

GLOUCESTER CITY CYCLING CLUB

Affiliated to B.C.F., R.T.T.C., R.R.A., W.C.R.R.A., W.T.T.A., C.T.C.

Sponsored by Town Cars Gloucester

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1997

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of the Gloucester City Cycling Club which will take place at the Longlevens Community Centre on Tuesday 7th. October 1997 at 7.30 pm..

You are invited to attend.

AGENDA

- ✓ 1. To receive apologies for absence.
- ✓ 2. Minutes of the 1996 AGM.
- ✓ 3. Matter's arising.
- ✓ 4. New Members.
- ✓ 5. Reports of Retiring Officers
 - ✓ General Secretary, Treasurer, ✓ Captain, Social Secretary, Newsletter Editor, ✓ Annual Dinner Secretary, Press Secretary, Club Racing Secretary, ✓ Clubroom Captain, Club Coach.
 - October "25", T.G.Hall "25", Dave Hopkins Mem. "10", Open "10"
 - ✓ Steve Taylor Mem. Road Race, Gloucester Road Race,
 - ✓ Cotswold CRL Road Race. / Open 10
- ✓ 6. Election of President.
- ✓ 7. Election of Vice Presidents.
- ✓ 8. Election of Officers.
 - ✓ General Secretary, Treasurer, ✓ Captain, Vice Captain, Newsletter Editor, ✓ Social Secretary, Press Secretary, Club Coach, Annual Dinner Secretary, ✓ Clubroom Secretary, Racing Secretary.
- Organisers for:-
 - October "25", T.G.Hall "25", Dave Hopkins Mem. "10",
 - ✓ Steve Taylor Mem. Road Race, Gloucester Road Race,
 - ✓ Cotswold CRL Road Race.
- Time Keepers, Assistant Timekeepers, Handicappers, Auditor,
✓ Club Coach, Committee Members (five).
- ✓ 9. To confirm dates and entry fees for the following events.
 - October "25", TG Hall "25", Dave Hopkins Mem. "10",
 - Steve Taylor Mem. Road Race, Gloucester Road Race,
 - Cotswold CRL Road Race.
- ✓ 10. Confirmation of Affiliations. RTTC, BCF, CTC, WCRRA, RRA, WTTA,
Longlevens Community Association, Cyclo-Cross Federation,
Cotswold CRL.
- ✓ 11. Appointment of Delegates to Affiliated Bodies.
- ✓ 12. Election of Clubman Trophy Winner. Nominations received. J. Barnes, K. Whitmore, T. Wooldridge.
- ✓ 13. To discuss change of Clubroom venue.
- ✓ 14. Proposed by General Committee. (Membership Subscriptions)
 - Rule 33. 1 - Senior Members Shall be £12.00 Per Year.
 - Rule 33. 2 - Junior Members Shall be ~~£8.00~~ £7.00 Per Year.
 - Rule 33. 3 - Family Members Shall be £17.00 Per Year.
- ✓ 15. Any Other Business.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON :7/10/97

1 APOLOGIES : Received from :- Dave Grocott ; Mike Thomas ; Graeme Hill ; Megan Rabbets ; Phil Hogsflesh ; Debbie Sharman (early departure) .

2 MINUTES : From the AGM of 1/10/96 were read and accepted .
Proposed : Graham Cole ; Seconded : Gary Ridgway .

3. MATTERS ARISING : None

4. NEW MEMBERS : No Applications to consider.

5. REPORTS OF RETIRING OFFICERS :

| Office | Name | Proposed | Seconded |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| General Sec | Toby Wooldridge | Alister Scott | Alastair Goldie |
| Good year overall , assistance by members in open events must improve; new sponsor Town Cars has worked well for both parties. | | | |
| Treasurer | John Godley | Aubrey Roberts | Graham Cole |
| Membership down by 7 to 164 - a major review of names was conducted ; cash up by £389 to £1619. | | | |
| Captain | Gary Ridgway | Ian Humble | Graham Cole |
| Good series of rides for all tastes , Dancey trophy was a draw between Gary and John Barnes. Standing down for next year. | | | |
| Social Sec | Aubrey Roberts | Alastair Goldie | John Barnes |
| Varied events , reasonably supported, close call for Gibb Shield - a recount is necessary. Standing down for next year. | | | |
| Newsletter Editor | Malcolm Taylor | Graham Cole | Ann Wooldridge |
| Looking for shorter articles , and some from the racers. | | | |
| Dinner Sec | Keith Whitmore | Alister Scott | Aubrey Roberts |
| 90 attendees , R Prebble was guest. | | | |
| Press Sec | Graham Cole | Daren Jewel | John Godley |
| Good response from the Citizen , but poor from the club - few reports forthcoming. Standing down for next year. | | | |
| Racing Sec | Alastair Goldie | Graham Cole | Andy Rolley |
| Dan Knight won by Ian Humble ; timekeeping at club events is working well. 10 mile champ is Andy Rolley ; 25 mile is John Barnes. | | | |
| Clubroom Captain | Graeme Hill | Alastair Goldie | Graham Cole |
| Numbers at Longlevens is down again. Standing down for next year. | | | |
| Coach | Graham Cole | Aubrey Roberts | Ann Wooldridge |
| Fair level of results at all levels. Concerned over lack of juniors. | | | |

Organisers of Open races :

| | | | |
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| D Hopkins | Nick Yarworth | Ian Humble | John Godley |
| New event. Bad weather on the day , but a profit due to sponsorship. Need marshals from the club for next year - awkward as in Wales. | | | |
| TG Hall | John Barnes | Alastair Goldie | Gary Ridgway |
| Open 10 | Neil Armitage | Not present at the time | |
| New event. Small field - do not run next year. | | | |
| October 25 | Richard Clements | (1996 event) Not present | |
| Steve Taylor | Aubrey Roberts | Graham Cole | Keith Whitmore |
| Good field , ace HQ and catering. | | | |
| CCRL | Ian Humble | Graham Cole | Simon Roberts |
| Run under TLI rules , good entry , good HQ. | | | |
| Pot hunters | Aubrey Roberts | John Barnes | Steve Arnold |
| Not yet run - new date , full field. Should be a success. | | | |

6. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

Ted Tedaldi was elected unopposed
Proposed : John Godley ; Seconded Alastair Goldie.

7. ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENTS.

These were voted in en-bloc.
Proposed : Graham Cole ; Seconded : Keith Whitmore.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

| Office | Name | Proposed | Seconded |
|-------------------|--|--------------|----------------|
| General Sec | Toby Wooldridge | Graham Cole | Debbie Sharman |
| Treasurer | John Godley | Jon David | Keith Whitmore |
| Captain | Debbie Sharman | Graham Cole | Gary Ridgway |
| Vice-Captain | Gary Ridgway | Graham Cole | Ian Mackenzie |
| Newsletter Editor | Malcolm Taylor | John Godley | Nick Yarworth |
| Social Sec | Jon David | Graham Cole | Aubrey Roberts |
| Dinner Sec | Keith Whitmore | John Godley | Alister Scott |
| Racing Sec | Alastair Goldie | Gary Ridgway | Ian Humble |
| Clubroom Captain | Post not filled - not required , see Agenda Item 13. | | |

Organisers for the Open races :

| | | | |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| October 25 | Alastair Goldie | Aubrey Roberts | Keith Whitmore |
| TG Hall | John Barnes | Ian Humble | Alister Scott |
| Hopkins 10 | Nick Yarworth | Andy Rolley | Aubrey Roberts |
| