Intermittent low cloud was responsible for two errors in route-finding on Scafell Pike. Jeff Norman, who was lying 3rd at this point, only descended to Mickledore ridge, but Harry Walker, who was in 2nd place here, had the misfortune to drop down into the neighbouring valley of Eskdale. This left Joss Naylor and Dave Halstead to battle it out for 2nd place and Dave got in front, despite having a fall on the steep descent of Lingmell.

Pete Walkington was 5 th man home and he and Halstead were biting their nails over the first team prize when Harry Walker, having shown his customary fortitude by getting back on course came racing in just in time to clinch it for them.

Other team prizes went to Clayton-le-Moors "A", Kendal "A" and Clayton "B", while veteran awards were made to Eric Roberts (15th), Alan Heaton (20th), Ken Brooks (23rd), and Tom Sykes (24th). There were also a couple of novelty prizes donated by Eric's wife, Gladys.

The weather was warm and dry, though misty in parts as already mentioned. There were 61 starters out of 89 entries, of whom 6 failed to complete the course.

Bill Smith.

| A.Churchill | Clayto | 3.53 .12 | 11.R.Halenko |  | 429.34 |
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| D. Halstead | Blac | 4.02 | 12 A Evans | Kenda | 4.30 .30 |
| Maylor |  |  | 13.1.Roberts |  |  |
| Smi | Bu |  |  |  |  |
| Walking | Bla |  | 15 | Ke | 4. |
| , | Al |  |  |  |  |
| Train | Keswic | 4.19 .15 | 17 | la |  |
|  | Rochd | 4.24 .25 |  | Clayton | 4. |
|  |  | 4.29 .10 |  |  |  |
| .H.Blenkinsop |  |  |  |  |  |

With the prospect of high winds and cloud over the summit 22 runners set about conquering the 2796 ft . mountain. After the early rush over the first half mile along Newcastle Promenade and through Donard Car Park, the race pattern was to unfold. Entering the forest and encountering rising ground, it was Jim Hayes who movedto the fronf followed by Roy Kernoghan and Alan McKee. These positions were held until the end of the forest. At this point the field split into two groups, one led by Hayes and Kernoghan, taking the more gradual passage and the other led by McKee and Mike Best taking the rather flatter at first, but steeper later approach. The race progressed in this manner until a point approximately quarter of a mile from the summit where the two groups began to file together again. It was Mckee who had gained most as he and Hayes met, to continue their way over the top and the first checkpoint. Third at this point was Kernoghan followed by Best and Denis Rankin.

On the descent, which brings the runners onto the coast road two miles from the finish, it was Hayes who forged ahead to emerge three minutes ahead of McKee, the remainder staying in the same positions. So Jim Hayes was faced with the same lonely run for home as he had in the 1973 race, only to be passed with a hundred yards to go by Mike Teer. But Hayes made no mistake this time coming home four minutes ahead of McKee, one minute outside Aiden McCory's 1970 record. A team race may be included next year.
tim hayes

| 1.J. Hayes | Ballydrain | 1.14.00 | 7.P. Grant Newcastle |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2. A. McKee | Annadale | 1.18.00 | 8. M. Baxter Lisnagarvey |
| 3. M. Best | Annadale | 1.24 .00 | 9.S. McArthurAnnadale |
| 4.R.KernoghanN. Belfast | 1.24 .30 | 10.J. Taylor Portadown |  |
| 5. D. Rankin | Irish M.C. | 1.25 .30 | 11. A. McAleer Ballydrain |
| 6.P. Younger | 9th Old Boysl.25.30 | 12.G.Geddis Ballydrain |  |

BENS OF JURA FELL RACE.
Saturday 20th July. (16 miles - 7500ft.)
1.B.Finlayson Loch 3.29.22. 6.D. Payne Bury 4.14.40
2.J.Smith Bury 3.40.30 7.A.Scott Loch 4.31.22
3.M.Weeks Bing 3.50.12 8.J.Marstrand Loch 4.37.07
4.P.Bland Ken 3.51.32 9.J.Blair-Fish Loch4.39.49
5.D. Booth Thames ${ }_{H} \mathrm{H} \cdot 3.58 .40$ D.I.Clarkson Roch 4.43.34.

## 33.

KINNISIDE FELL RACE ( $8 \frac{1}{2}$ miles - 2400 ft .)

