

BOB GRAHAM ATTEMPT

FRIDAY/SATURDAY 26/27 JUNE 1987

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<u>SUMMARY:</u>	<u>LEG</u>	<u>ESTIMATED LEG TIME</u>	<u>ACTUAL LEG TIME</u>	<u>ESTIMATED REAL TIME</u>	<u>ACTUAL REAL TIME</u>
	MOOT HALL	-	-	09.00	0.9.00
to	HONISTER	2.12	2.19	arr. 11.12	arr. 11.19
	REST	.10	.11	dep. 11.22	dep. 11.30
to	WASDALE	4.20	3.57	arr. 15.42	arr. 15.27
	REST	.20	.18	dep. 16.02	dep. 15.45
to	DUNMAIL	6.10	6.18	arr. 22.12	arr. 22.03
	REST	.20	.17	dep. 22.32	dep. 22.20
to	THREKELD	5.25	5.37	arr. 03.57	arr. 03.57
	REST	.20	.18	dep. 04.17	dep. 04.15
to	KESWICK	<u>4.40</u>	<u>4.25</u>	arr. 08.57	arr. <u>08.40</u>
	<u>RUNNING TIME</u>	22hr 47min	22.36		
	<u>REST</u>	<u>1.10</u>	<u>1.04</u>		
		<u>23hr 57min</u>	<u>23.40</u>		

ESTIMATED DISTANCE: 72.7 MILES

ESTIMATED CLIMBING: 27,440 FEET

LEG 1 %

- MOOT HALL
- 1 ROBINSON
- 2 HINDSCARTH
- 3 DALE HEAD
- HONISTER
- REST

ESTIMATED TIME	ACTUAL TIME	ESTIMATED REAL TIME	ACTUAL REAL TIME	+ OR - MINS
1.25	1.38	09.00 10.25	09.00 10.38	-13
.20	.18	10.45	10.56	-11
.15	.13	11.00	11.09	-9
.12	.10	11.12	arr 11.19	-7
.10	.11	11.22	dep 11.30	-8
<u>2.22</u>	<u>2.30</u>	<u>11.22</u>	<u>11.30</u>	-8 mins

LEG 2 %

- 4 GREY KNOTTS
- 5 BRANDRETH
- 6 GREEN GABLE
- 7 GREAT GABLE
- 8 KIRKFELL
- 9 PILLAR
- 10 STEEPLE
- 11 RED PIKE
- 12 YEWBARROW
- WASDALE CAMPSITE
- REST

.33	.23	11.55	11.53	+2
.07	.07	12.02	12.00	+2
.18	.14	12.20	12.14	+6
.16	.12	12.36	12.26	+10
.31	.30	13.07	12.56	+11
.53	.47	14.00	13.43	+17
.25	.26	14.25	14.09	+16
.21	.16	14.46	14.25	+21
.36	.34	15.22	14.59	+23
.20	.28	15.42	arr. 15.27	+15
.20	.18	16.02	dep. 15.45	+17
<u>4.40</u>	<u>4.15</u>	<u>16.02</u>	<u>15.45</u>	+17 mins

LEG 3 %

- 13 SCAPELL
- 14 SCAPELL PIKE
- 15 BROAD CRAG
- 16 ILL CRAG
- 17 GREAT END
- 18 ESK PIKE
- 19 BOWFELL
- 20 ROSSETT PIKE
- 21 PIKE O'STICKLE
- 22 HARRISON STICKLE
- 23 THUNACAR KNOTT
- 24 HIGH RAISE
- 25 SERGEANT MAN
- 26 CALF CRAG
- 27 STEEL FELL
- ~~28~~ DUNMAIL
- REST

1.29	1.19	17.31	17.04	+27
.27	.36	17.58	17.40	+18
.09	.10	18.07	17.50	+17
.07	.08	18.14	17.58	+16
.12	.15	18.26	18.13	+13
.22	.20	18.48	18.33	+15
.23	.23	19.11	18.56	+15
.21	.27	19.32	19.23	+9
.50	.48	20.22	20.11	+11
.13	.17	20.35	20.28	+7
.08	.08	20.43	20.36	+7
.18	.16	21.01	20.52	+9
.06	.11	21.07	21.03	+4
.25	.27	21.32	21.30	+2
.24	.21	21.56	21.51	+5
.16	.12	22.12	arr 22.03	+9
.20	.17	22.32	dep 22.20	+12
<u>6.30</u>	<u>6.35</u>	<u>22.32</u>	<u>22.20</u>	+12

EG 4 :

