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The author of this history was born in 1929, he served two years conscription in the Army from 1947-1949. After his initial training with the York and Lancashire Regiment he was transferred to the Duke of Wellington Regiment as an Instructor for the next 18 months. Sport played an important part of his Army life, at cricket, football, rugby, hockey and basketball. (qualifying as an Army referee) As a runner he competed at the half mile and at Cross Country, becoming the captain of his regimental team.

Back in civvy street, he played basketball, but his height of only 5 feet 8 inches didn't help so he chose to go for a training run with Hallamshire Harriers at the start of the 1951 cross country season. He was officially recorded as a member on 5th December 1951.

As an athlete he ran his first Marathon (Doncaster to Sheffield) in 1954, and ran his last marathon in Holland in 1980. As a Veteran he won the over 45 years National Javelin Championship, and came third in the over 50 years National Decathlon Championships.

As a Hallamshire Harrier club official, he was a Trainer, Committee Member, Summer Secretary, Assistant General Secretary, Treasurer, President, Newsletter Editor (10 years)

He was also, as an official, the Secretary of the Sheffield & District Cross Country Association, Secretary of the Doncaster to Sheffield Marathon, Committee Member for the Northern A.A.A. No.12 District and Handicapper for the Northern No.12 District and Northern Veterans, President of the Men's Yorkshire Cross Country Association, President of the Men's Northern Cross Country Association, Vice President of the Men's England Cross Country Association and England Committee Member. Judge at National, European and World Cross Country Championships. Announcer at local, county, area, and national events since 1954. (includes A.A.A. Marathon Championship), National Cross Country Relays since 1985 and at National Cross Country Championships for the last 21 years.

He was Handicapper for the Hallam Chase 14 times, and he ran the race 16 times between 1953-1983. He won the Novice prize and was twice placed second.

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Stories of the Hallam Chase 1951-2009

1951 The Hallam Chase was revived after a 13 year gap by Alf Beardmore of Sheffield United Harriers and Jim Hill of Hallamshire Harriers on Monday 7th May at 8.00 p.m. It was agreed that each club would take turns to promote the race every two years. The race was won by 16 year old Alan Bargh of Sheffield United Harriers in 20:52 from a field of 19 runners. The second fastest runner was Johnny Nichols of Sheffield United Harriers in 20:58. Alan Bargh in 1952 was to win the Youths Yorkshire Cross Country Championships at York, and the Youths Northern Cross Country Championships at Bebbington, Cheshire. The Hallam Chase was run as a 'closed' event, with only the members of the two Sheffield Clubs, Hallamshire Harriers and Sheffield United Harriers allowed to enter. The race was for men only, which it had been so since 1862.

1952 Out of an entry of 25 runners it was the twelfth runner to start, Arthur Etches of Sheffield United Harriers, who started fifty seconds after the first runner, who went on to win the race. The entry included Ken Wood of Sheffield United Harriers who was a cross country international in 1954. He was the first Sheffield runner to run a sub four minute mile of 3:59.3 in 1957, and was the A.A.A. mile champion in 1956 and 1959.

1953 From an entry of 25 runners (included one runner from Rotherham Harriers) there were seventeen finishers. Andy Hazel of Hallamshire Harriers was the winner. Rotherham Harriers entered one runner, Johnny Brodle.

Officials were:- Referee A.H. Henderson, Judges: W Raybould, W Simpson,
Hon. Stewards: A Beardmore, J Scarr, A May,
Timekeepers: G Hudson, J Cooper, J Cheetham, Prize Steward: J Carrington,
Competitors Stewards: L Wilkinson, J Wheatcroft,
Course Stewards: E Glossop, H Rhodes, C Rhodes, C Spencer, F Moody, S Stacey.
J Vials, R Smith, E Harper Snr., W Mountain, E Bradbury, J Williams, J Pugh, W Walton,
W Askew, J W Benn, Handicappers: A Bradbury, H Whitehurst,
Patrons thanked for their patronage were:- J Noble, W Mountain, Tennant Bros.,
Darwin Sports Club, S Thurlow.

1954 There was an entry of 35 runners and was won by Stan Ibbotson of Hallamshire Harriers, who ran an actual time of 22:50. Finishing in third place and starting 2:40 after the first runner was Tom Askew of Hallamshire Harriers who ran the fastest time 21:28.

1955 Rotherham Harriers had two entrants, Johnny Broddle and Arthur Oxley out of a total of 36 runners of which 21 finished. The winner was 20 year old Dennis Binns of Sheffield United Harriers (23:05), second was Harry Charles (S.U.H.), third Billy Farrell (H.H.). Derek Walker (S.U.H.) recorded the fastest time of 21:07.

1956 Entries for the race reached 46 with 6 runners from Rotherham Harriers (4 ran). A total of 23 finished, 18 year old Paul Barker of Hallamshire Harriers was first into the grounds at Sandygate, but was passed by Albert Barden of Sheffield United Harriers who won by 13 seconds in an actual time of 21:43. The first Rotherham runner in 7th place was Chris Fleming-Smith (22:44) who won the A.A.A. Marathon Championship in 1959.

1957 From an entry of 49 runners 20 finished, including 50km Olympic Walker Albert Johnson of Sheffield United Harriers who finished 10th in 24:45. The winner was 23 year old milk-man Malcolm Grace of Hallamshire Harriers (22:19) who caught the early leader Wally Hayes (H.H.) within 100 yards of the final lap of Hallam Cricket ground and went on to beat Hayes by 21 seconds. Fastest was Derek Walker (S.U.H.) 21:36.

1958 It was a very wet evening (Monday 9th June) with very few spectators present. There were 39 entered of which 25 finished. The race was won by Frank Jarvis of Sheffield United Harriers (23:20), 21 years the junior of 47 year old Jack Ellis (H.H.) in second place just 6 seconds behind Jarvis. Derek Walker (S.U.H.) was fastest (21:19).

1959 Run on Monday 1st June there were 41 runners entered of which 28 finished. They included Geoff Moore who was an engineering student at the Sheffield University, but also a member of Hallamshire Harriers, who fell on the descent of den Bank but went on to win by 23 seconds in 23:04. Derek Walker (S.U.H.) giving 5 minutes to the 'limit' man finished in 6th place and set a new course record of 20:21. Rotherham's Chris Fleming-Smith ran 23:00 and in July of this year won the A.A.A. Marathon in 2:30:11.6.

1960 It was a post war best entry of 52 runners of which 28 finished. History was made when Don Newman of Rotherham Harriers won in 21:56 and was the first time that a runner other than from Hallamshire H. or Sheffield U.H. had won this event since it was restarted in 1951. Newman had won the Stocksbridge Chase two days before. Fastest was Derek Walker (21:32) of Sheffield United Harriers.

1961 Out of an entry of 47 runners 21 finished the race. Tony Brackenbury of Sheffield United Harriers was the winner in 22:01 which was the fastest time of the race.

1962 Run on Monday 25th June, a new highest best entry of 53 was set, of which 26 completed the race. The winner was Ian Wainwright of Sheffield United Harriers in 22:33 with the fastest loser, Les Milns (S.U.H.) running 22:20.

1963 Billed as THE CENTENARY RACE 1863-1963. The programme for the first time contained a 'HISTORY OF THE HALLAM CHASE' and a list of past winners compiled by the late Alf Beardmore and Jim Hill, who was the Promoter of the race. the Referee was W (Bill) Raybould. The Film Units were J.O.Hill and W.Butler.

Of the 40 entrants 34 finished. The race was run on Monday 10th June at 8.00p.m. and was won by 18 year old David Trickett of Hallamshire Harriers in 23:37. Trickett had won the Rockingham Chase on Whit Monday. Fastest was Albert Barden (20:57) of S.U.H.

(Authors Note) In 1986 It was pointed out to me by John Steel of the Hallam Football Club that the first race was in 1862 on Saturday 4th October over a distance of 10 miles and not 1863 as claimed by previous literature in the centenary programme for 1963.

John Steel was the Historian of the Hallam F. C. and during his research at the Sheffield City Library had the recorded the link I needed to do my own research. His book 'THE COUNTRYMEN' gives an interesting history of 'The world's second oldest soccer club'.

1964 Out of an entry of 48 runners, 29 finished the course. The winner was John Potter of Hallamshire Harriers who ran 23:34. There were joint fastest losers with times of 21:15 Ian Wainwright of Sheffield United Harriers and A (Tony) Evans of Hallamshire Harriers.

1965 From an entry of 38 runners, 29 finished. The winner was 19 year old Chris Gillott of Hallamshire Harriers (he won the race again in 1970). The press reported that Jack Ellis of Hallamshire Harriers at 54 years had broken a 55 year old record to become the oldest man to finish the course (actual time 26:09). Ellis had first run the Hallam Chase in 1937. Fastest was Ian Wainwright (21:15) of Sheffield United Harriers.

1966 From an entry of 31 runners, it was won by 18 year old Roland Heathcote of Hallamshire H. in 21:07. He finished 62 seconds ahead of the second runner home Tim Hopkins of Sheffield United H. with Alan Greenwood of Hallamshire H. in third place. Fastest time of 20:34 was put up by Ian Wainwright of Sheffield United Harriers, who the press reported as being the second fastest time since the race restarted in 1951.

1967 Of the 25 runners who had entered, 19 finished. The winner was 25 year old Rodney Hobson of Hallamshire Harriers. Setting off 4:45 behind the 'limit' man, he went into the lead at the bottom of Den Bank on the return journey from Stannington, when he overtook 37 year old Malcolm Douthwaite (H.H.) who only two days earlier had completed the 21 mile Radcliffe road race. Scratch man, Ian Wainwright of Sheffield United Harriers returned the fastest time of the race (21:19) having won the Yorkshire Steeplechase championship two days earlier, and in doing so had set a p.b. for that event

1968 On Monday 10th June Trevor Wright of Hallamshire Harriers set a new course record of 19:42 which still stands at the present date (July 2009). Accurate records prior to 1951 are not available, there are some references in a press report of a time 21:00 prior to 1914 as being a course record. However in 1951 when the race was restarted sixteen year old Alan Bargh (S.U.H.) ran 20:52, In 1959 Derek Walker ran 20:21 which prior to the race in 1968 stood as the current course record. Out of an entry of 28 runners started of which 22 finished. Scratch men Trevor Wright was giving nine minutes to the two 'Limit' man, Fred Lewin (38:51) and Billy Herbert (31:02). Thirty eight years old Malcolm Douthwaite 25:42 (H.H.) was in the lead when he entered the grounds at Sandygate. Unfortunately for him he was overtaken as he ran the last lap of the field by thirty one year old Terry Allcock 22:25 (H.H.) who beat him to the line. Trevor Wright finished fifth in an actual time of 19:42 setting a new course record by thirty nine seconds.

1969 From an entry of 25 runners 20 finished. The race was won by Dave Gregory of Sheffield United H. (23:26) Second and fastest time was Brian Mullarky R.H. (21:43).

1970 Since 1951 the Hallam Chase had been run during the Whitsuntide weekend on a Monday starting at 8:00 p.m. However this year the Month, date and starting time were all changed. I did in fact run the race myself that year, I do not recall the reason for the change, the course remained the same, starting and finishing on the Sport Ground at Sandygate. My only explanations are that, the changing accommodation was not available in the out-building adjacent to the Plough Inn, or that the Snooker Room which was used for the presentation was also not available. The race was held on Sunday 9th August at 12.15 p.m. From an entry of 37 runners 29 finished. The race was won for the second time by Chris Gillott of Hallamshire Harriers (23:45). Finishing in 11th place, running from 'scratch' the fastest time was run by Ian Wainwright of Sheffield United Harriers (20:51).

1971 The race was again held on a Sunday, which was 5th September at 12.15 p.m. From an entry of 47 runners, the winner was Steve Dawson of Sheffield United Harriers. Ian Wainwright of Sheffield United Harriers recorded the fastest time of 21:05.

1972 The race reverted to being run at Whitsuntide The race was held on Monday 19th June at 8:00 p.m. A total of 31 runners entered and was won by Graham Hulley of Sheffield United Harriers (22:02). Fastest was David Barker of Hallamshire H. (21:14).

1973 From an entry of 49 runners, 36 finished. The race was won by 18 year old Glyn Reynolds (21:48) S.U.H, 2nd Nigel Spiers (21:53) S.U.H. 3rd Colin Hill (25:26) R.H. who ran the Maxol Marathon at Manchester the week before in 2 hours 46 minutes. Fastest was Peter Rawnsley 20:52 of Sheffield United Harriers.

1974 From an entry of 42 runners, 31 finished. The race was won by Alan Biggs (23:20) of Hallamshire Harriers. Fastest was Ron Duerdon (20:29) of Sheffield United Harriers, which was the third fastest time since the race was restarted in 1951.

1975 From an entry of 42 runners, 33 finished. The race was won by Billy Wilson (25:40) of Hallamshire Harriers. Fastest was Ron Duerdon (21:01) of Sheffield A.C. (Note: that name of Sheffield United Harriers changed with their amalgamation with Sheffield City).

1976 From an entry of 50 runners, 33 finished. The inclusion of runners from Barnsley Road Runners brought the number of participating South Yorkshire Clubs to four. The race was won by Les Manterfield (28:01) of Hallamshire Harriers. Fastest was Peter Rawnsley (21:16) of Sheffield Athletic Club.

1977 For the first time Dark Peak F. R entered the Hallam Chase with fourteen runners. It brought the total of runners entered to 60. The winner was John Stringer (21:22) of Sheffield A.C., 2nd Gordon Chafer (25:07) of H.H. 3rd Martyn Cartwright (24:22) of Barnsley R.R. Fastest time was run by Peter Rawnsley (20:38) of Sheffield Athletic Club.

1978 The day of the race was changed to a Tuesday, 30th May, the starting at 8:00 p.m. remained the same. A total of 54 runners entered, 42 finished, one of which in 41st place was Brian Johnson (32:24) of Sheffield United Walking Club. The race was won by Dave Jones (24:32) of D.P.F.R. Fastest was Peter Rawnsley (21:31) of S.A.C.

1979 From an entry of 50 runners, 41 finished. Dark Peak Fell Runners provided the first three runners home. 1 Alan Yates(25:11), 2 Peter Lewis(22:04), 3 Tony Trowbridge(21:35). Billy Herbert (30:52) of H.H. an over 60 Veteran, and Brian Steeples (36:13) of R.H. an over 65 Veteran finished 40th. Tony Trowbridge ran the fastest time (21:35).

1980 From an entry of 49 runners, 41 finished. The race was won by Arnold Howe (26:25) of Hallamshire Harriers, in second place was Peter Shaw (20:47) of Sheffield A.C. who ran the fastest time. Rockingham had a runner in the race for the first time.

1981 A record total of 67 runners entered, 43 finished. Chesterfield Harriers had two entries, one of whom Martin Barratt (25:18) was the winner. Fastest runner was Steve Howling (22:05) of Sheffield A.C.

1982 From an entry of 40 runner, 30 finished. The winner was 63 year old Billy Herbert (29:31) Hallamshire Harriers. The weather was described as heavy and thundery, but despite setting off (01:15) behind the 'Limit' man, the over 70 years veteran Brian Steeples (41:06) of Rotherham Harriers, Herbert was to secure a (01:14) winning margin from the fastest runner on the night Alan Bradley (21:45) of Dark Peak Fell Runners.

1983 From an entry of 64 runners, 48 finished. The appearance of a 'Ghost Runner' was something new to the post war running of the Hallam Chase. Wearing a black vest but no number, knowledgeable spectators were trying to work out who he was as he came up Den Bank in second place. He was to disappear from sight as the chasing runners entered the grounds at Sandygate. Twenty year old Paul Thomas (23:33) of Hallamshire Harriers had passed his own dad when halfway round the course. He went on to win by 6 seconds from 53 year old Malcolm Douthwaite (29:54) of Hallamshire H. who had only entered the race so as to celebrate that it was thirty years since he first ran the race in 1953. In third place only one second behind the second place runner, was Alan Robertson (22:40). Whilst 72 year old Brian Steeples (41:42) of Rotherham Harriers finished in 46th place. Fastest was Alan Bradley (21:16) of Dark Peak Fell Runners.

1984 This was to be the year of controversy when five women joined in the race as the leading runners left the grounds at Sandygate. Although an approach had been made by the Secretary of the promoting club to the Secretary of the Northern Women's Cross Country Association, it had been pointed out by them that the Athletic Association Rules did not allow women to race against men under five miles. The race officials were unaware that a protest was going to take place, (however, the press were, hence a photograph of them outside the grounds). Once the officials were aware of the situation, the officials took steps to prevent them getting into the grounds at the end of the course. Of the 62 male entries, 46 finished. The winner was John Alflatt (22:41) of H.H.. Fastest was Malcolm Patterson (20:37) of DPFR, which placed him sixth fastest on the post war best times list. 64 year old Billy Herbert ran (31:35)

1985 From an entry of 57 runners, 49 finished, which included 20 veterans over 40 years of age. The winner was 34 years old Stewart Turner (24:09) of Hallamshire Harriers. Oldest runner to finish was 65 year old Bill Herbert (33:31) of H.H. Fastest was Robert Hand (21:03) of Sheffield University in 3rd place.

1986 A cold evening kept many spectators away. A piece of history was made when a women's race was held over the same course as the men. The only difference being that they were not handicapped and they all started as a scratch race at 7:50 p.m., ten minutes before the start of the men's race. The women's race was won by Jenny Pearson (25:21) of Sheffield A.C. with in second place Wendy Lightfoot (25:59) of Dark Peak Fell Runners. Nine women completed the course. In the men's race there was an entry of 64 runners, 54 finished. The winner was Sean Mahoney (24:25) of Chesterfield A.C. a thirty year old Fireman who won by 32 seconds. Fastest was Malcolm Patterson (20:47) DPFR. (It was also the year of the publication by John Steel, Secretary of the Hallam Football Club of the book 'THE COUNTRYMEN' which makes reference to the first Hallam Chase run in 1862 over a distance of 10 miles. Second in the race was John Shaw who was a founder member of the Hallam Football Club. Shaw was to win the 1863 Hallam Chase again run over 10 miles. He was an outstanding athlete winning events at 1 mile walking and running, and was instrumental in introducing cross-country running to this area.

1987 From an entry in the men's of 67 runners, 62 finished, and in the women's race there were 6 entries and 4 finishers. Men's winner was over 40 veteran Gerald Parkin (24:59) of Hallamshire H. who had a 7 second win over club-mate Kevin McGrath (23:56) of H.H. Starting from 'scratch' was Malcolm Patterson of DPFR who finished in 6th place and astonished everyone by recording 20:10 which was the second fastest time ever run in the post war history of the race. Women's race was won by Jacky Smith (26:27) DPFR.

1988 The race was run in bright sunshine, with the women's race being started five minutes before the first man to start, over 65 veteran Billy Herbert. In the men's race, of the 51 entrants, 43 finished. The winner was Kevin Lilley (22:52) of Dark Peak Fell Runners. Fastest was Micah Wilson (21:13) of Hallamshire H. The winner of the women's race was Ann Watmore (26:52) of Totley A.C. from an entry of 8 runners, all of which finished.

1989 From an entry of 67 runners in the men's race, 44 finished with Dr. David Lindop (24:51) PF.P.R. who was 14 seconds ahead of John Heap (22:25) of H.H. who ran the fastest time. In the women's race from an entry of 7 runners there were 6 finishers. The race was won by Claire Crofts of Dark Peak Fell Runners in a course record of 25:14.

1990 From an entry of 53 in the men's race, 47 finished. The winner was over 40 veteran John Gregory (25:03) of Steel City Striders, with a total of 34 runners finishing in the next two minutes. Fastest was Mike Jubb (21:29) D.P.F.R in 5th place. In the women's race, all five entrants completed the course, with Claire Crofts (25:20) the winner from D.P.F.R.

1991 From an entry of 64 in the men's race, 47 finished. The winner was Geoff Turner (24:01) of Rotherham Harriers. Last to finish was 69 year old Mick Bromley (39:13) of Hallamshire H. who earlier that day had completed the 12 mile 'STAR WALK'. The oldest in the race was 71 year old Billy Herbert (35:33) of Hallamshire H. Fastest was Rob Pearson (21:45) of Hallamshire H. The news that David Bones had passed away, a past winner of the Hallam Chase in 1924 and 1936 was greeted with sadness. He was ever present at the Hallam Chase and all other events on the track, road and cross-country as a timekeeper. His club Sheffield A.C. had presented the David Bones Trophy, to be awarded to the 'Youngest Competitor' and was won by John Heap (22:27) of Hallamshire H. Of the 11 entrants for the women's race, 9 finished. For the third consecutive year the race was won by Claire Crofts (D.P.F.R.) setting a course record for the women of 25:10 taking 4 seconds from her previous record set in 1989. In the absence of the turn round official Fred Lewin, due to illness, his duties were taken over by Ian Saul who used an orange dye to 'colour splash' the runners at Stannington Church.

1992 From an entry of 64 in the men's race, 38 finished of which 23 were veterans. The race was won by over 50 veteran Bram Sprakes (25:50) of Rotherham H. who won by one minute fifty six seconds. Fastest was Micah Wilson (22:07) of Hallamshire Harriers. In the women's race 9 runners completed the course, the race was won by Sylvaine Boler (28:07) of Penistone Foot Path Runners and this was to be the last time that the women's race was to be run as a 'scratch' event. Another official who had passed away in the last twelve months was Fred Lewin (H.H.). He ran the race seven times between 1966 and 1973 (when he was 43 years old). However in more recent years he was remembered as an official, and in particular as the turn round official for the Hallam Chase at Stannington Church. Fred Lewin had run in the Hallam Chase in 1968 when Trevor Wright set the course record of 19:42. Trevor had donated a cup to be named after Fred which was to be awarded to the first runner to reach the turn round point at Stannington where he colour splashed the runner. First winner of the Fred Lewin Trophy was Sylvaine Boler in 1993.

1993 From an entry of 52 in the men's race, 51 finished. The winner was over 50 veteran Tony Trowbridge (25:46) of Dark Peak Fell Runners. the first over 40 veteran was Kenny Rowe (25:03) of Hallamshire Harriers who had finished the 12 mile 'STAR WALK' earlier in the day. Fastest was Mike Jubb (21:09) of Dark Peak Fell Runners. For the first time the women competitors were handicapped alongside the men, although in the results their times were separated from the men. There were six women finishers, the winner & fastest, Ruth Briggs (28:42) Hallamshire Harriers.

1994 There were 33 finishers in the men's race which was won by Dave Allen (24:52) of Hallamshire Harriers, despite finding himself on the wrong side of the walls coming up Den Bank. He had to climb over the high obstructions in order to get back onto the course to secure an easy win by one minute twelve seconds from Brian Harney (R.H.) Fastest was Andy Green (22:20) of Hallamshire Harriers. In the women's race, Jacky Smith (27:04) D.P.F.R. an over 40 veteran was the winner from a field of six.

1995 In the men's race 39 runners finished and was won by over 40 veteran Peter Dyke (27:59) of Dark Peak Fell Runners. In 22nd place Billy Herbert (40:52) of H.H. won the Fred Lewin Trophy, being the first runner to get to the turn round point at Stannington Church. Fastest was Jeff Pyrah (21:49) of Hallamshire Harriers. The winner of the women's race was Donna Unwin (27:40) of Rotherham Harriers. Finishing in 2nd place Jessica Turnbull (24:03) of Sheffield University set a new course record for the women's race. The local press were set up with the story that the first three runners back were women, but were not awarded the winners prize for the Hallam Chase. Whilst the men's race goes back to 1862, it is only since 1986 that there has been a women's race, plus the fact that it had only been run as a handicap for the women since 1993. It has always been made clear that this event was two separate races for the men and women.

1996 In the men's race 33 runners finished. The winner was over 45 veteran Alan Ashforth (25:58) of Hallamshire Harriers, who was to win the race again in 2009.

Fastest was Jeff Pyrah (21:58) of Hallamshire Harriers.

In the women's race, eight runners finished. The winner was Jacky Smith (28:35) of Dark Peak Fell Runners. The fastest women was Astrid Winkler (26:15) of Hallamshire Harriers.

1997 In the men's race 44 finished. The winner was Richard Kemp (29:38) of Penistone Foot Path Runners. Fastest was John Heap (22:03) of Hallamshire Harriers. In the women's race 6 runners finished. The winner was Hilary Bloor (28:29) an over 40 veteran from Dark Peak Fell Runners. Fastest was Philipa Leach (28:05) of Hallamshire Harriers.

1998 In the men's race 28 runners finished. The winner was 54 year old Postman, John Bradshaw (31:51) of Steel City Striders who was preceded to the finish line by Jessica Turnbull, who was declared by the officials as the winner of the women's race. Fastest in the men's race was John Heap (21:36) of Hallamshire Harriers. In the women's race there were eight finishers. The race was won by Jessica Turnbull (24:12) of Sheffield University, who was also the fastest women, she was only nine seconds slower than her course record of 24:03 set in 1995. A total of 41 runners entered the two races.

1999 From an entry of 51 in the men's race, 43 finished. The winner was Jonathan Ward (29:29) of Penistone Foot Path Runners. Fastest was John Heap (21:18) of Hallamshire Harriers. Oldest runner was Billy Herbert (47:43) of Hallamshire Harriers who became the oldest known runner to compete in this race at the age of 79 years 297 days.

The women's race was won by over 45 veteran Sue Higham (32:34) of Penistone Foot Path Runners. Fastest women was Julie Wilson (29:47) of Hallamshire Harriers.

2000 In the men's race 35 runners finished. The winner was over 55 veteran Bram Sprakes (32:24) of Rotherham Harriers. Fastest was Richard Patton (22:49) of Hallamshire Harriers. In the women's race 13 finished, and was won by Karen Wood (36:34) of Hallamshire H. Fastest women was Ellie Hurrell (28:00) of Hallamshire Harriers.

2001 This was the year of the Foot and Mouth Epidemic. With the abandonment of FELL RACES and other events all round the countryside, it was unanimous that the Hallam Chase should be cancelled for that year.

2002 There was a reduced entry for the race, with a combined men and women total of only 27, three of which were allowed to enter on the day. The finishing totals were 21 men and 3 women. The winner of the men's race was Stuart Maycock (24:50) of Steel City Striders. Fastest was Darren Teasedale (23:16) of Hallamshire Harriers. In the women's race the winner was over 45 veteran Pat Goodall (32:01) of Totley AC and in 2nd place Channah Patton (26:26) of Hallamshire Harriers who was fastest of the three runners.

2003 In the men's race there were 21 finishers, of which 18 were veterans over 40 years of age. The race was won by over 65 veteran Mike Hayes (31:47) of Dark Peak Fell Runners with the fastest time by Stuart Maycock (23:46) of Steel City Striders. The women's race was won by Fiona Davies (30:22) of One 2 One, a non veteran, who was also the fastest of the 5 women to finish, of which 4 were veterans over 35 years of age.

2004 On a cold and overcast evening, in the men's race a total of 24 runners finished. The race was won for the second year running by over 65 veteran Mike Hayes (29:28) of Dark Peak Fell Runners, who won by 9 seconds from over 40 veteran Glyn Guest (30:07) of One 2 One. Fastest was non veteran Shaun Marsden (23:18) of H.H. whilst oldest was over 75 veteran John Johnson (36:51) of the Northern Veterans. There were only two women in their race, with first Jane Cockerton (34:38) of P.F.P.R. and second was Fiona Davies (31:09) of One 2 One. The overgrown state of Den Bank proved difficult on the descent, causing two runners to go down the wrong side of the wall towards Hagg Lane. Of the 26 men and women who finished only six were not classified as veterans.

2005 From an entry of 32 runners in the men's race, 28 finished. The winner was Robert Little (22:23) of Dark Peak Fell Runners, who also ran the fastest time. Only six of the finishers were not veterans over 40 years of age. In 18th place over 65 veteran Mike Hayes (31:41) of D.P.F.R. In the women's race, of the 5 entrants 4 finished. The winner was Fiona Davies (27:28) of One 2 One who also ran the fastest time. The weather was fair and dry, but the overgrown state of the course gave a restricted view of the runners.

2006 In the men's race there were 38 finishers. This was the year that the new veteran age group for men of under 35 years of age was used in the Hallam Chase. This resulted in 25 of the finishers being classified as veterans. The winner was over 40 veteran Chris Oxley (31:22) of Living Well. Fastest was Robert Little (21:53) of D.P.F.R. In the women's race of the 12 runners, the winner was Jacqueline Dyer (30:00) of H.H. with in second place Fiona Davies (26:54) of Living Well who was fastest of the women. (inc. 8 veterans)

2007 There was a combined entry of 48 men and women. In the men's race 39 finished, the winner was Matthew Hulley (26:08) of Dark Peak Fell Runners. Fastest was Andy Thake (21:33) of Hallamshire Harriers. In the women's race 9 runners finished, the winner was over 40 veteran Jane Cockerton (32:14) with Lizzie Adams (25:43) of H.H. fastest.

2008 By far, it was the worse weather which had been encountered since the race was restarted in 1951. On Tuesday 27th May at the start of the race at 8:00 p.m. there was a dense fog with visibility down to about 30 yards. From the cricket pavilion it was impossible to see the runners entering through the door on the road side of the field. It was only through the use of a mobile phone call from the top of Den Bank that the officials on the ground were aware that the runners were on their way back. There was a combined entry of 64 men and women, of which 47 men and 7 women finished. It was inevitable that some of the runners would go the wrong way and get lost, perhaps the call of "where are you" from the top of Den Bank helped them find their way back to Sandygate. It was debateable whether the race should have been allowed to be run, however there were no casualties, and nobody complained. Winner of the men's race was Shane Lynch (25:22) of South Yorkshire Orienteering. Fastest was Phillip Wjnskill (21:51) of Dark Peak Fell Runners. In the women's race the winner was over 40 veteran Pippa Wilkie (27:47) of Hallamshire, with in second place the fastest woman was over 50 veteran Judith Jepson (27:08) of Fat Boys.

2009 There was a total combined entry (including those on the day) of 76 runners,, conditions were fine and sunny, but the overgrown state of the course prevented the spectators on Den Bank getting a good view of the race. Winner of the men's race was over 60 veteran Alan Ashforth (33:12) of Hallamshire Harriers who had previously won the Hallam Chase in 1996. On the night he also won the Fred Lewin Trophy for being the first runner to reach Stannington Church. Fastest was Rob Baker (22:05) of D.P.F.R. and 55 men finished. In the women's race the winner was Alison Coldwell (33:31) of Sheffield Triathlon, with fastest Laura Gibson (29:11) of Totley A.C. and 11 women finished.

Chase Related Stories

The Rivelin Valley Situated on the West Side of Sheffield , the valley starts where the Rivelin Brook runs off Hallam Moors into Hollow Meadows to form the River Rivelin. The two Rivelin Dams were completed in 1848 and the depositing dam below finished in 1869. The upper dam has a capacity of 48 million gallons, the lower dam of 175 million gallons, and the depositing dam 4 million gallons. The catchment area covered 1,900 acres with an annual rainfall of 39.5 inches. The making of the 'New Road' through the Rivelin Valley was undertaken at the turn of the century. The Sheffield Corporation, who originally bought 220 acres along the valley with the intention of building housing. However the road was built at a cost of £60,000 and opened in 1907. It started at Malin Bridge, which at the junction with the River Loxley. It is approximately two miles up this valley that the Hallam Chase crosses the River Rivelin. It does so over a bridge at the Round Dam, where once stood the Hinde Wheels. After crossing the road the runners meet the 'New Road' turning right up Tofts Lane to the Rivelin Hotel, which originally was a private house and the public house was in one of the small cottages to the west.

In years past, one of the busiest days of the year for the landlord would be Whit Tuesday, when both sides of the valley would be thronged with crowds of people out for the afternoon to watch and perhaps have a bet on the race. The Rivelin Hotel is perched on the shelf of rock beneath the dark looking crags of Goody Field Rocks, more commonly known as Man's Head Rocks'.

History of the Hallam Chase The Hallam Chase is considered to be the oldest race of its type in the United Kingdom, and is described as a cross country type fell race, as opposed to the description of a fell race, which are mainly straight up and straight down. In its present day format, the Hallam Chase is run on a Tuesday of the Spring Bank holiday weekend at 8:00 p.m. The race is called a 'closed event' which means that only runners who are members of a club which is affiliated to the South Yorkshire Athletic Association are allowed to enter. Both male and female competitors may compete, they have to be over 18 years of age. However the two sexes do now run together but they are scored separately in the results. A permit for the race has to be obtained from the appropriate athletics authority to ensure that it is run in accordance with UK Athletic rules for the sport. This race is now run from the Hallam Football and Cricket Club Ground at Sandygate, Crosspool, Sheffield. It is a handicap race, each runner being given a time start, which is judged by the official handicapper on the runners ability, with the slowest runner starting first and the fastest runner (the scratch man) starting last. The first runner is 'set off' at 8:00 p.m. to run a course to Christ Church, Stannington and back, it crosses the River Rivelin by the footbridge near the Round Dam (former site of the Hinde Wheels). The starting point in the sports ground at Sandygate is on the stand side of the halfway line of the football field, adjacent to the trainer's dugouts. The runners then run the shortest way round the outer part of the grass to leave by the wicket gate and run down Coldwell Lane, crossing Manchester Road (A57) into Hagg Lane. As they come to the end house on the left they turn sharp left along the pathway to the top of Den Bank, where they cross a contour line of 700 feet descend the bank, going through the stile, turning right down the grass fields to drop over a stone stile turning right into Long Lane. After running a short way up the lane they turn left into the woods of Millstone Edge Rough dropping down to the chicane type footbridge that crosses over the River Rivelin, near to the site of the now demolished Hinde Wheels. They then turn right up the track to the Rivelin Valley Road (A6101) turning left as far as Tofts Lane, then turning right up the lane to the Rivelin Hotel, where they turn left along Tofts Lane past Goodyfield Farm before turning right through a stile. Then then run up the fields going over and through stiles to Stannington, the last stile brings them to Oldfield Road, they then run up Church Street to Christ Church where they run round an official stood in the middle of the road outside the entrance gate to the church; where they get the 'colour splash' to prove they have run the full course. They then run the reverse route back to the wicket gate at the sports ground, where they turn right to complete a full circuit of the grounds, finishing on the halfway line.

There is a publication called **Studmarks on the summit** which in its title it is described as 'A History of Amateur Fell Running 1861-1983' by Bill Smith. It describes the Hallam Chase as a course of 3 miles distance and 1,000 feet in elevation. My own description differs somewhat, but in my own 57 years association with this event I know of no occasion when the full course has been measured or surveyed. On the present day entry form the distance is stated as being over a distance of 3.25 miles. I am also not aware of any map of the course being published, that was until June 1997 when I drew a sketch of the course whilst sitting on the top of Den Bank and is now printed on the reverse of the entry form. Prior to that year, the runners had to rely upon a description of the route, which was printed on the entry schedule for the race, and programme (no longer printed). So using an Ordnance Survey and Orienteering Maps plus bench marks levels supplied by a former winner of the race, I came up with the following information. The start is 826, feet above sea level, crossing the top of Den Bank at 700 feet. A 50 foot descent of Den Bank to the fields, to reach the quarter way stage of the race where they cross the footbridge over the River Rivelin at 400 feet, which is the lowest part of the course after a descent of 426 feet. The runners then climb via Tofts Lane, the fields up Church Street where they cross a contour line of 750 feet, to Stannington Church at approximately 775 feet. However, I must add that until the day that the course is surveyed, my figures should only be considered as a guide for the runners.

Joining a Harrier Club My own association with the Hallam Chase starts in 1951, when I read an article in the 'STAR' newspaper written by a reporter called Donnison, who each Wednesday wrote a column about athletics. The first Saturday in October was the start of the cross Country season and local running clubs would invite anyone who wanted, to go for a run with them on their first run. Although I had the choice of two clubs, I elected to go for a run with Hallamshire Harriers. This involved riding on two trams across the city from Sharrow to Malin Bridge. From where I then had a walk up the Rivelin Valley to the then Hallamshire Harriers Headquarters at the Holly Bush Inn on Hollins Lane. I already had a knowledge of the area as a regular hiker, and also my previous running experience during my two years National Service in the Army from 1947-1949, during which I was the Captain of the Duke of Wellington's cross country team. The first run of the season was on October 6th from the Holy Bush Inn at Rivelin. and the second was on October 13th from Benty Lane Scout Hut, and I soon became acquainted with the roads and pathways that were to become known to me as part of the Hallam Chase. At the Holly Bush Inn (I remember the landlady being Mrs Wordsworth) we had to wait until the 2:00 p.m. closing time on a Saturday, and when all the customers had left before we could go into the pub to get changed into our running kit.

All our runs had a leader who set the route for the training run of around ten miles, and at the back was a 'whip' whose job was to cover the tail end of the runners. It was inevitable that the Rivelin Valley played an important part of our training runs which were conducted on the paths and tracks of the valleys and hills in the surrounding area. It was customary for the pack to stick together until three or four miles to go when the leader signalled the race for home. You soon discovered whether you were good enough to get into the team or if you didn't know where you were, then you got lost and had to find your own way back. In 1952 I discovered that there was a race called the Hallam Chase, so that year I chose not to run it, but to sit on Den Bank and watch it. In 1953 I decided to run it and did so up to 1983, a total of 16 times, and have been present at every race up to 2009 (no race in 2001 due to Foot & Mouth). I have also handicapped the race 14 times, won the Novice Prize, and finished second in the race twice in 1968 and 1983.

The Sports Ground, Sandygate, Crosspool, Sheffield S10 5SE

It lies to the left of the A57 Sheffield to Manchester Road, and is situated half a mile past the cross roads at Crosspool on Sandygate Road which runs on the left, parallel to the A57 and is opposite the Plough Inn, the area being over 800 feet above sea level. Hallam is the general name given to a district about 3 miles west of Sheffield city centre and for centuries is the name given to the pseudo county of Hallamshire which covers the south west corner of Yorkshire. The hamlet of Sandygate comprised of a few cottages next to the Plough Inn and its adjoining blacksmith's shop, and was on the old Roman road from Lincoln to Buxton. The Hallam Cricket Club was formed in 1805 with permission to use the field opposite the Inn for sporting purposes. Sheffield F.C. were formed in 1857 and are recognised as the world's oldest football club. Some of its members, who lived in the area instigated the forming of a football club from the Hallam Cricket Club who at the time had around 300 members, and in December 1860 a match took place between Sheffield F.C.-v-Hallam and Stumperlowe Clubs. Hallam is now the second oldest club.

How it all started The following advertisement was printed on the front of the local newspaper on September 6th 1862:-

This evening
HALLAM FOOT BALL CLUB
At Eight o'clock this evening to elect officers for the
ensuing year, and to make arrangements for the TEN MILES STEEPLECHASE
to be run on Monday the 6th October next at Sandygate.
John Shaw, Hon. Sec.