This new event, which will become an annual one, is part of the Cleator Moor Sports; there were two junior fell races - enter on the day, and the senior event replaced the old professional race, which has been dropped due to lack of support. "Distance $7 \frac{1}{2}$ miles " was clearly stated on the race map, but this was distance as the crow flies and $8 \frac{1}{2}$ miles must be near the true mark. There are 4 checkpoints, and the route from the start to the first one (Kinniside Cop) and from the last one (Long Barrow) to the finish was flagged, but for the rest of the way, runners were free to choose their own paths, and many took widely varying routes. There are five climbs in all, none of them are very big, but they add up to 2400 ft . and there are also two large marshes to cross or avoid, and several streams to cross.

The race was won by Dave Halstead, of Blackburn Harriers, who was always up near the front, and who eventually won by almost a minute from Ian Kellie who caught Joss Naylor on the flat after the last descent. Kendal took the first team prize and the first veteran was Eric Roberts,

Congratulations must go to Joe Eden, the race organiser, for providing a fell race with plenty of climbing, even if it is split up, and which offers plenty of opportunities for route finding. Incidentally, the race was sponsored by Mathew Brown's Brewery, and each competitor received six bottles of I.P.A. after the race an incentive for any runner.

Lancs Fire Paul Spencer-Ellis.
1.D.Halstead Brigade 1.08.43.11.K.Cartmel Kes 1.17.30.
2.I.Kellie
3.J.Naylor
4.A.Churchill Clayt

Kes ran 1.09.36 12.M.McGill
Ken
Clayt
5. H. Jarrett B'pool
7.M.Nicholson
8.P.Trainor
9. D. Hughes

Ken
Kes
Ken
10.J.Offley

Thames
Valley

INGLEBOROUGH FELL RACE.
(8 miles - 2300 ft .)

| 1. H. Walker | Blackburn | 47.46 |
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| 2. M. Short | Horw | 48.44 |
| 3. W. Cooper | M. \& D. | 48.53 |

HALF NEVIS RACE
( $5 / 6$ miles - 2200 ft .)

Saturday 20 th July. 48. 53

| 1. B. Finlayson Loch | 51.49 | 5. R. Shields Clydes | 55.04 |  |
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| 2. D. Halstead | B'burn | 53.14 | 6.J. Jardine Pen | 55.55 . |
| 3. R. Campbell | Loch | 54.30 | 7. M. Nicholson Ken | 56.04 |
| 4.J. Norman | Alt | 55.01 | 8.C. Jarvie Loch | 52.26 |

## CREAG DHUBH HILL RACE

Saturday 3rd August.
(3 miles - 1223 ft )
Saturday, 27th July.

In the fine conditions, a large crowd watched this year's Newtonmore Highland Games, which incorporated the Creag Dhubh Hill Race. From the games field, wedged between the A9 and the A.86, the spectators can follow most of the runners route after they leave the field, cross the River Calder and emerge from a small wood to the west of the ridge.

The 8 white horses and their riders who mark the ascent, reached their positions and the 'read' signal to the official was given. Most of the runners hoped that they weren't going to have such an off day as the starter's gun, but after a verbal "GO" and much interchanging of positions Martin Weeks was at the front of the field and opening an ever increasing gap. The leading runners chose diverse routes to the cairn on the ridge, the ascent being mostly heather covered after the initial narras path. On the descent chasing Weeks, Brian Finlayson and Ray Rawlinson opened a considerable gap on the next bunch, but couldn't catch the Bingley runner who completed the lap of the track before an appreciative crowd, and gained a course record by almost a minute into the bargain.

MEL EDWARDS.
1.M.Weeks Bingley 26.20 5.A.Scott Lochaber 28.48
2.B. Finlayson Loghar
3.B. Rawlinson Rossen
4.G.Ellis Holmfirth

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26.20 & \text { 5.A.Scott Lochaber } & 28.48 \\
\text { (Record) } & \text { G.J.Norman Altrin } & 29.00 \\
26.59 & \text { 7.R. BradleyHClifirth } 29.00 \\
27.23 & \text { 8.M. Edwards Aberdeen } 29.12 \\
\text { 28.19. } & \text { 9.R.Shields Clydes. } 29.46
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16.E.McEvoy Lochaber 31.25
17. M. Armitage Holmf $\frac{i}{r} t h 31.28$
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19.J.Mowatt Dumbarton 32.14 20.B.McKenzie RAF Loss
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Sunday 4 th August.
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"DOON THE BEN" (NEVIS) RACE. Sunday, 4th August.
1.J.Jardine Pen 23.30. 3.E.Campbell Loch 27.06 2.R.Shields Clydes 26.41.

BERUICK LAW RACE.
(3 miles - 613 ft .)
1.D.Knowles Edin A.C. 18.30
2.G.Ellis Holm 18.36
3.C. Hollingworth Holm 19.11
4.D.Forbes E.A.C. 19.17

BORROWDALE FELL RACE.
(15/16 miles)
l.D. Halstead B'burn 3.05.07 9.P.Trainer Kes 3.21.25. 2.A.ChurchillClayt 3.12.22 10.J.Smith Bury 3.21.33. 3.M.Short Horw 3.13 .37 ll.H.Blenkinsop Ken3.22.28 4.M.NicholsonKen 3.17 .04 12.D.Booth ThamesHH3.26.33
5.D.Weir Sale 3.19.43 13.R.Jackson Sale 3.29.31
6.P.Hartley Ross 3.20.40.14.A.Shaw Roch 3.29.48
7.J.North Clayt 3.21.12 15.E.Roberts Ken 3.30.15 8.P.Bland Ken 3.21.19 16.R.Futrell Unattaj3.33.58

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\text { 18.V.Duff Warrington } 3.36 .59 .20 . \text { N. Heaton Bolt } \\
\text { BARNOLDSWICK FELL RACE } \\
\text { BAR } \\
\text { Saturday } \\
18 \text { th August. }
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The race was once again blessed with fine weather. There was a record number of 151 starters. Unfortunately the winner for the last two years, Bob Morrison of Airedale and Spen Valley A.C., was unable to compete through injury but the honour was kept in the club by his team mate John Temperton.

In Second place as last year was Alan Blinston of Altrincham. Third man Dave Cannon of Kendal says that he is now running in Fell Races just for fun, but he looked serious enough as he finished strongly.

John Temperton was also first at the summit but second man to the top, Steve Kenyon slipped to fourth at the finish.

The winning time was 38 seconds slower than last year's record, as usual several thousand people watched the race, either en route, or, at the finish alongside the Fosters Arms.
l.J.Temperton Airedale
\& Spen Vall. 27.28
2.A.Blinston Altrínam 27.40 3.D.Cannon KendalAC.27.45.

| 4.S.Kenyon Bolton | 27.52. |
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| 5.A.Spence Bingley | 28.01. |
| 6. C. RobinsonRochdale | 28.03. |

1. Veteran A. Hughes Rochdale 2. " G.B. Spink Bingley 3. " K.Smith Clayton-le-moors
31.27
31.50.
32.26

Over 50 Veteran N.Ashcroft Sutton H. 37.40.

## BURNSALL FELL RACE.

 (13 miles - 1350 ft .)Rain threatened several time, but little fell. Runners warming up reported that the steep path was greasy and tricky.

A larger group of spectators than usual augmented by a big group of school children festooned the summit.

Inevitably the powerful Harry Walker led the runners up the fields, followed by R.P. Duerden and Andy Styan both relatively new faces to the Fell Running fraternity.

In the last few strides before the summit, R. Duerden forced himself ahead and just pipped H.Walker, but the effort had sapped his strength and he fell back. Martin Weeks last year's winner was not quite so impressive mainly due to a fall early on.

Meanwhile, Harry was bounding over the edge of the escarpment with a seemingly unnassailable lead which he still held going down the big field. Suddenly Andy Styan appeared on the scene slowly cutting down the lead, going in front at the gate to the lane and pulling away at speed to win comfortably. The time was slower than last year, no doubt Dalzell's ghost breathed a sigh of relief.

Ben Redfearn.

| Styan Holm | 13.21. 11.A.Hitchen | Wakef. 14.55 |
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| 2.H.Walker. B'burn | 13.26. 12.C.Hollingwo | th Holml5.01 |
| 3. M. Weeks Bino | 13.40. 13. A. Parkinson | ASV 15.04 |
| 4.A.Buckley Holm | 13.44. 14.V.Duff | Warr 15.13 |
| 5.R.Rawlinson Ross | 13.45. 15.P.Bland | Ken 15.14 |
| 6.D.Halstead B'burn | 14.19. 16.D.Hodgson | Leeds 15.17 |
| 7.J.Norman Alt | 14.45. 17.A.Harmer Po | tsm'th 15.27 |
| 8.M.Nicholson Ken | 14.51. 18.R.Duerden | Sheff Un.15.32 |
| 9.J.Irwin Bing | 14.53. 19.D.Waller | Ross 15.38 |
| 10.B.Baistow Clayt | 14.54. 20.D.Hall | Bram 15.40 |

DALES JUNIOR RACE.
1.B.Robinson Ken 6.47. 2.E.Walsh Bing 6.54.

MEALL AN T-SUIDHE FELL RACE. Saturday, 24 th August. (5 miles - 2300 ft.)


ACHMONY HILL RACE (GLENURQUHART) Saturday, 3lst August $\begin{array}{lll}\text { 1.G.Entwhistle, } & \text { M \& D 20.13. 4.J. Jardine Pen } 21.13 . \\ \text { 2.C.Jarvie } & \text { Loch } 20.30 \text { 5.J. Blair-Fish Loch21.33 } \\ \text { 3.A.Scott } & \text { Loch 20.35. 6.I.McKenzie Forres22.00. }\end{array}$

PENDLETON FELL RACE
( $3 \frac{1}{2}$ miles - 800 ft .)

Saturday 3lst August.

| ks | Bi | 2 | 8.A.Baistow | Clayt | 23.25 |
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| 2.H.Walker | B'Burn | 21.56. | 9.G.Woodburn | B'burn | 23.36 |
| 3.W. Cooper | M. \& D. | 21.59 | 10.D.Ratcliffe | Ross | 24.05 |
| 4.J.Norman | Alt | 22.25 | 11.D.Farwell | M. \&D. | 24.23 |
| 5.1.Pa | tonRoss | 22.56 | 12.D.Waller | Ros | 24.46 |
| 6.H.Jarrett | B'pool | 23.10 | . . ${ }^{\text {aff }}$ | ta | 4. |
| 7.A.Burch | B'burn |  | t | W | 124 |

BARBON FELL RACE.
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { 1.R.Rawlinson Ross } \\ \text { 2.D. Halstead Lagcs. } & \text { Keh• } \\ \text { 3.R. Belk } & \text { K. } \\ \text { 4. M. Nicholson Ken } \\ \text { 5.A. Harmer } & \text { Ports } \\ \text { 6.J. Todd } & \text { ASV } \\ \text { 7.A. McGee } & \text { Kes }\end{array}$

Saturday, 3lst August.
17.18. 8.D.Spencer Barrow 18.37 17.20. 9.B.Gemson Lanc\& M. 18.38 17.55.10.B.Thompson Pilkigg19.03. 18.10.11.R.Shields Lance M:19.10. 18.15.12.K. Cartmel Kes 19.34. 18.18.13.J. Carroll Pilk H 19.38 18.28.14.S.Cox Kes 19.50.
( $15 / 20$ miles - $10 / 12000 \mathrm{ft}$ )

Sunday, 15th September.

| .J.Naylor | Ken | 3.43 .50 | y | Ed.S.O.C.4.35.30 |
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| 2.P.Walkington | B'bu | 4.06 .58 | 12.W.Smith | Clayt 4.37.00. |
| 3.A.Walker | Ken | 4.07 .14 | 13. I. Roberts | Holm |
| 4.N.Carrington | Sale | 4.07 .50 | 14.M.Hayes | Comb.Harv |
| 5.H.Walker | B'bur | 4.09 .48 | 15.A.Farnell | NottsO.C.4 |
| 6.A.Churchil | Clay | 4.11 .05 | 16.J.Norman | Alt. 4.43 .30 |
| P. $T$ | Kes | 4.26 .00 | 17.R.Astles | Amblesi.4.44.10 |
| E | K | 4.28 .20 | 18. | Sale $\quad 4.45 .40$ |
| 9.M.Sh | Ho | 4.33 .2 | 19.C.Brad | ct.Drbrs.4.48.12 |
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ROSSENDALE FELLS RACE (9 milps - 2000 ft .)

Sunday, 15th September.
l.C.Robinson Roch 61.58 8.B.Gemson Lancs \& M 64.22.
2. A. Buckley Holm
3.W.Cooper M.\& D.
62.32 .
5.R.Morris Winsford62.57
6.R.Wilde M. \& D. 63.18
7. I. Partington Ross 63.59
62.20
9.R.Rawlinson Ross
64.46
4.J. WaterhouseBing.
10.G.Ellis Holm
65.09
11.J. Calvert B'burn
l2.V.Regan Bolt
13.S.BreckellB'burn
65.39
65.57
14.G.Jordan Roch
65.57

ROSSENDALE JUNIOR RACE.
1.C.Smith Leic. 11.55. 2.B.Robinson Ken. 11.57.

LANGDALE FELL RACE. Saturday, 2lst September.
(16 miles)

| M. Sh | 2.10 .27 |  |  | 2 |
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| 2.J. Naylor Ken |  | 12 | - | , 10 |
| 3.R.ShieldsKen | 2.13 .15 | 13.N.Car | ton Sale | 2.24 .22 |
| 4.M.Nicholson Ken | 2.14 .04 | 14.H.Blen | sop Ken | 2.24 .44 |
| 5.H.Walker B'burn | 2.16 .41 | 15.D.Beres | rd Clayt | 2.27 .15 |
| 6.R.Belk Ken | 2.18 .38 | 16.D.Lamon | Lakelapd | 2.28 .30 |
| 7. A. Churchill Clayt | 2.19 .55 | 17.A.Evans |  | 2.31 .04 |
| 8.J.Norman Alt | 2.20 .56 | 18.A.Shaw | Roc | 2.31 .58 |
| 9.D.Hartley E.Kilb | 2.20 .59 | 19.D.Wade | Coventry | 2.32.17 |
| 10.J.North Clayt. | 2.22 .43. | 20.D.Waller | Ross | 2.32 .32 |

THIEVELEY PIKE RACE. (31 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles - 850 ft .)


