

## Lechlade Pub Cycling Association - Minutes of the AGM – a date in 2012

The AGM was held at the usual location (the Victoria, Eastleach).

### In attendance:

- Colin, Chairman
- Ian, Director of Darts
- Simon, Logistics Director
- Jim
- Darren
- Andy
- Vince, Finance Director
- Matt

### Apologies

- Paul
- Gary

The Chairman kicked off the meeting in much the same style as he finished the previous one by telling Darren to shut up. This was met by cries of 'Yeah, Darren...' and 'Do as the Chairman tells ye Darren..' by terrified fellow members relieved that it was Darren taking one for the team.

**Item 1 – Previous minutes** – no matters arising from the previous minutes

**Item 2 – Chairman's Report** – the Chairman began well, stating what an honour it had been to wear the chain (*a collective shudder*), and how grateful he was for the support of the membership in the execution of his duties. This looked like it would be the sum total of his report, which would have been impressive enough on its own, because it would have been *fully double* the length of his introductory speech from the previous year. To be fair, though, he wasn't entirely finished, and went on to note the two fantastic tours to Weymouth and Wales, as well as the 100 mile day-trip to Stratford on Avon. Some special mentions were also given to:

### Best crash: Vince (thus assuming this year's 'Cleary' role)

Personal injury / damaged bike / attractive woman offering him a glass of water and a new helmet from Laura



Before getting back on his bike, Vince managed to get *this* photograph of the good Samaritan who offered him the glass of water...

## Best looking barmaid: still Holly

**Least decorum: Darren's Tintern 'fart'** (in inverted commas because scientists are still investigating if it was in fact a 'fart' or a minor seismic event – certainly those who experienced it at close quarters are still reliant on government support as they try to rebuild their lives...). Some sense of the damage done to the fabric of the abbey, which the monks will be decades repairing, can be seen in the photograph below...



**Bravest rider: Vince** for his recovery following said crash

**Wimpiest rider: Jim & Ian** – since Jim was taking minutes, no reason for the award of 'wimpiest' is recorded.

### Item 3 – Logistics

**Number of miles cycled**                      975.3 (*agonisingly* close to the recurring 1000 mile target)

**Number of trips**                                      55 (2 more than previous year)

(The minutes are a bit confusing at this point – this point being of course some 360 or so days *after* the actual meeting...I think Vince won the Gold medal, and the LPCA royalty got a mention for their fortitude – 47 trips / 851.3 miles – a quote from Simon is, however, recorded to the effect that *'I changed the logic on the number of miles so that Vince won...'*

A period of contemplative silence settled while the assembled membership considered this nugget, a silence finally broken by one of the members putting into words what the others were no doubt struggling with....

*'How do you change the logic on a number of miles..?'*

Simon's answer is, unfortunately, lost to history.

Paul gets this year's rubber duck for completing only 10 trips of 124.9 miles. (cries of 'Poor show Paul...' 'you'll have to do better next year Paul...' 'come on Paul, pull your weight man...' before everyone remembered that he wasn't in fact at the meeting...)

26 pubs were visited, including 2 new ones, the Red Lion at Ampney St Peter (which finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the league table) and the Falcon at Poulton, which finished 18<sup>th</sup>.

One of the royals then tabled a motion...and here it is...



..to the effect that 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place certificates should be sent to the 3 top pubs. (At this point SW told IH to shut up because he was still reporting, thus kicking off the first tiff of the evening between our lovebird founder members). It was agreed that Simon would get the logo to Colin and Ian would buy frames...(edit...yeah, how did that work out then...?)

#### Item 4 – Finance Report

‘We started the year with a deficit, we end it with a £49.00 surplus.’

*much banging of tables, ‘Well done, than man...’, ‘Here, here...’, and ‘I feel my portfolio is so much safer with Vince, don’t you...?’ There was unanimous agreement (minus Andy) than Vince’s prudent and conservative approach to the LPCA’s finances (compared to Andy’s) was much suited to the times of austerity in which the nation finds itself (mainly thanks to Andy). The general feeling was that Vince had done such a good job that a lifetime appointment should be considered, a suggestion to which Vince reacted with his customary polite and measured manner: ‘Aww, fuck...’*



*This man has been in touch  
looking for tips from Vince*

## Item 5 – Director of Darts Report

Only one game of darts was played (is this right?) IH won it. End of report.

This led to a discussion on whether the tradition was dying out. CT suggested a 'Reserved' sign on the relevant table to ensure availability of the board, but since someone would have to ask Sue if this would be allowed, this idea was clearly going nowhere.



Ian, on his way to victory...

## Item 6 – Election of Officers

CT now half-way through his 2 year post as **Chairman**. CT proposed himself / MD seconds – CT re-elected unopposed.

Vince also re-elected as **Director of Finance**, proposed by CT, seconded by SW.

Simon re-elected as **Director of Logistics**, proposed by CT, seconded by VW.

Ian re-elected as **Director of Darts** , proposed by MD, seconded by VW.

**Director of Punctuality** – office remaining unfilled (for the fourth year running)

A proposal was made for the appointment of a '**Distance Maximisation Director**', in the light of yet another year going by without the magical 1000 miles being achieved. The suggestion was lost amidst a discussion about what the actual definition of an 'LPCA ride' is. IH wondered if, for instance, his and JC's planned trip along the Loire Valley could be included (thus virtually guaranteeing 1000 miles in the coming year). Rather than consider this perfectly reasonable proposal, this instead gave rise to the usual childish and immature characterisations of Jim and Ian's plans as some kind of extended Brokeback Mountain event. Ian called a sharp conclusion to that kind of innuendo with the memorable: 'We will not be cycling up Bourneville Boulevard'. (*edit: I feel a bit soiled just typing that...*).

Something approaching a decision was taken (!) to the effect that a ride was pure and genuine 'LPCA' if it had been planned on a Thursday night

## Item 7 – Objectives

Spring trip –

The Chairman explained the plans for the Spring, a proposed tour to Worcester. ‘We’ll be following the green line...’ (*edit: Eh?*). ‘..sneaking up the Malverns, and spending the first night farting in abbeys...’ 75 miles out, 55 miles back, staying at the Fownes Hotel, a 3-start hotel right in the town centre. Dates = 19/20 May

Autumn trip -

A 3 day tour to the East Coast was proposed; luggage logistics were discussed at length. IH suggested Devon. It was agreed that if another 100-mile day was going to happen, the flat route through Oxford would do.

## Item 7 – AOB

SW – are we keeping the same pub scoring system?

Everybody else – ‘Yes’

SW – possible new pubs: the Swan at Swinbrook and the Inn for All Seasons

Everybody else – ‘OK’

SW – shall we add a new scoring category – ‘Barmaids’

Everybody else – ‘Lusty grumbling...’

A vote was taken for Quote of the Year from a selection of:

- ‘My solution is the Isle of Wight’ (Matt)
- ‘He had a bad whatsit, and Paul rubbed it’ (Ian)
- ‘The water biscuit is the minimum entry-level criteria so you’re not just eating cheese’ (Gary)
- ‘Wankervan is the trade name – It’s the new PedoPod by Wankervan’
- ‘You’ve got a turd strike on your turbine’

But the winner is:

- ‘If I’d had my granny with me, she’d have got a right good seeing to..’

New members?

Luke, the bloke currently squatting in Matt’s house, was suggested as a possible new member.

Steve is definitely written off, because he’s in Japan, which would be a long cycle-ride on a Thursday night.

**Date of next meeting – TBC**

9.10pm – Chairman called the meeting to a close.