The First Hallam Chase Saturday October 4th 1862
(Press Report in the Morning Telegraph, Monday 6th October 1862)

The 10 Mile Steeplechase at Hallam

On Saturday afternoon the Hallam Foot-ball Club opened for the present season by a great ten mile steeplechase. For some hours prior to the commencement of the race the roads to Sandygate as far as Redmires, also many of the adjoining fields, were thronged with spectators all of whom were anxious to get a good view of the pedestrians. It was computed that there were upwards of 1,500 persons on this occasion. There was also a small sprinkling of ladies present, a number of gentlemen on horseback, amongst whom we noticed, Edward Vickers Esq., Captain T. Vickers, T Jeffcock Esq., and S. Newbould Esq. In the morning the weather was delightfully fine, and the sun shone brilliantly, but in the afternoon its rays were obscured, and the ominous gloomy appearance of the clouds gave apprehension that the pleasure of the day would be marred. Fortunately, however, a slight breeze arose, and although the dim aspect of the horizon remained unchanged, no rain descended. The first prize was a handsome silver cup, presented by Councillor Hawksley. The second prize was a silver-plated and elegantly chased goblet, presented by Mr. Charles Stringer. The third prize was a splendid Morocco case of razors, presented by Mr. John Pitchford. The fourth prize was a pair of carvers presented by Mr. Frank Warburton of Broomhill. The fifth prize was a pair of carvers with silver handles was also given by Mr. Warburton.

The distance that the ground had to be covered by the pedestrians was considered by many to be too great, but notwithstanding this, out of the thirteen entries for the race there were six starters. Their names were as follows:- Messrs, Hopson, Snape, Shaw, Moore, Elliott and Waterfall. All the runners were at the post ten minutes to three o'clock at which time a good start was effected from a small pasture contiguous to the Plough Inn. The route taken was immediately under the coppice by Rivelin Bridge, along Stannington side to Crawshaw, where a sharp turn was made for Redmires, and then hence to Fulwood Booth, across to Barncliffe, Coppice Top and Sandygate Cricket and Football Club. Four of the Men - Snape, Moore, Shaw and Hopson, kept well together after they started until they reached within a mile of Redmires when Moore took the lead, and kept it throughout the chase, followed by Shaw who was about 300 yards behind him. Unfortunately Shaw was suffering from a sprained his ankle and consequently was unable to keep up with his opponent. Nevertheless he came home with a good sprint and arrived at the winning post with no apparent fatigue. The third man Snape was about three minutes after the second. Hopson was fourth, and reached goal several minutes after Snape, Waterfall was fifth, the last man to finish, and showed himself up about a quarter of an hour after Hopson. Elliott did not finish, having given up at Rivelin. The whole distance was run in the space of one hour and fourteen minutes, and considering the rough and boggy nature of the ground, and rugged hillsides that had to be climbed, especially from Crawshaw to Redmires, the race must have been a very severe one, and very dangerous to the men. The committee and members of the Football Club dined together at the Plough Inn. After the dinner several speeches were made on the occasion, and all together the evening was spent in a very agreeable and creditable manner.

John Charles Shaw 1830-1918

Born at Penistone, the son of a shoemaker, he was educated at the new Sheffield Collegiate and Cambridge University. He played for Sheffield F.C. in 1858 (a year after they were founded) and with others was responsible for the founding of the Hallam Football Club in 1860, and was both Secretary and Treasurer of the club from 1860 to 1863. Shaw was an outstanding walker and runner, he was instrumental in introducing cross-country running to this area of Yorkshire. He was responsible for the planning of the first Hallam Chase in 1862, in which he came second, and was the winner of the race in 1863. He died in Birmingham at 88 years of age.

Early History - Information from 1862-1939

1862 The first Hallam Chase was run over a distance of 10 miles and won in 74:00.

1867 J. Stafford of Crookes won the Hallam Chase and did so again in 1869 to become the first runner to win the race twice.

1901 W. Buckley of Sheffield won the Hallam Chase and did so again in 1902.

1906 Held on Whit-Tuesday June 6th at the Hallam Football Club Sports starting at 2 o'clock. Described in the programme as THE GREAT HALLAM STEEPLECHASE and was "To Stannington Church and back, and once round the course", there were 36 competitors, who were instructed to give their names to the Official in the Dressing Tent no later than 1.45. For the full sports the total value of the prizes was £80, admission was 6 pence, the enclosure was 1 shilling and programmes 2 pence.

The Crookes band was in attendance and played for dancing after the sports.

Sports Programme of Events

1. STEEPLECHASE
2. 110 YARDS HANDICAP
3. 110 YARDS VETERANS HANDICAP
(over 40 years)
4. ONE MILE HANDICAP
5. BOYS' RACE (once round the course)
6. HALF MILE HANDICAP
7. QUARTER MILE HANDICAP
8. POTTY RACE (50 Potties one yard apart)
9. 220 YARDS FLAT HANDICAP
10. 80 YARDS GIRL'S SKIPPING RACE
(Under 14 years)

Prize Band Programme

1. March....."Belphegor"
2. Overture....."The Tournament"
3. Selection....."Gems of Modern Melody"
4. Vocal Valse "Old Memories"
5. Fantasia....."Songs of Ireland"
6. Cornet Solo....."Alice where art thou"
7. March....."Old Pensioner"
8. Polka....."Merry May"
9. Schottische....."Marnova"
10. Vocal Valse....."My Coleen"
11. Walzer....."Rippling Stream"
12. Quadrille....."Good old times"
13. Galop....."First and last"
14. American Fantasia....."The Coons"
15. Selection....."Maritana"

1910 This is the second year that the results of the two Hallam Chase's in one year were recorded. The first being by J Leadbeater of Hallam and the second by Alf Beardmore, who in 1951 was the President of Sheffield United Harriers who along with Jim Hill, the President of Hallamshire Harriers restarted and promoted the revival of the Hallam Chase.

1914 The Hallam Sports took place on Whit-Tuesday June 6th, with a programme of ten events, which was identical to the one described above, except for the Girls Skipping Race which was replaced by a Boys' Potty Race of 30 Potties, the age group being, 'under 12 yrs, not over 16 yrs, on the day of the race', and there were 15 entrants.

In the Steeplechase there were 48 entries, of which 27 started. The prizes for the first four are not described in the programme, there were two additional prizes which were:-

Messrs. Woodford gives a suit, value £3. 3s., for the fastest time in the Steeplechase.

Mr. Cephas Lockwood gives a Gold Medal for the fastest time that beats the record.

An Advertisement in the Programme for WOODFORD'S, the Anglo-American tailors of Sheffield, Rotherham and Doncaster offered Sport Jackets in Donegal and Homespun Tweeds for 25/-, also Flannel Trousers in all shades from 10/6.

Whilst Walter Wragg of Pinstone Street, Sheffield offered a "Mountwell Cycle" £3-19- 6.

The press report in the SHEFFIELD TELEGRAPH for Wednesday June 3rd, stated that the Hallam Steeplechase of about three and a half miles was run to Stannington Church and back. "Joseph Harrison, the fourth man, won the prize for the fastest time, his figures being 21min. 58sec.- 58 sec. over the record.

1922 This was the year that an unknown runner called Ernest Harper broke onto the athletics scene when he ran and won the Hallam Chase. Born at Clay Cross (Derbyshire) in 1902, it was his stepfather who got him into running. At the Hallam Chase 65 runners had entered of which 46 finished, with 2,200 spectators in the grounds at Sandygate and thousands out on the course. He won the race with an actual time of 21:48, the second place runner W Wainwright recording an actual time of 21:43, third was pre-race favourite H Powell (no time given in press report).

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Harper entered the ground at Sandygate to the tune of 'See the conquering hero come'. Ernest Harper later in the meeting won the one mile in a time of 4:27.6 (The A.A.A. One Mile Championship that year was won in 4:27.4). He was to join Hallamshire Harriers in July 1922 and was to become one of the outstanding athletes of his time, in 1936 at 34 years of age he won the silver medal at the Olympic Marathon in Berlin. He ran at three Olympic Games. (1924 Paris, 1928 Amsterdam, 1936 Berlin)

1925 The year that a decision was made by the Hallam Football Club to apply to the Amateur Athletic Association for permission to run their Sports under the rules of that Association. This ended open betting and the involvement of Professional runners who had previously participated in the sport. The winner was C Fisher of Hallamshire Harriers.

1927 On Wednesday June 8th there was a cartoon published in the Sheffield Mail of 'THE HALLAM CHASE AND SPORTS' and one of the drawings was that of Ernest Harper, with the words "In fifty year from now I hope I shall be saying — 'Aye' but do you mind the day when Harper didn't start until the other runners had left the ground?"

The press cutting was found by a French Polisher who found it in the drawer of an old desk he was restoring. It was passed on to myself by another runner, Phil Craig who also worked at B.T. Unfortunately at the time (1980's) the Local Studies Library, Sheffield had been unable to reproduce the newspaper onto film, because of the delicate nature of the paper (perhaps there is another story there for someone else to research).

1930 This story came to the light of day in 1987 when a young boy who was in the under 12 years age group joined Hallamshire Harriers, he was Russell Drew. His mother Rita produced a photograph of Russell's grandad winning the Hallam Chase in 1930. She told me that his brother Charlie - wearing a brand new cap, threw it up in the air saying - "Our Judd's winning it" and that was the last he saw of his new flat cap. George won a sideboard, they borrowed a hand cart (ice cream) and pushed it home to Burnaby Street, Lower Walkley in Sheffield. (see Hallamshire Harriers Newsletter, November 1987).

1936 The Annual Hallam Chase and Athletics Sports was held on Whit-Tuesday at 3.00 p.m. The Sports were organised by Sheffield United Harriers and Crookes Working Men's Club. The race was listed 16th in the programme with only 12 entries in the chase, 10 of which started. The prize list was 1st Oak Bureau (£4 10s.); 2nd Oak Tall Boy (£3); 3rd 400-day clock (£2); and the fastest loser, a Chrome Pheonix Dish (£1). The winner was David Bones (SUH) with an actual time of 23:27, second was C.H. Wright (SUH) actual time 23:07; and third C Bagshaw (H.H.) actual time 23:21. Of interest, in the programme was the notice 'Sheffield Corporation Buses leave Leopold Street for Crosspool every few minutes. Fare 2d. The next day Wednesday June 3rd there were photographs of the sports in the local newspaper the Sheffield Independent. One of them shows the winner running up Coldwell Lane accompanied by a mounted policeman with a double-decker bus in the background.

1937 This was the last time that the race was to be run prior to the second world war. the winner was Harry Whitehurst of Sheffield United Harriers. When the race restarted in 1951 he was still considered to be one of the best runners in the race. Whilst the reasons for the cessation of the Hallam Chase have never been explained, I can only speculate as to why there was a gap of thirteen years until the race was revived in 1951. The Hallam Sports had ceased to come under the promotion of The Hallam Football Club, and it is known from the 1936 programme that the Whit-Tuesday Athletic Sports had been organised by Sheffield United Harriers and the Crookes Working Men's Club. The war had lasted six years (1939-1945) with many running club members having served in the forces. There had been some activity during the war with cross-country championships in the Sheffield area, but none at Yorkshire (1940-1946), Northern (1940-1945), or National Cross Country Championships (1940-1945).

Sponsorship and the cost of running any event would have come into the equation. This was the case in 1951 when the event was restarted, and it was the individual generosity of the two promoters and others who donated the prizes, plus the Hallam Football Club and the Plough Inn who provide the facilities that enabled the event to go ahead.

Men's Hallam Chase Results Men's Hallam Chase Results

1862 - 1910

1862	T Moore	Sheffield FC
	John Charles Shaw	Hallam
	J Snape	Hallam
1863	John Charles Shaw	Hallam
1864	C Lee	Crookes
1865	A Hobson	Hallam
1866	W Watson	Hallam
1867	J Stafford	Crookes
1868	H Mappin	Crookes
1869	J Stafford (2)	Crookes
1870	R Johnson	Clough
1871	H Gill	Walkley
1872	T Shelton	Crookes
1873	W Wragg	Hallam
1874	G Ritching	Hallam
1875	R Ibbotson	Dungworth
1876	P Key	Scotland
1877	H Dyson	Hallam
1878	J Hinchcliffe	Glossop
1879	G Skelton	Crookes
1880	J Bateman	Crookes
1881	J Hurst	Hallam
1882	A Abel	Stannington
1883	W Harrison	Crookes
1884	J Whitman	Sheffield
1885	T Whitman	Sheffield
1886	J Barker	Crookes
1887	J Follard	Leeds
1888	A Lavery	Walkley
1889	P Haigh	Rotherham
1890	J Ingram	Halifax
1891	W Phillips	Ashton
1892	T B Eyre	Dore
1893	R S Morin	Salford
1894	R Garbutt	Lincoln
1895	W Harrison	Fulwood
1896	A Gregory	Fulwood
1897	T Richmond	Sheffield
1898	W Turner	Worcester
1899	C Atkinson	Hoyland
1899	F Lodge (BH)	Walkley
1900	T Fisher	Hallam
1901	W Buckley	Sheffield
1902	W Buckley (2)	Sheffield
1903	S Bly	Crookes
1904	A Pashley	Sheffield
1905	J Eagers	Walkley
1906	J A Wright	Walkley
	A Fox	Sharrow
	J Eagers	Walkley
1907	A E Havenhand	Woodhouse
1908	W Rands	Woodhouse
1909	A Jones	Walkley
1910	J Leadbeater	Hallam
1910	A Beardmore (BH)	AAA/Heeley

1911-1956

1911	E Stringer	Stannington
1911	G Knapton (BH)	AAA
1912	H White	Heeley
1913	C Atkin	Walkley
1914	Henry Harrison	Crosspool
	T Jones	Aughton
	Ernest Simpson	Walkley
1915	H Clayton	Walkley
1916 to 1918 no races		
1919	F Rawson	Sheffield
1920	Cyril Rhodes	Crookes
1921	J W Cheetham	Walkley
1921	Cyril Rhodes (2) (BH)	Crookes
1922	Ernest Harper	Stannington
1923	Willis Horton	Stannington
1924	David Bones	Crookes
1924	W Northcliffe (BH)	Slaithwaite
1925	C Fisher	Hallamshire
1926	Arthur Brailsford	Hallamshire
1926	T Cantrill (BH)	Hallamshire
1927	W Rawlins	Hallamshire
	David Bones	Sheffield UH
	W E Dobson	Hallamshire
1928	E Griffiths	AAA
1929	W Richardson	Hallamshire
1930	George Drew	Hallamshire
1931	I Rothwell	Sheffield UH
1932	W Hibberd	Sheffield UH
1933	R O'Meeke	Hallamshire
1934	R O'Meeke (2)	Hallamshire
1935	C W Wright	Sheffield UH
1936	David Bones (2)	Sheffield UH
1937	Harry Whitehurst	Sheffield UH
1938 to 1950 no races		
1951	Alan Bargh	Sheffield UH
	Tom Askew	Hallamshire
	Harry Benson	Hallamshire
1952	Arthur Etches	Sheffield UH
	Eddie Whitehurst	Sheffield UH
	Peter Reynolds	Hallamshire
1953	Andy Hazel	Hallamshire
	Donald Bott	Sheffield UH
	Arthur Etches	Sheffield UH
1954	Stan Ibbotson	Hallamshire
	Roy Hobson	Hallamshire
	Tom Askew	Hallamshire
1955	Dennis Binns	Sheffield UH
	Harry Charles	Sheffield UH
	W (Billy) Farrell	Sheffield UH
1956	Albert Barden	Sheffield UH
	Paul Barker	Hallamshire
	Roy Mallinson	Sheffield UH

Men's Hallam Chase Results**1957 - 1974**

1957	Malcolm Grace	Hallamshire
	Wally Hayes	Hallamshire
	Harry Davison	Sheffield UH
1958	Frank Jarvis	Sheffield UH
	Jack Ellis	Hallamshire
	Harry Davison	Sheffield UH
1959	Geoff Moore	Hallamshire
	Neil Slater	Hallamshire
	Ray Howe	Sheffield UH
1960	Don Newman	Rotherham H
	Dennis Whittaker	Hallamshire
	Ron Lawson	Sheffield UH
1961	A (Tony) Brackenbury	Sheffield UH
	Dave Tasker	Hallamshire
	Joe Britland	Hallamshire
1962	Ian Wainwright	Sheffield UH
	Frank Rockett	Rotherham
	Keith Stevenson	Rotherham
1963	Dave Trickett	Hallamshire
	Keith Stevenson	Rotherham
	Les Outwin	Sheffield UH
1964	John Potter	Hallamshire
	Les Outwin	Sheffield UH
	Alan Greenwood	Hallamshire
1965	Chris Gillott	Hallamshire
	David Barker	Hallamshire
	Trevor Wright	Hallamshire
1966	Roland Heathcote	Hallamshire
	Tim Hopkins	Sheffield UH
	Alan Greenwood	Hallamshire
1967	Rodney Hobson	Hallamshire
	Alan Chafer	Hallamshire
	Malcolm Frost	Rotherham
1968	Terry Allcock	Hallamshire
	Malcolm Douthwaite	Hallamshire
	Andy Hazel	Hallamshire
1969	Dave Gregory	Sheffield UH
	Brian Mullarky	Rotherham
	Les Yule	Hallamshire
1970	Chris Gillott	Hallamshire
	Bryn Cooper	Rotherham
	Maurice Jackson	Rotherham
1971	Steve Dawson	Sheffield UH
	N Hobson	Sheffield UH
	Brian Harney	Rotherham
1972	Graham Hulley	Sheffield UH
	Alan Biggs	Hallamshire
	Maurice Jackson	Rotherham
1973	Glyn Reynolds	Sheffield UH
	Nigel Spiers	Sheffield UH
	Colin Hill	Rotherham
1974	Alan Biggs	Hallamshire
	Roland Rhodes	Rotherham
	David Gregory	Sheffield UH

Men's Hallam Chase Results**1975-1992**

1975	W (Billy) Wilson	Hallamshire
	Harry Smith	Hallamshire
	Martyn Cartwright	Barnsley RR
1976	Les Mantrfield	Hallamshire
	S Sharp	Sheffield AC
	Brian Harney	Rotherham
1977	John Stringer	
	Gordon Chafer	Hallamshire
	Martyn Cartwright	Barnsley RR
1978	Dave Jones	Dark Peak
	R Smith	Dark Peak
	Steve Manterfield	Hallamshire
1979	Alan Yates	Dark Peak
	Peter Lewis	Dark Peak
	Tony Trowbridge	Dark Peak
1980	Arnold Howe	Hallamshire
	Peter Shaw	Sheffield AC
	Brian Johnson	Sheff. UWC
1981	Martin Barrett	Chesterfield
	Brian Harvey	Rotherham
	S Finka	Chesterfield
1982	W (Billy) Herbert	Hallamshire
	Alan Bradley	Dark Peak
	W (Billy) Wilson	Hallamshire
1983	Paul Thomas	Hallamshire
	Malcolm Douthwaite	Hallamshire
	Alan Robertson	Hallamshire
1984	John Alflatt	Hallamshire
	Kenny Rowe	Hallamshire
	Andrew Harmer	Dark Peak
1985	Stuart Turner	Hallamshire
	Paul West	Hallamshire
	Robert Hand	Sheff. Univ.
1986	Sean Mahoney	Chesterfield
	Pete Collinwood	Dark Peak
	John Clarke	Hallamshire
1987	Gerald Parkin	Hallamshire
	Kevin McGrath	Hallamshire
	Konrad Manning	Sheff. Univ.
1988	Kevin Lilley	Dark Peak
	Edward Hutt	Dark Peak
	Nigel Crapper	Steel City S
1989	David Lindop	Penistone
	John Heap	Hallamshire
	Edward Hutt	Dark Peak
1990	John Gregory	Steel City S
	Michael Derrick	Steel City S
	Stuart Mayfield	Hallamshire
1991	Geoff Turner	Rotherham
	John Wilkinson	Steel City S
	Steve Ludlow	Steel City S
1992	Bram Sprakes	Rotherham
	Gerald Parkin	Hallamshire
	Dave Bonnington	Steel City S

Men's Hallam Chase Results

1993 - 2009

1993	Tony Trowbridge Andy Green Chris Ireland	Dark Peak Hallamshire Sheffield AC
1994	Dave Allen Brian Harney Kenneth Cartmell	Hallamshire Rotherham Totley AC
1995	Peter Dyke David Lindop John Gregory	Dark Peak Penuistone Steel City S
1996	Alan Ashforth John Beardshaw Steven Ludlow	Hallamshire Steel City S Steel City S
1997	Richard Kemp Phil Jones David Mayfield	Penistone Dark Peak Hallamshire
1998	John Beardshaw Roger Freeman Richard Self	Steel City S Dark Peak Hallamshire
1999	Jonathan Ward Stuart Woodhead Tim Pearson	Penistone Penistone Hallamshire
2000	Bram Sprakes Mike Hayes Richard Patton	Rotherham Dark Peak Hallamshire
2001	No race due to Foot & Mouth	
2002	Stuart Maycock Shaun Marsden Geoffrey Dimelow	Steel City S Hallamshire Penistone
2003	Mike Hayes Bram Sprakes Tim Mackay	Dark Peak Rotherham Dark Peak
2004	Mike Hayes Glyn Guest Terry Fox	Dark Peak One 2 One Hallamshire
2005	Robert Little John Griffiths Robert Hutton	Dark Peak Dark Peak Hallamshire
2006	Chris Oxley Chris Ireland Scott Hobson	City of Sheff. City of Sheff. Hallamshire
2007	Matthew Hulley Tim Ray Stuart Walker	Dark Peak Dark Peak Sheff. Univ.
2008	Shane Lynch John Herbert Andy Moore	S.Yorks Or. Dark Peak Dark Peak
2009	Alan Ashforth Tim Rutter Simon Croft	Hallamshire Hallamshire Hallamshire

Women's Hallam Chase Results

1986-1992 This race was first run in 1986 as a scratch race, and set off ten minutes before the Men's Hallam Chase, and remained as a scratch race for seven years.

1986	Jenny Pearson Wendy Lightfoot Sally Sahni	Dark Peak Dark Peak Dark Peak
1987	Jacky Smith Claire Crofts Barbara Bly	Dark Peak Dark Peak Hallamshire
1988	Anne Watmore Sylvaine Boler Ann Wilkinson	Totley AC Penistone Steel City S
1989	Claire Crofts Sylvaine Boler Sally Sahni	Dark Peak Penistone Dark Peak
1990	Claire Crofts Sylvaine Boler Ruth Briggs	Dark Peak Penistone Sheff. Univ.
1991	Claire Crofts Jacky Smith Sylvaine Boler	Dark Peak Dark Peak Penistone
1992	Sylvaine Boler Janice Ashforth Ruth Briggs	Penistone Hallamshire Hallamshire

Women's Hallam Chase Results

1993-2009 In 1993 the Women's race was handicapped alongside the Men's race, but was scored separately in the results.

1993	Ruth Briggs Ann Lindop Janice Ashforth	Hallamshire Penistone Hallamshire
1994	Jacky Smith Sylvaine Boler Claire Crofts	Dark Peak Penistone Dark Peak
1995	Donna Unwin Jessica Turnbull Philippa Leach	Rotherham Sheff. Univ. Hallamshire
1996	Jacky Smith Astrid Wingler Philippa Leach	Dark Peak Hallamshire Hallamshire
1997	Hilary Bloor Jackie Welbourne Ann Lindop	Dark Peak Penistone Penistone
1998	Jessica Turnbull Janice Ashforth Philippa Leach	Sheff. Univ. Hallamshire Hallamshire
1999	Sue Higham Julie Wilson Kath Goldthorpe	Penistone Hallamshire Penistone

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Women's Hallam Chase Results

2000-2009

2000	Karen Wood	Hallamshire
	Vickie Gledhill	Barnsley AC
	Ellie Hurrell	Hallamshire
2001	No race due to Foot & Mouth	
2002	Pat Goodall	Totley AC
	Chaanah Patton	Hallamshire
	Carol Parsons	Totley AC
2003	Fiona Davies	One 2 One
	Eldith Simpson	Hallamshire
	Jane Cockerton	Penistone
2004	Jane Cockerton	Penistone
	Fiona Davies	One 2 One
	Only 2 runners competed	
2005	Fiona Davies	One 2 One
	Jacqueline Dyer	Hallamshire
2006	Jacqueline Dyer	Hallamshire
	Fiona Davies	One 2 One
	Jane Cockerton	Penistone
2007	Jane Cockerton	Penistone
	Julie Wilson	Hallamshire
	Lizzie Adams	Hallamshire
2008	Pippa Wilkie	Hallamshire
	Judith Jepson	Fat Boys
	Nicky Spinks	Penistone
2009	Alison Coldwell	Sheffield Tri
	Bernice Nixon	Penistone
	Jane Cockerton	Penistone

Women's Course Records

1986-2009

25:21	Jenny Pearson	(HH)	1986
25:14	Claire Crofts	(DPFR)	1989
25:10	Claire Crofts	(DPFR)	1991
24:03	Jessica Turnbull	(Sh.Un)	1995

Women's Top Twelve Times

1986-2009

24:03	Jessica Turnbull	(Sh.Un)	1995
24:12	Jessica Turnbull	(Sh.Un)	1998
25:10	Claire Crofts	(DPFR)	1991
25:14	Claire Crofts	(DPFR)	1989
25:20	Claire Crofts	(DPFR)	1990
25:21	Jenny Pearson	(HH)	1986
25:22	Jacky Smith	(DPFR)	1991
25:43	Lizzie Adams	(HH)	2007
25:59	Wendy Lightfoot	(DPFR)	1986
26:15	Astrid Wingler	(HH)	1996
26:25	Julie Wilson	(HH)	2007
26:26	Chaanah Patton	(HH)	2002

Men's Course Records

Because there is no definitive list of times for the Hallam Chase prior to 1951 it is not possible at this time to produce an accurate history of the progression of fastest times. Where I have been able to find the winners times in the press reports, I have drawn up the following information.