KNOCKFARREL ROAD AND HILL RACE. Saturday 28 th September.
l.S.Keith Aberdeen
2.M.EdwardsAberdeen
3.I.McKenzie Forres

| 36.16 | 4.E.McEvoy | Loch | 37.35 |
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| 37.01 | 5.A.McRae | Loch | 38.00 |
| 37.21. | 6.D.McLean | Forres | 38.07 |

TWO DAY - TWO MAN MOUNTAIN MARATHON. Saturday / Sunday Elite Class.
l. Stig Berge - Harry Walker
10.22 .53
2. Eric Roberts - Derek Hartley
3. Geoff Peck - Tom Lunne
4. David Rosen - Alistair Wood
11.39 .57
5. Joss Naylor - Pete Walkington
11.46 .06
6. Mike Kelly - Mike Walford
12.05 .57
12.11 .50
12.13.28

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Standard - A- Class.

1. John North - Roman Halenko 10.19.50
2. Joe Sheriff - Roy Morris 10.39.20
3. Jonathan Williams - Tony Farnell 10.40.39.

## Standard -B-Class.

1. Peter Booth - Peter Surfleet
8.47 .50
2. Geoff Newton - William Jones
9.10 .50
3. Eric Mitchell - Martin Hudson
9.44 .30

THREE TOWERS RACE
(20 miles - 2640 ft.$)$
1.J. Norman
2. C.Robinson
3. M. Short
4.R.Edwards
5.D.Attwell

| Alt | 1.58 .23. | 6.P. Walkington B'burn | 2.11 .39 |  |
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| Roch | 2.05 .21 | 7.I. Partington Ross | 2.12 .20 |  |
| Horw | 2.05 .34 | 8.M. McCausland Pilk.H.2.12. |  |  |
| Leics | 2.07 .22 | 9.G. Rhodes | Staff | 2.13 .04 |
| Alt | 2.09 .25 | I.O.D. Weir. | Sale | 2.13 .14 |

GALE FELL RACE.
Sunday 20th October
2. C.Robinson
3. J.Norman

Sunday, 27th October.

## HIGH PEAK MARATHON

1. Rucksack Club 2. Peak Walkers
2. About Average
(Rossendale A.C.) $^{14 . "}$
12 "

Rochdale
Altrincham.

MARSDEN-EDALE TROG
llhrs. 48mins.4.Mitchell \& Co. 14hrs. 53 mins
Sat/Sun 8/9 November
57 " 5.Clayton-1e\%Mporl6." 44" 17" 6.Ageing Trendiesl9." 21"

4 This is a classic route attacked regularly by the Rucksack Club. There was also an organised race in the 1930's, discontinued after a competitor died on Bleaklow. Any tough Winter fell race carries this risk, so that the organisers vetted entries and insisted on compass, map, whistle, torch, food, cagoule, over trousers, and ample clothing. The intermediate checkpoints were at Crowden Y.H.A., the Snake Inn and Black Hill. Competitors were spurred on by a magnificent pile of roast chicken awaiting them at Edale. The unpredictability of the weather will always give this race a distinct flavour gales, fog, snowdrifts and mud are the major hazards.

It is possible to lose 5,10 or 15 minutes in the maze of peat channels.

The arrangements of the organiser, Bryan Stokes, were flawless, and the presentations by his co-sponsor Mike Harper, of the "Gourmet Chicken". most qenerous. The winner was M. Hayes, of Combined Harvestesin a time 3 hrs. 29 mins. inside Chris Brad's $1 y^{\prime} / 3$ record of 3 hrs. 40 mins. Second was John North and third Dennis Weir.

In honour of Mike Harper's support, the event is to be run annually and named the "GOURMET GALLOP". Details of 1973 event supplied by Mike Hayes.