28 SEAT SANDRAL

29 FAIRFIELD

30 DOLLYWAGON
PIKE

31 NETHERMOST PIKE

32 HELVELLYN

33 HELVELLYN
LOW MAN

34 WHITESIDE

35 RAISE

36 STYBARROW DODD

37 WATSONS DODD

38 GREAT DODD

39 CLOUGH HEAD

THRELKELD

REST

ESTIMATED
TIMEACTUAL
TIMEESTIMATED
REML
TIMEACTUAL
REML
TIME+ OR
- MINS

.50

.38

.54

.17

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.07

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5.45

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22.32

23.22

24.00

24.54

01.11

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01.48

02.01

02.20

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03.57

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arr. 03.57

dep. 04.15

04.15

+12

+20

+24

+22

+16

+15

+13

+12

+13

+08

+7

+8

+8

NIL

+2

+2

LEG 5 :

40 BLENCATHRA

41 GR. CALVA

42 SKIDDAW

MOOT HALL

1.05

1.30

1.05

1.00

4.40

.56

1.20

1.05

1.04

4.25

05.22

06.52

07.57

08.57

08.57

05.11

06.31

07.36

08.40

08.40

+11

+21

+21

+17

+17

SUPPORT TEAM :-

<u>FELL</u> :-	<u>LEG 1</u>	<u>LEG 2</u>	<u>LEG 3</u>	<u>LEG 4</u>	<u>LEG 5</u>
S. MCKENZIE	✓	✓	✓	-	✓
C. MCKENZIE	-	-	✓	-	✓
R. OWEN (ARCC)	✓	✓	✓	-	-
M. CHADWICK	-	-	-	✓	✓
P. NOBLE (ARCC)	✓	✓	-	✓	-

ROAD :- N. McCOLL + ABOVE WHEN NOT ON THE FELL.



Report on Bob Graham Round attempt by M. Quinn (Bolton) and D. Gleeson (Rochdale), 26/27 June 1987 in an anti-clockwise direction.

I had wanted to do the Bob Graham Round for a few years and had gathered enough information to arrive at what seemed a realistic timetable for myself. I thought I was capable, from a fitness point of view, but was unsure of my mental ability to follow someone for 24 hours, thinking only of where to place my feet. After 20 years walking and climbing in the Lakes, I knew the area well and thought about doing my own navigation and pacing, using friends only to carry equipment and food. A colleague at work, Denis Gleeson, also felt the same way and we decided to use students and staff from College to make it a "family affair."

The weather had been bad all week, but the forecast for Friday 26 June was dry, becoming wet and windy by midnight. We decided to go. 8:45am outside the Moot Hall. "The bull---- stops now," I said to Denis and we laughed in the bright sunshine. By Hoarster, the heat had slowed us down, 7 minutes late. What idea was this? The cloud had been increasing to a total cover by Broadbent, fortunately at about 5000' level. Time was slowly made up, spot on for the gully off Kirkfell and we began to relax and enjoy ourselves. Water everywhere from the previous few days. Not the problem I thought it would be on this leg. Yewbarrow desperate, both up and down, to a welcome meal at Wardale.

The cloud was down before we reached Scafell and very thick. This would be the crucial leg, I felt. Time lost on Broad Stand and difficulty finding Ill Crag. Slight panic. Trust yourself, I urged, silently. Hanging Knots, wrong line, but better than the one we had planned. Very lucky. Out of the clag to Stake Pass, back into it by Pike O'Stubble. Confidence steady to Calf Crag, hit the fence then second, or is it third or fourth, wind allows us to increase the pace and we run down the scree to Durnail. Made it.

With hindsight, I'm convinced that doing our own navigating kept us mentally alert on the night leg. Neither of us felt "sleep tiredness". We were too busy. Nil visibility and rain until Watson Dodd, but fortunately from the S.W., not too bad. Clough Head in thick mist. Hoped it might be light here. Face NE carefully, turn N and over the edge. "Hope this is right." It is! Thelkeld. Other teams going clockwise. "Good luck" we exchange.

Walking up Blerneatha, into the clag again, we realise we have forgotten the map for Great Calva. Surely this will not stop us. Trusting my compass, just, we come off Blerneatha near the Clover Stone and down to the river. Great Calva goes well, view should have been wonderful. Pace down the ridge, turn right. Just about to despair when the shooting butte comes into view. Down the path to the bridge. Only one more to go. Onto the open slopes of Skiddaw. Hard work this, bloody hard. Hit the fence and we look at our watches. "It's in the bag" shouts Denis. I think he's right. Skiddaw summit 07.36, wet, windy and very misty. We jog down to the by-pass bridge and walk the rest. Turn the corner, what a sight! Market stalls being set up, we can hardly see the Moot Hall, let alone touch it. Support team cheer us in. Local shopkeeper puts the kettle on for us. Brilliant. Nice feeling.

Thanks to our friends for helping. Impossible without them.

Mike Quinn
 27/7/87.