1914	Henry Harrison (Winner)	22:45
1914	Joseph Harrison (fastest)	21:58
Press report for this year states that the time of 21:58 was 58 seconds over the record, but the year was not stated.		
1891	Bob Moran	21:20
1922	Ernest Harper (winner)	21:48
1922	W Wainwright (fastest)	21:43
1936	David Bones (winner)	23:27

Men's Course Records

1951-2009

20:52	Alan Bargh	(SUH)	1951
20:21	Derek Walker	(SUH)	1959
19:42	Trevor Wright	(HH)	1968

Men's Top Twelve Times

1951-2009

19:42	Trevor Wright	(HH)	1968
20:10	Malcolm Patterson	(DPFR)	1987
20:21	Derek Walker	(SUH)	1959
20:29	Rod Duerdon	(SUH)	1974
20:34	Ian Wainwright	(SUH)	1966
20:37	Ian Wainwright	(SUH)	1965
20:37	Malcolm Patterson	(DPFR)	1984
20:38	Peter Rawnsley	(SAC)	1977
20:47	Peter Shaw	(SAC)	1980
20:50	Bill Domoney	(SUH)	1974
20:52	Alan Bargh	(SUH)	1951
20:52	Peter Rawnsley	(SUH)	1973

Men's Double Wins (1862-1937)

J Stafford	1867 & 1869
W Buckley	1901 & 1902
C Rhodes	1920 & 1921
D Bones	1924 & 1936
R O'Meeke	1933 & 1934

Men's Double Wins (1951-2009)

Chris Gillott	1965 & 1970
Bram Sprakes	1992 & 2000
Alan Ashforth	1996 & 2009
Mike Hayes	2003 & 2004

Women's Two or more Wins (1986-2009)

Jacky Smith	(3) 1987, 1994, 1996.
Claire Crofts	(3) 1989, 1990, 1991.
Fiona Davies	(2) 2003, 2005.

Chase Related Stories

Malpractice's The steady urbanisation of England at the start of the nineteenth century saw a change in the sport of 'Pedestrianism' as it was then known. With the aristocracy no longer in control of the sport, strongholds of professional athletics were established in the great industrial cities. They included Birmingham, Manchester, Newcastle, Sheffield and London, and these centres of activities were at grounds, in the main, attached to the premises of public houses. There was an increasing number of the poorer class who took to running as a source of income, along with gambling which prevailed openly around this period. The stake was usually £5 rising to £100 for a race of Championship quality. Few athletes could manage without backers and exploitation was rife. Inevitably there were many malpractice's, some of which were:-

'Roping'	holding oneself back in order to lose a race.
'Bottling'	throwing a glass bottle against a wall in front of a runner , to scare or slow him down.
'Running to the book'	disguising ones form to conserve a generous handicap.
'Ringing in'	promoters conspiring to fix the handicap unfairly.
'Blocking'	the deliberate obstruction of a runner by a spectator at a point on the course.
'Impersonations'	giving a false name, and or disguising ones appearance.
'Doubles'	runners of similar appearance, changing over during the race.
'Cheating'	failing to run the full distance, (hence the introduction of the 'colour splash'.
'Ghost runner'	a runner who had not entered, joining in at some stage.

Impersonation by amateurs and professionals were frequent in the sport. In 1882 a professional who has masqueraded as an amateur in a Nottingham meeting was prosecuted for fraud and sentenced to one month in prison. Over the next twenty years many similar cases were recorded in the A.A.A. minute books, sentences of six months hard labour were not unusual. At the Hallam Chase in the late 1880's a redhead youth, a so called novice had been given a big mark, but his stride attracted the attention of the handicapper, who on taking a good look, pulled him out of the race. He turned out to be a champion from the Midlands, who in level races had beaten W.G.George (the first A.A.A. mile champion in 1880 in 4:28.6). The runner may have disguised his hair, but he could not change his legs, which the handicapper had recognised. Bookmakers would be in the grounds at Sandygate.

In 1925 the Chase came under the jurisdiction of the A.A.A. and betting on the race was no longer an open occurrence, but as in most sports it was always possible to find someone willing to take a bet.

Course Inspection

For many years it was a tradition that someone should carry out an inspection of the course prior to the running of the race. In 1953 the race was to be run on Monday June 8th at 8.00 p.m. I had only been married a matter of some eleven weeks, when on the day before I took my wife up to Sandygate to have a walk over the course, with the intention of going as far as Stannington and then coming back on the bus. From the Sports ground we walked down Den Bank, across the bridge and up Tofts Lane as far as the Rivelin Hotel. It was there that she sat down and announced that was as far as she was going and wanted a drink. Whilst we were sitting there I recognised one of the club's trainers walking down Tofts Lane in his customary mac and trilby hat. It was one of Hallamshire's trainers Mr. E Bradbury who took it upon himself to walk the course each year to replace any stones that had fallen from the walls and clear any obstructions. Since his death in 1955, others have followed, cutting overgrown vegetation with a scythe, clearing barb wire, mending stiles, reporting the broken wooden bridge to ensure that it was made safe for the race (present day chicane bridge being its replacement). In 1984 after a large tree had fallen across the course on the green slope from Den Bank, Hallamshire Chairman Eric Law organised a working party, with a portable saw to remove it.

Colour Splash and Fred Lewin

The tradition of having a Turn Round Official at Stannington Church who 'colour splashed' the runners was continued after the race was revived in 1951. The ingredients were a packet of 'Reckitts Blue' used in home laundry to increase the appearance of white clothing. It was usually mixed on the ground in a enamel basin, put into bottles and taken to Stannington. Fred Lewin ran the Hallam Chase seven times from 1955 to 1973, was Secretary of Hallamshire Harriers in 1972 & 1973, Hallamshire Club President from 1981 to 1983, he was also President of the Yorkshire Cross Country Association in 1985. Fred took on the duties of Turn Round Official in 1984, a task he was to carry out with such enthusiasm and fervour that he soon became part of the race until 1991, unfortunately he died later that year. Trevor Wright (course record holder) now living in New Zealand, asked his parents to give one of his clubs to be named after Fred, and to be given to the first runner to reach the turn round point each year.

It was up to Fred to pick his choice of 'colour splash', and having obtained a litre bottle of food colouring from a club mate, he would dissolve and bottle it. One year using a green colour, he got the runners to hold out a hand and poured the liquid over it as they ran round him. The story goes, that one runner, went to the toilet after he finished, but before he washed himself. Unfortunately when he went home, and of course went to bed, it is said that his wife was not at all pleased, and banished him to the spare bed room for the night. (We were told by the supplier that it would take two months to wash off).

In 1986, and of course without Fred telling anybody he changed the colour to red. We had that year obtained the services of the Red Cross, who had brought an ambulance up to the Hallam Cricket Ground, and had parked it in the middle of the field. What none of the officials knew was that Fred had used a spray bottle, and 'colour splashed' each runner on their thigh as they ran round him. The sight of all the runners coming into the ground with what looked like blood streaming down their legs caused panic as the Red Cross hastily dashed across the field to 'treat' the runners. There was also the story in the same year that another runner declined to have his thigh 'colour splashed' instead he dropped his shorts and 'mooned' at Fred, needless to say he was appropriately painted. Another incident at the turn round point one year, was the 'Ghost Runner' who Fred did not recognise as he saw him coming up Church Street, and also saw that he was not wearing a race number. The runner shouted out "which way", so Fred with his arm stuck out pointed him straight on in the direction of Dungworth, and watched as the runner disappeared over the top of the road. A few minutes later the runner returned shouting abuse at him, what a pity he didn't stop, he might have discovered that the marshal was a former Derbyshire amateur boxing champion.

Winners of the Fred Lewin Trophy

1992	Sylvaine Boler	Penistone	2001	No race due to Foot & Mouth	
1993	Jim Wallace	Hallamshire	2002	Stuart Maycock	Steel City S.
1994	Kenneth Cartmell	Totley AC	2003	Mike Hayes	Dark Peak
1995	Billy Herbert	Hallamshire	2004	Jane Cockerton	Penistone
1996	John Beardshaw	Stell City Str.	2005	Geoff Dimelow	Penistone
1997	Beverley Bean	Dark Peak	2006	Scot Hobson	Hallamshire
1998	Angela Burgin	Totley AC	2007	Geoff Dimelow	Penistone
1999	Jonathan Ward	Penistone	2008	Martyn Cartwright	Penistone
2000	Bram Sprakes	Rotherham	2009	Alan Ashforth	Hallamshire

Stannington Church

The turn-round point for the Hallam Chase is in the centre of the road opposite the gate at the entrance to Christ Church, Stannington. The church was opened in 1830 it cost a little under £3,000 and the money came from the 'million pound fund' and a substantial donation from Misses Harrison of Weston Park. It had a low bell tower with seating for 1,000 people (See Stannington Local History Group Publication, May 2000 for more information) It is the halfway stage of the race for the traditional 'colour splash'.

Names of the Hallam Chase

Alan Bargh	Winner of revival race in 1951 at 16 years of age.
Alf Beardmore	Winner in 1910, co-promoter revival of race in 1951.
David Bones	Cup to Youngest runner, twice winner 1924 1936.
Claire Croft	Winner 1989,1990,1991-C.R. 25:41 (89); 25:10 (91)
Malcolm Douthwaite	Runner, Historian, Author, Handicapper, Photographer.
Ernest Harper	Winner 1922, Olympic Marathon silver medal 1936
Billy Herbert	Winner 1982, oldest runner 79 years 297 days in 1999.
Jim Hill	Co-promoter revival of race in 1951.
Fred Lewin	Runner and Turn Round Official
T Moore	Winner of first Hallam Chase 1862 - 10 miles in 74:00
George Mountain	Cup to the first Novice awarded in his memory.
Jenny Pearson	Winner of first Women's race 1986.
John Charles Shaw	Winner 1863, originator of Hallam Chase course-10 miles.
Jacky Smith	Winner 1987, 1994, 1996.
Jessica Turnbull	Winner 1998, Present course record 24:03 in 1995
Derek Walker	Course record 1959 in 20 min 21 secs.
Trevor Wright	Present course record holder, 1968 in 19 min 42 secs.

Formation of the Earliest Area Athletic Clubs

In the North of England, the Northern Counties Athletic Association was formed in 1879 by thirteen clubs, not one of them being from South Yorkshire. The Amateur Athletic Association was formed in 1880 followed by the National Cross Country Union in 1883, after the so called 'National' was run in 1876. In the South Yorkshire area, the known names and year of the formation of the clubs is as follows:-

1887 Rotherham Harriers

1891/92 Sheffield Y.M.C.A. In 1893 won the inaugural Yorkshire Junior Team C.C.C

1893 Sheffield Church Institute who joined Sheffield United Harriers in 1897.

1894 Sheffield United Harriers who became defunct in 1975 when they amalgamated with Sheffield City A.C. to form Sheffield A.C. and in 2000 changed its name to City of Sheffield A.C. incorporating the Sheffield Walking Club. With in more recent times some of its members breaking away from City of Sheffield A.C. to form the Sheffield Running Club.

1895 Harvest Lane Harriers and Pitsmoor Harriers.

1896 Hallamshire Harriers and A.C. from a breakaway group of nineteen members of Sheffield Y.M.C.A. Present day name of the club is Hallamshire Harriers Sheffield.

Other local clubs known to exist in the above dates, and up to 1914 are:-

Hillsborough Harriers, Sheffield Friends Harriers, Woodhouse Harriers, Sheffield L.M.&S. Railway, Physical Culture Club Harriers, Swinton Harriers, Wombwell, Doncaster Northern Railway. Doncaster H & AC, Whiston A.A.A., Barnsley Harriers.