1. M. Hayes Combined Harvesters 3hrs. 29 mins
2. J. North Clayton 3.1 " 43 "
3. D. Weir Sale

WANSFELL RACE
(3 miles - $1300 \mathrm{ft}$. )
The inaugural race took place in December, 1973, in which 18 runners competed. Ricky Wilde of Manchester and Dist. won in a time of 22 mins 58 secs. From the Salutation Hotel, Ambleside, the course follows the road, climbimg past woodland and onto a rough farm road for a short way before climbing onto the fell proper. The return from Wansfell Pike is the same way, with a brathtaking run down the fell. The 1974 race attracted 64 runners.
1.H.Jarrett Blackpool 2.H.Walker Blackburn 3.B.Gemson Lancaster 4.D.Spencer Barrow
5.D.Bland Keswick

Barrow 23.38
22.02 7.G.Skinner Loch 23.40 22.14 8.P. Howard Wirral 23.44 23.04 9.M.McGill Ambleside23.46 23.2610.C.Tidmarsh Kendal 23.48.
A.McGee won the Youths (Under 18) Race in 14.26
J. Stott won the Boys (Under 15) Race in 14.49

Many thanks to Ambleside A.C. who organised the above race ("probably the toughest short race in the Calendar") and a very enjoyable "pack run" round the Troutbeck Horseshoe on Sunday morning, supported by about 20 runners.

## OVERSEAS RACES.

## PIKES PEAK (COLORADO, U.S.A.) RACE 1974.

Four RAF runners took part in the 19 th annual running of the Pikes Peak Mountain Marathon on Sunday llth August. They were Roy Bulley and Alan Lamb from RAF Scampton, Terry Lewis from RAF Binbrook and Brian Jeffs from RAF Wyton.

Pikes Peak is 14,110 ' high and situated 15 miles west of Colorado Springs in the State of Colorado.

The race starts at the Manitou Spring Cog Railway Depot, 6,500' above mean sea level. From the start the route climbs very steeply for three miles rising to 9,000' above sea level. The next six miles, undulates through forests rising about 500' in altitude. The final 4 miles to the summit rises steeply. The route then follows the same way back to Manitou Springs. Total distance covered is 26.8 miles and height climbed 7,500 ft.

This year's race started at 7.30.a.m. with the temperature about $65^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. in clear skies. A cool wind was blowing on the upper slopes which brought the summit temperature down to about $40^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. However, as the runners returned from the summit the temperature on the lower slopes was up to about $85-90^{\circ}$. in the burning sun.

The winner this year was Richard Trujillo of Ouray who broke his year old record at 3 hrs. 39 .mins. 46 secs. with a time of $3: 36: 40$. The performances of the British Runners were as follows :

| 19. Terry Lewis | $4: 40$ | 39 | Brian Jeffs | $5: 01$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 21 Roy Bulley | $4: 43$ | 63 | Brian Reynolds $5: 43$ |  |
| 38 Alan Lamb | $5 ; 00$ |  | (Working in USA) |  |

300 runners took part in this year's race including women, children and veterans.

The race is normally held on the second Sunday in August.
The Race organiser is Rudy Fahl, 2400 West Colorado Ave: Colorado Springs, Colorado, U.S.A. This year the entry fee was 3 dollars and the closing date was Sat. August lOth.

Alan Lamb
SIERRE-ZINAL FELL RACE, SWITZERLAND. Sunday llth August, (17 miles - 6000 ft .)

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| 2.G.Roelants Belgium | 2.45 .21 | 7. D. Evans | G.B. $\quad 3.02 .29$ |
| 3.H.Walker G.Britain | 2.51 .51. | 8.J.Naylor | G.B. $\quad 3.02 .50$ |
| 4.J.F.Barbier France | 2.55 .08 | 9.F.Kohler | AL 3.04.22 |
| 5.J.Norman G.Britain | 2.55 .57 | 10.B.Crott | Sierre 3.06,06 |
|  |  | 23.P.Walkin | O G.B. 3.12 .24 |

## 72 Runners Competed.

Team Prize won by The Fell Runners' Association (Walker, Norman, Naylor and Walkington)。

* "BILL SMITH'S PROLIFIC PEN". *

Several excellent articles written by Bill Smith have recently appeared in various magazines. One article which describes HarryWAlker's performances in 1973 appeared in the l4th December, 1974, issue of Athletic's Weekly. The December 1974 issue of Climber \& Rambler contained an article describing recent attempts made at the Lakeland 24 Hour Fell Record. A very interesting 17 page article entitled "The Fell Runners' Ultimate", or (Some Further Notes on the Bob Graham Round) describes Bill's own experiences in tackling the 42 Lake District Peaks Circuit This would have been included in the present magazine, but for the backlog of results etc.

Watch out for Bill's "Review of the 1974 Fell Racing Season" shortly to appear in Athletics Weekly. Among his articles scheduled for 1975, are "Fell Racing 1974: A Review of the Seaons Highlights" (Climber and Rambler, March); "Brian Finlayson - Ace Hill runner of 1974" (Athletics in Scotland); "Amateur Fell Racing in Lakeland" (Cumbria); "Stud Marks on the Pennines" (Dalesman); and Joss Naylor's Favourite Course" (Climber and Rambler). Incidentally, Bill Smith and Bill Millen have the fastest recorded time for the 42 Lakeland Peaks - 20 hours 38 minutes.

