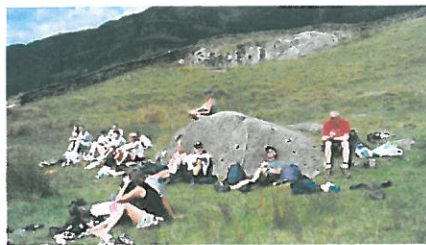


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## CAMPING WEEKEND

Yes folks, another year has passed and you've guessed it, it's the infamous weekend away. This year the camping weekend was organised by the one and only Mark Smith.

Mark set about finding us another venue and came up with a National Trust site at Great Langdale.

On Saturday morning the group awoke bright and breezy, well, the ones that weren't hung over. John Smith (the pathfinder - watch out Winter Hill) organised the route for the day, so off we set with 19 adult, 14 children and two dogs.

As lunch was approaching John had picked a lovely site to stop, Slaters Bridge. As we all started to tuck into our lunch the two Jones boys, Kieran, and the Hopley clan decided it was too hot, stripped off and waded into the beck. They were shortly followed by the other children, Pete Hopley, Alan Jones, Ian Smith, Gary Gibb and the two dogs.

### CLUB FELL RACE

At this year's fell race, which started quite early in the year compared to recent years, there was a significant turnout in all categories.

Jeff Sale started the ladies race after briefing the ladies on the route, there were in total 9 female runners.

10 minutes later the men set

As we set off from Slaters Bridge, Leo Pollard took over and scared the kids to death with his stories of 'Billy Bob'. I must say the children were trembling in their boots, as were some of the adults. The cave was awesome, and the tunnels cold and low, (how's the head Scott)? Thank you Leo it was a superb de-tour.

After some 7-8 hours later and covering approximately 10 miles and three pubs we were back at the camp site.

Evening approached and the barbecue started. This year most members decided to have a communal barbecue and what a success it was. The meat was purchased and prepared by Kath and Simon, I have to say it was one of the best barbecues I've been to for a long time. Alan Jones brought his trusty gas barbecue and myself and Simon cooked with the help of Alan 'Wino' Jones, and Ian 'The Onion Man' Smith.

After people had eaten and several beers/glasses of wine

had been consumed we were off to the pub - purely to get away from the 'midgies' - it's the truth yer 'onour.

On our return to the camp site most people thought they had seen a mirage. You would never in a million years guess what it was..... no wrong, it was a burger van in the middle of the lakes and low and behold a true Lostock runner waiting to be served. Can you guess who this possibly could be?

The weekend was a rip roaring success (we've never actually been banned before) and I would just like to say thanks to all the people who turned up and make this type of event possible, a special thanks must go to:-

Mark Smith— camp organiser

John Smith— trail leader

Leo Pollard— tour guide

Kath & Simon—food organiser's

Alan Jones trusty gas barbecue

Jeff Sale and Ian Smith for staying sober.

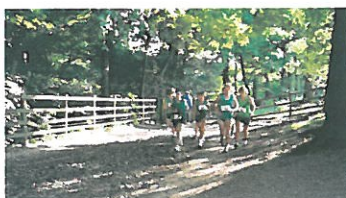
1st lady home was Chris Jones

1st male home was Stewart Jones.

There were several other prizes which Ian Smith picked out and they went to:-

Pete Hopley, Ken Workman, Jamie Syddall, Sheila Anderson, Liz Hopley.

A special thanks to time keep-



### FELL RESULTS:

#### Females

C. Jones	49:03
J. Forrest	55:51
L. Hopley	56:09
K. Johnson	56:27
G. Caldwell	56:32
C. Smith	57:59
S. Anderton	59:55
J. Roberts	60:41
S. Walsh	65:35

#### Men's:

S. Jones	41:54
N. Smith	42:26
R. Duffy	44:19
P. Hopley	44:35
I. Smith (Horwich)	44:52
A. Jones	48:28
C. Holdcroft	50:52
S. Rotherham	50:58
J. Smith	52:41
K. Workman	55:14
J. Syddall	57:03
K. Ball	61:03



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## X - Country Boggart Hole

Once again it was a great turn out with 5 junior runners.

Girls - u/12

N. O'Brien (9:17)

N. Beaumont (9:53)

Boys - u/11

P. O'Brien (8:59)

- u/13

T. Jones (11:29)

- u/15

B. Phillips (12:22)

Up and coming Ben Phillips (u/15) finished an impressive 4<sup>th</sup> place.



Neil Smith (38:18) lead the men's team home, followed by P. Hopley (38:39), R. Duffy (39:22), D. Clemence (39:59), P. Noble (42:00), and A. Jones (45:32) to complete the team. Overall team placing's as follows:

12<sup>th</sup> Men's team

8<sup>th</sup> Vet 40 team

Well done everyone.

In the ladies race J. Forrest (30:40) came home first leading the way from L. Hopley (33:45), G. Caldwell (33:45), C. Smith (34:12) and C. Boardman (37:35) completed an outstanding race by all the ladies.

Overall team placing's as follows:

9<sup>th</sup> Ladies team

8<sup>th</sup> Ladies Vet 35

7<sup>th</sup> Ladies Vet 40

5<sup>th</sup> Ladies Vet 45

Well done to everyone that took part in this the first x-country event.

Ray Duffy

## Chairman

As everyone can see from the results above, it was a very good turn-out for the first x-country race. I was very pleasantly surprised when I turned up at Boggart Hole to see that we were being represented in several age groups in the junior class, keep it up and well done.

I would like to thank Norman Copeland who has been training the juniors on a Tuesday evening on the track and to all the parents who are giving that little nudge in the right direction.

On a more serious note, on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2003 myself and Pete Hopley had a meeting with Bolton Arena to discuss the problem we have had in the past on payments made or in our case payments not made for the use of the track on a Tuesday evening and showering on a Wednesday evening. I am glad to say that we have sorted this problem out and can now go forward with a clear conscience. I will discuss in more detail exactly what was agreed in our next club meeting/chairman's race. Race starting in the normal place at the entrance for Tesco's at 19:30hrs. So be there a little earlier.