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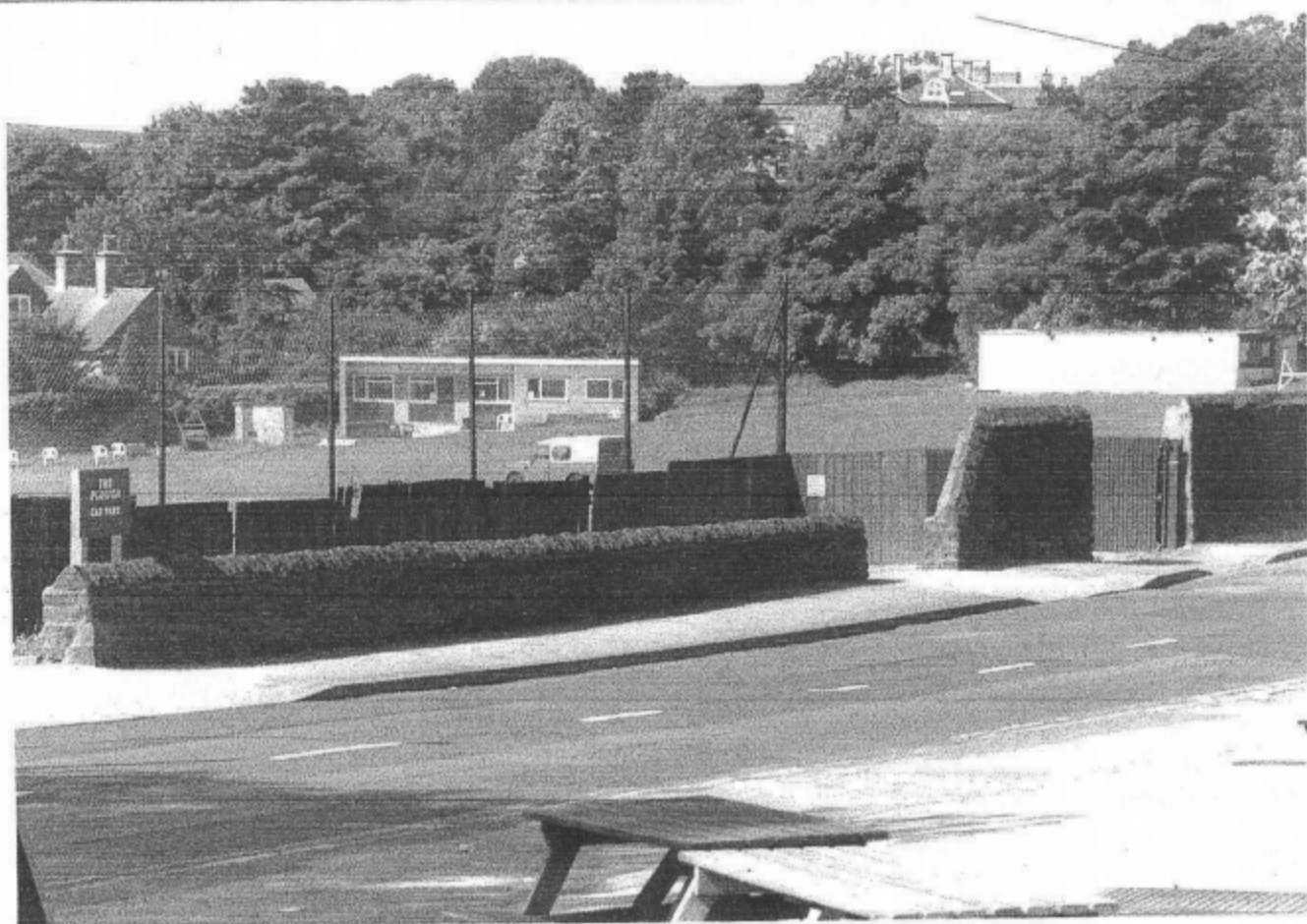
In Conclusion

There is no doubt in my own mind that there are very many more stories and facts to be discovered about the Hallam Chase. There have to be the cynics who will say "you have missed a bit" but I can only respond by saying that nobody else has ever bothered to put together such a record as this. So its up to you, write your own history, the information is out there if you go looking for it, good luck. M.D.

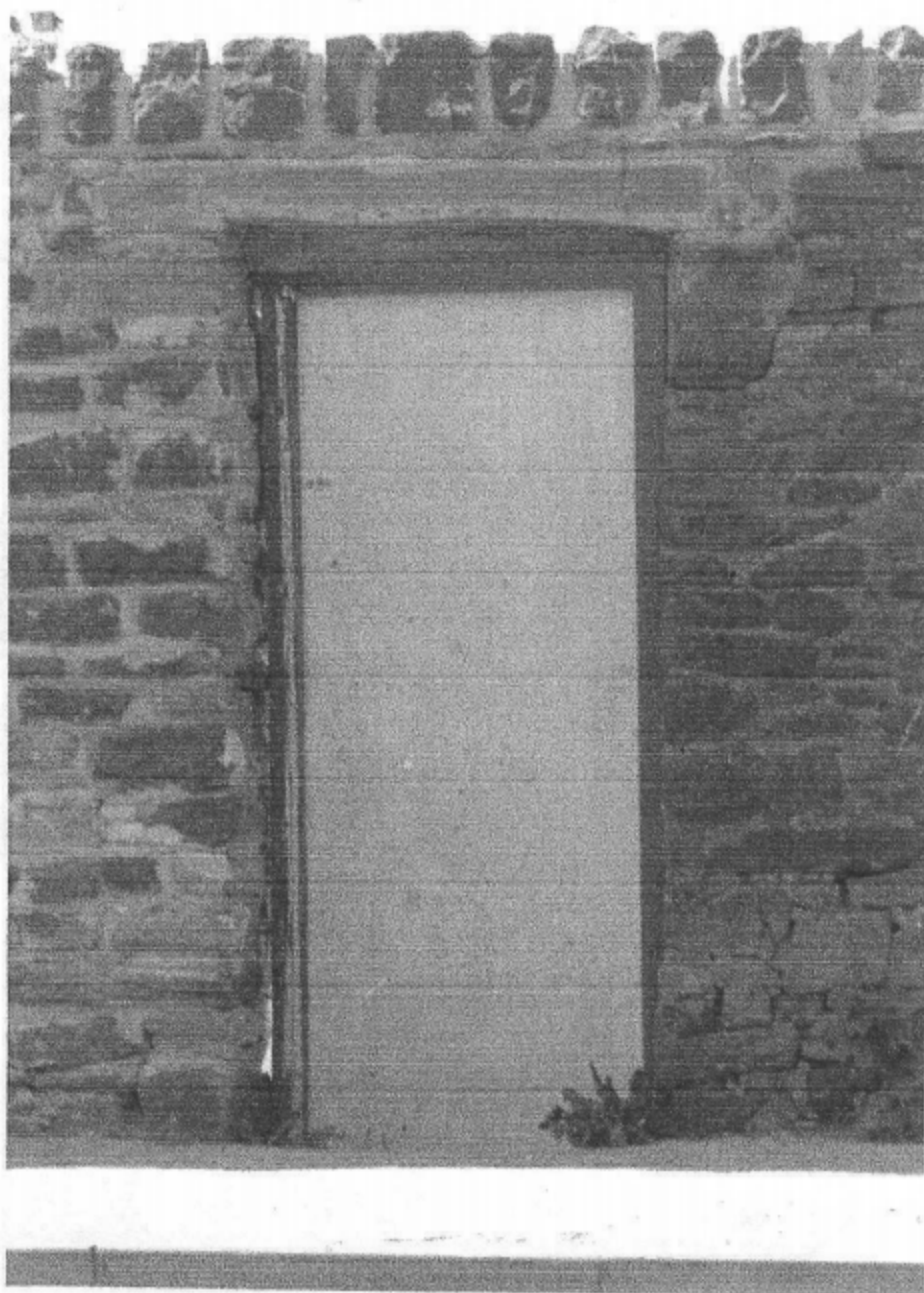
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Hallam Football & Cricket Club Ground - opposite The Plough



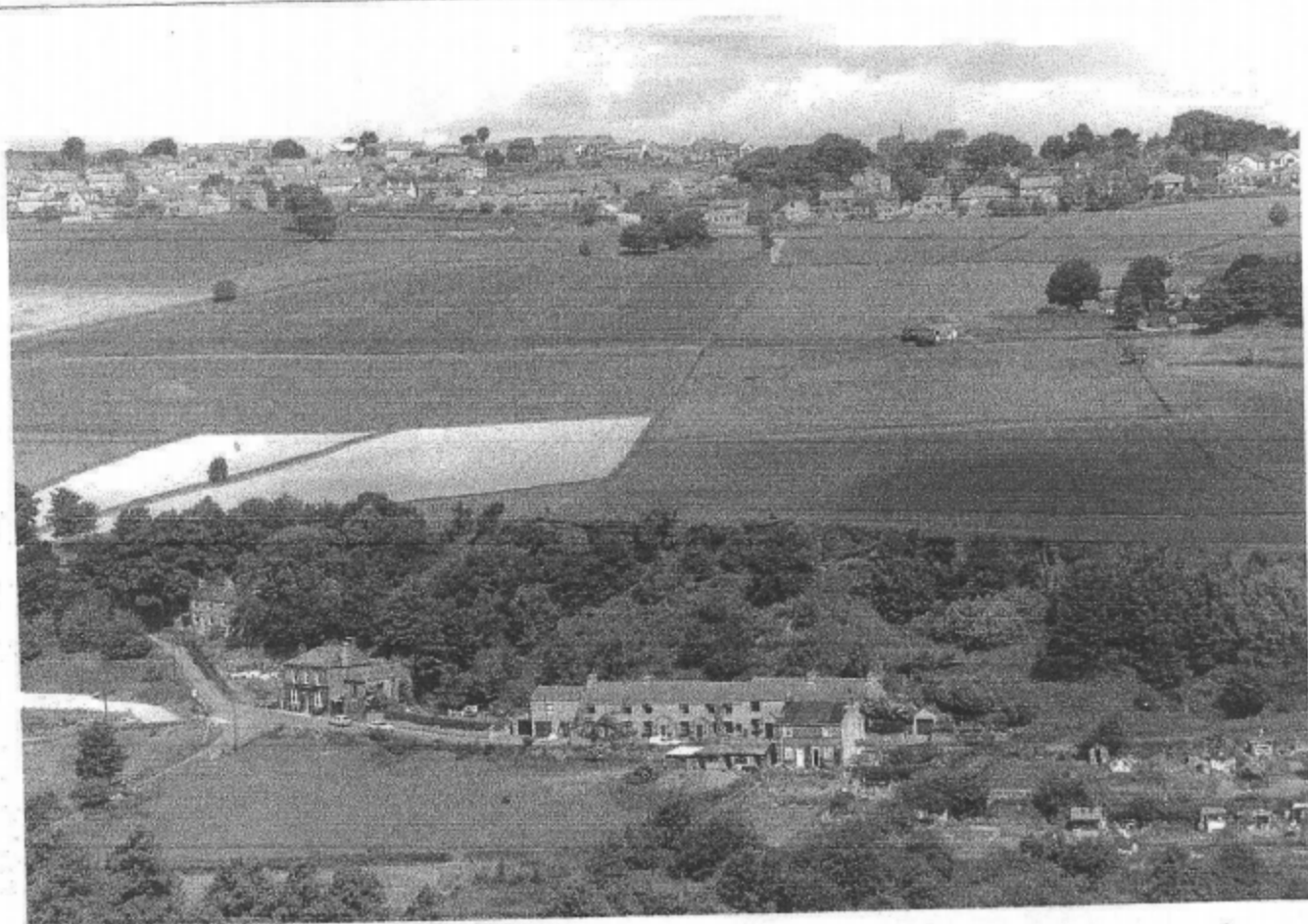
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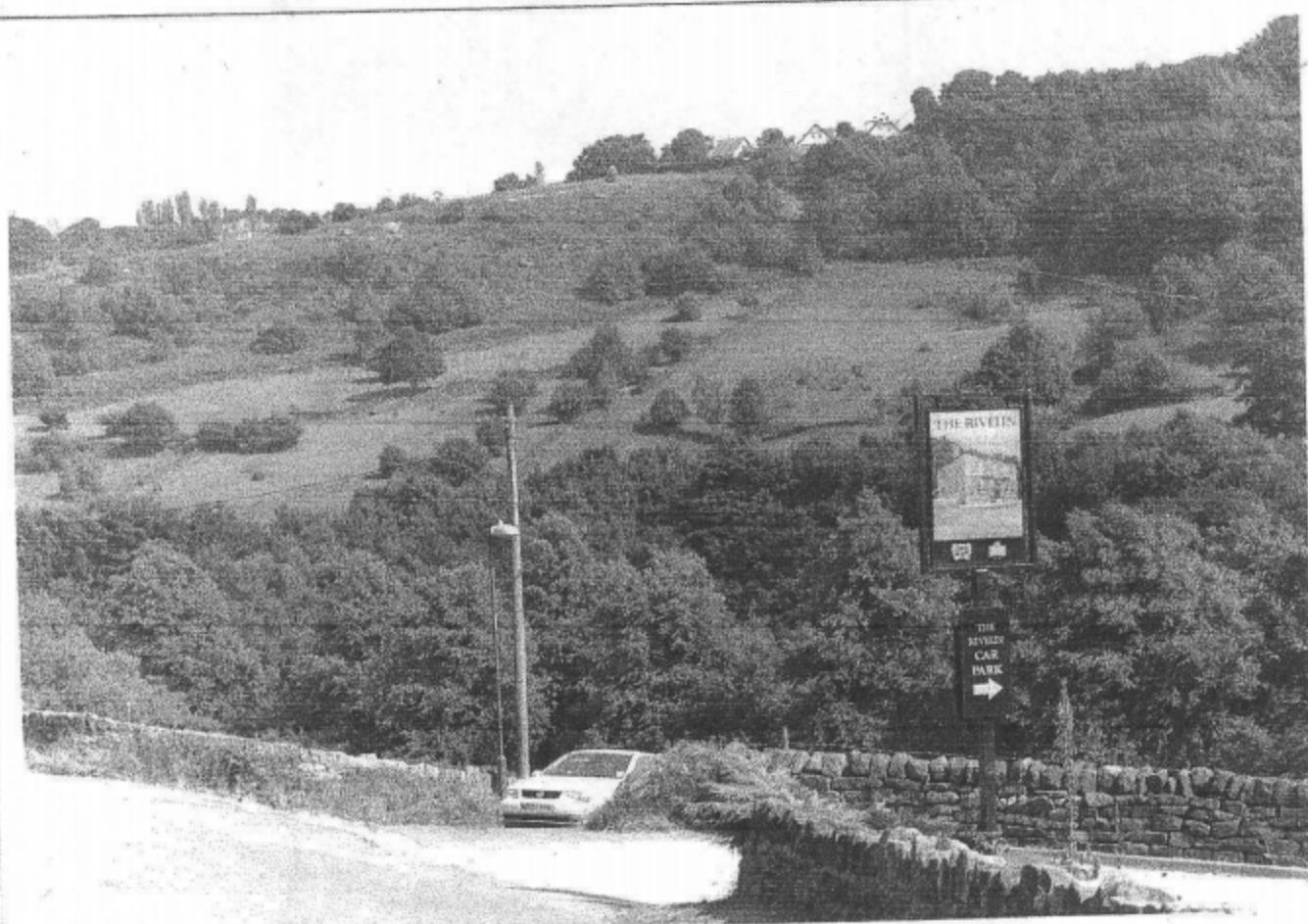
Halfway line, start & finish for the race