## STOP <br> PRESS

We've got it out of him at last: After much persuasion and a "flea in his ear" from Sheila, Harry Walker finally handed over a written account of his experiences in the Two Day event in October (see Results elsewhere). The report, which reveals some of Harry's secrets - "Rise and Shine" etc., has been well worth waiting for.

A REPORT ON THE KARRIMOR TWO-DAY, TWO-MAN MOUNTAIN MARATHIJN.

By: Harry Walker.
5th and 6th October, 1974.
I had competed in the 1973 event partnered by David Halstead but we retired on the second morning after a very wet night, feeling deflated and disheartened.

We were determined to do better the following year, and plans were made accordingly. A couple of weeks before the race, however, David was asked to compete for the Fire Brigade in a relay race from London to Edinburgh, which would be completed the day before the Kamimor event.

Meanwhile, Stig Berge, World Orienteer Champion in 1970, and winner of the Karrimor race in 1972, and 73, (when partnered by Carl Martin Larsen) was lacking a partner. Carl was unable to come this year to compete.

Also whilst David was competing in the relay, he realized that he was going to be too tired to compete in the two day that weekend. Stig and I were both partnerless, so Gerry Charnley arranged for us to do the race together, and that's how it all came about.

I was very honoured and excited at the prospects of partnering such a fine athlete.

I travelled up to Kirk Yetholm on the Friday evening with the Osborn family We stayed in a very nice guest house there. Before the evening meal, I went for a 3 mile run, to relax after the journey. I ate as much as I could that evening, to stoke up for the week end ahead. Later that evening I met Stig Berge in the Border Hotel where he was staying. I was apprenhesive at meeting him and wanted to get a pint in first, but I was pushed into it by my friends.

I don't know what he had been told about me, but he seemed a little surprised when introduced to me! I suppose that will remain a secret. We immediately began to make plans for the next day, and we got on very well.

He then went for a meal and I took the opportunity of having another couple of pints and chatting with friends who were arriving. One or two people said that I'd never keep up with him, but I didn't have any worries about that. After Stig came back, he took to his room to see his equipment. It was fantastic! The tent weight 3 lbs altogether, He asked if mine was better and would I rather take that. I said that as mine weighed $7 \frac{1}{2}$ lbs. that I thought his was the best. We used most of his equipment. His sleeping bag weighed less than 2 lbs. We took one spoon each and ate and drank out of one pan. The fuel was liquid, but I think our fuel blocks are as good. This was the only part of my equipment which I thought was anywhere near as good as his. The food was Norwegian Army Rations It was powdered stuff in a sachet. Water was added and then boiled. It looked like thick porridge and tasted like mushrooms. It had 400 calories per sachet. It was quite good. Stig also took Ryvita and salami and honey sandwiches, packed ready to eat. We took Rise and Shine to drink which I provided, and Stig enjoyed.

By now it was $10 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. and time to be in bed.
Saturday: Race Day.
I was treated like a star, and picked up at an appointed place at 7.30.a.m. by a man in a jaguar. I was taken to Hethpool where I met Stig. At the assembly point I messed about with my rucksac whilst Stig did all the hard work and map preparations.

We set off at 8.30.a.m. It was a cool clear day and conditions were good. We ran along the road for 3000 metres before getting the Check Point map references. Stig hurriedly wrote them down and we wound our way to check point l, with Joss Naylor, and Pete Walkington, Jeff Norman and Mike Short.

They were watching every move Stig made and were following easily. Stig told me to take it easy and just let them follow.

From the Re-entrant (Check Point 2) to Little Dodd we came

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across some mud ditches about 5 ft . deep. These were for Forestry Commission Planting. Stig crossed these at great speed and left me nearly 50 yards behind. Joss was 10 yards behind $m e$, and the others were falling back. There was a long downhill section where we dropped the others. Then across a stream, up a steep hill and on to open moorland. From the top of Little Dodd (Check Point 3) we could see the others. Stig calculated that we were about 8-10 minutes in front.

We got to Sing Moor (Check Point 4) with little trouble. Just after this we stopped for a drink. It was now about 12 noon and we had covered about 20 miles, and were feeling a bit tired. We put our rucksacs down and sat and had a welcome drink. As we were about to set off, we could see the other four too near for our comfort. We set off at great speed, down a banking and straight onto Check Point 5 A fantastic piece of navigation by Stig. Just after Check Point 5, we met the chap who was going to man it. He hadn't arrived when we got there, but the clippers were there so we punched our card and were on our way.

We set off on a long track which seemed to go on for ever. We thought the others were close behind and we were pushing i.t hard. We crossed, several fords. Stig was concentrating like mad on his map reading. It was easy for me . All I had to do was follow. The going became more difficult with trees and bracken and Stig came into his own. He was very good at picking his way over rough country. By now we couldn't see anyone following, so we thought we'd got away.

We got to the Pennine Way sign and Stig said we'd only a mile to go to the camp. Immediately we'd said this we saw the camp in the valley bottom. We were the first to arrive, in a time of 5 hrs. 25 mins. 15 secs.

After getting our card punched, we took off our wet clothes and changed. We then put back our windproof garments, to stay warm. We then put up the tent. I was surprised at how roomy it was. Stig began to relax and for the first time he seemed very happy. After $\frac{1}{4}$ hour he was over the moon and said it was a smash! We then made our meal. The porridge type food described earlier and a 'Rise and Shine' each. We then lay down in thetent for a while.

Almost an hour after us, Eric Roberts and Derek Hartley arrived in 6; $23 ; 45$, and we realized that the others must have got lost. We watched everyone drift in, and we were thankful that we'd finished. There were some funny incidents one of them was watching George Rhodes making tent poles out of canes after he and his partner Donald Talbot had forgotten theirs. I filled up my carbohydrate store by eating sweets nearly allevening, but Stig wouldn't eat any. About 8.30.p.m. we had another meal and retired. I slept fairly well, but Stig said he slept very little. Sunday, Day 2.

At 6.30.a.m. the bell rang and we were ready for getting up. We made breakfast straight awy and packed up. At 7.25.a.m. we had another drink and took the tent down. We were ready to set off with a minute to spare at 7.30.a.m. We were tired and aching, but felt strong.

As we climbed out of the valley, we were well down on the rest of the field, but we managed to reach Check Point 1 first, with Joss and Pete hard on our heels. Stig said to take it easy. I think I'd rushed this section too much. Climbing up to Check Point 2 was very tough and steep, and Joss and Pete arrived there first cheerful as always! From Check Point 2 to 3, we got away from them. When we got to Number 3, however, Derek and Eric, Geoff Peck and Tom Lunne, and Alistair Wood and David Rosen were already through. Finding this out, we stopped and had something to eat and drink. We were both tired and stopped for about 5 minutes. The weather was cloudy and overcast. As we set off to find Check Point 4, it began to rain hard. We arrived there in 4 th place again, 4 minutes down on the leaders. We decided to make our way to Check Point 6 a different way to all the others, keeping low in the valley. We were really moving well now. Perhaps the drink had done us good: We passed through some foresty and the going was tough, but level or downhill rather than uphill. We came to the bottom of a steep hill which reminded me of Saddleback. We could see a few pairs of runners on the breast of the hill, in a better position than we were. Going up the hill we were pushing it hard. We dropped down to far for the last checkpoint and had to consult the map again. We found the Check Point and to our delight, we-were first there.

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We had 3 miles to go. As we ran from the Check Point Joss and Pete were about 3-4 minutes behind. We started up the next rise and could see that they were closing in fast on us. Just before we hit the road, 3000 metres from the finish, Sig started to feel dizzy. I got out some emergency rations and by this time they were $\frac{1}{4}$ mile behind. We were jogging and walking on the road. Although we knew wed win the event, we thought that they'd beat us to the camp as they were going much stronger than we were.

The feeling when I saw the Headquarters before us was unbelievable. We had kept the wolves at bay and won by 50 yards.

In the changing rooms, Sig had some whisky which we drank to celebrate. The second day had been very exciting. We had our gear checked and then got our stiff, aching bodies changed. We sat in the changing rooms talking whilst the others piled in.

At the prize giving, Sting would not take the trophy back to Norway as it was tooheavy. So I!m now the holder of the Karrimor Two Day Mountain Marathon Trophy and I can't even read a map!

I doubt if I'll ever win this event again, unless partnered by Stig. It was a week end I'll never forget, a fantastic experience. His ability to run as he does and orienteer as he does and get to the correct place is beyond me. He's a remarkable chap!

For the scie reason of economy we have regretably have had to delay publication of a number of excellent articles of general interest. Most of these will appear in a separate magazine later in the year. We would like to thank all the contributors of Reports for This Results Edition, and in particular Press Officer Bill Smith, and Arthur Steel whose secretary. Audrey, typed 84 pages in preparaion for a "monster" edition which, unfortunately, had to be split into two parts at the last minute.


[^0]:    Bill Smith.