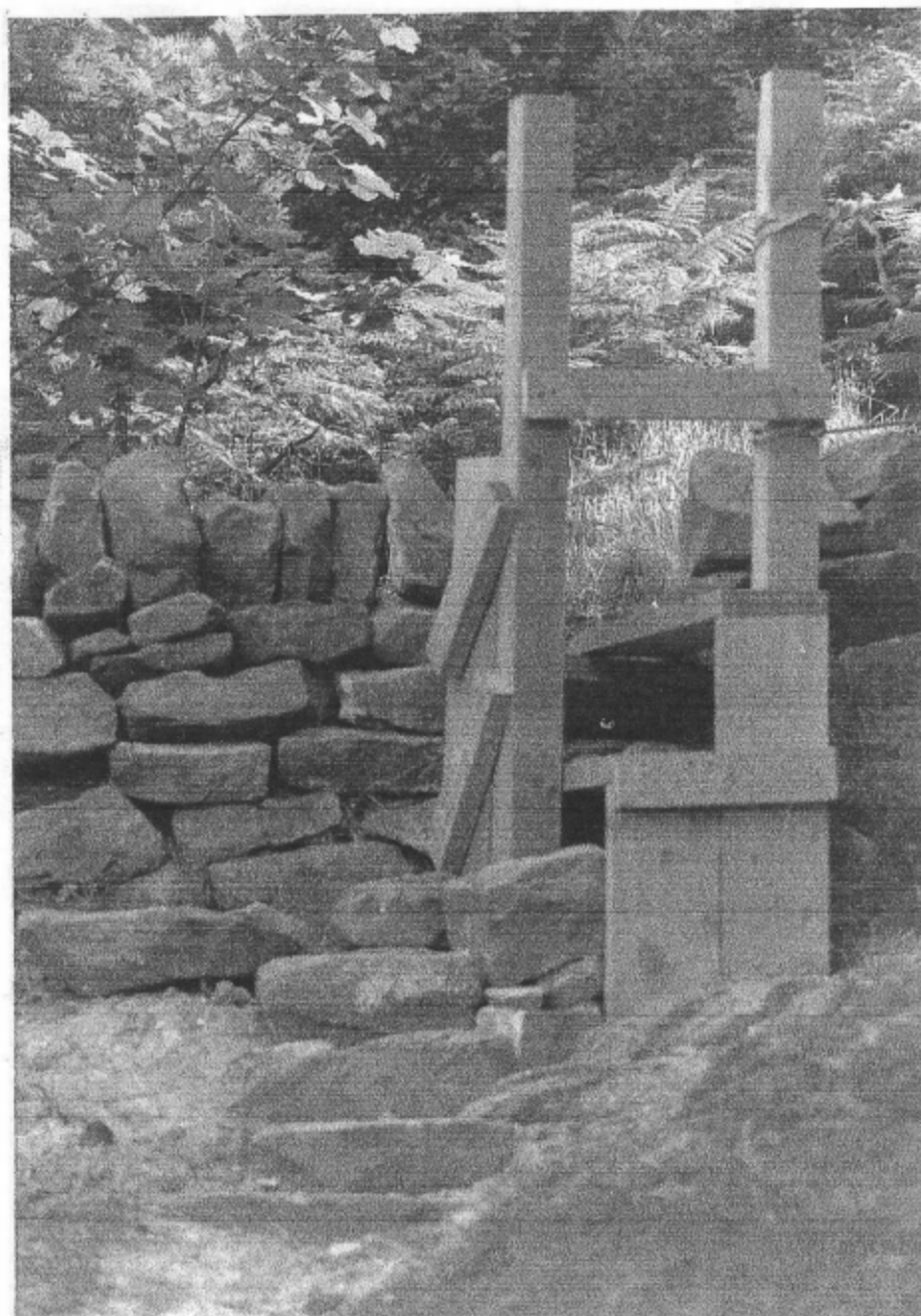
The fields to Stannington, from the top of Den Bank



View of Den Bank from Tofts Lane , outside 'The Rivelin'



The Stile, at the bottom of Den Bank



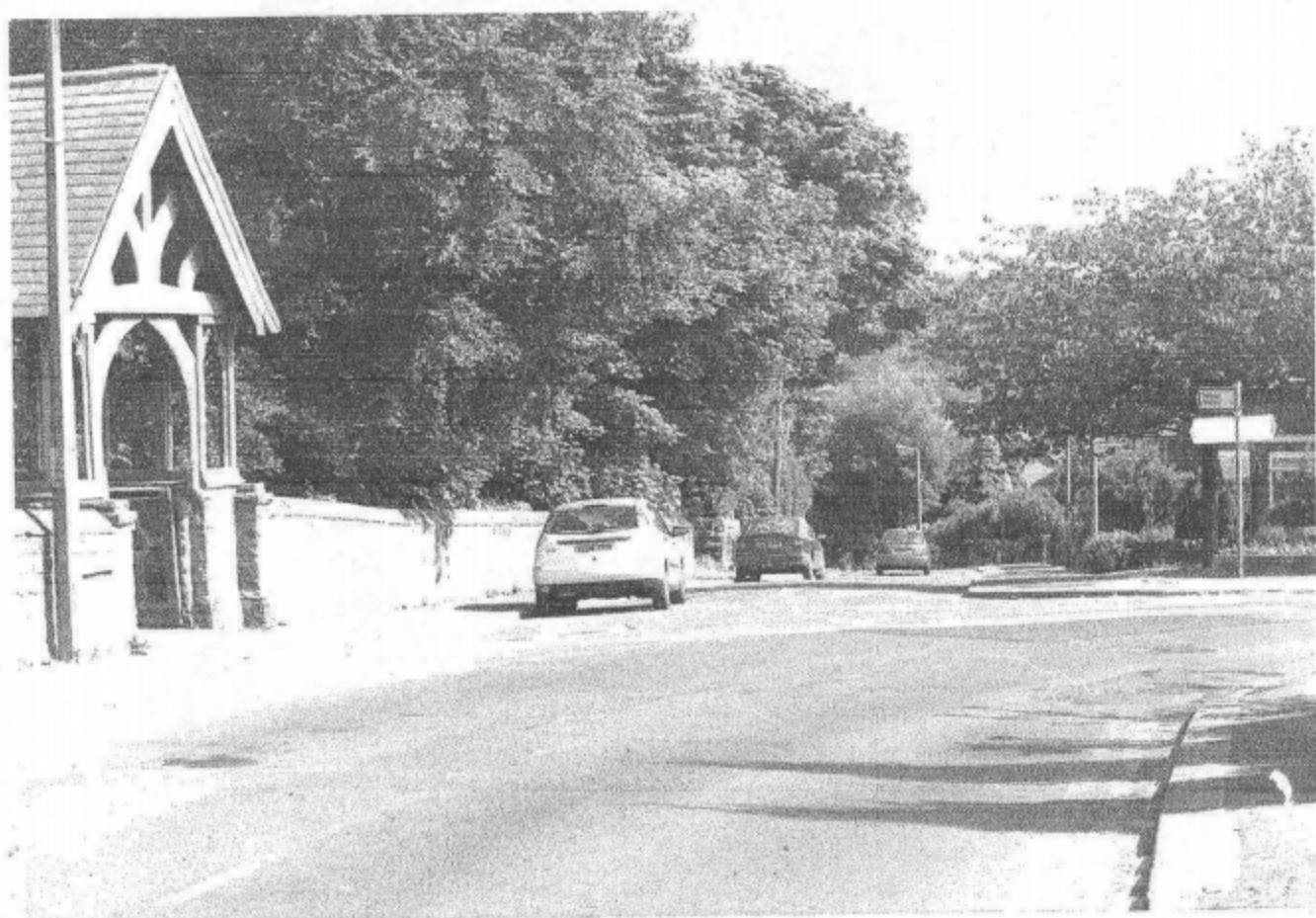
The 'chicane' bridge over the River Rivelin



Originally a private house, known to many as 'The Rivelin Hotel'



The turn-round point, outside Christ Church, Stannington

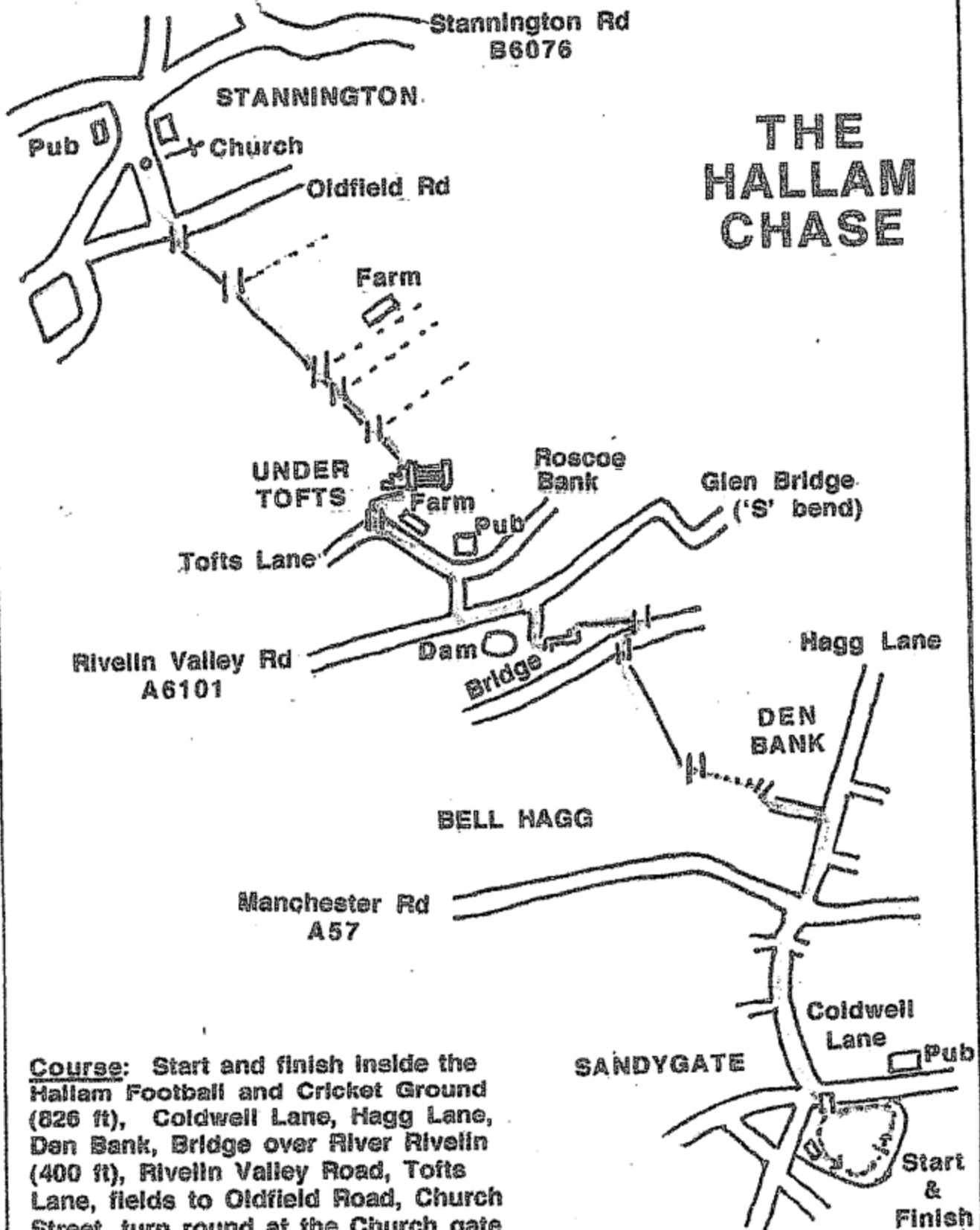


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THE HALLAM CHASE



Course: Start and finish inside the Hallam Football and Cricket Ground (826 ft), Coldwell Lane, Hagg Lane, Den Bank, Bridge over River Rivelln (400 ft), Rivelln Valley Road, Tofts Lane, fields to Oldfield Road, Church Street, turn round at the Church gate (775 ft), same way back to ground, complete circuit to finish.

Distance: Three and a quarter miles.

M.D. June 1997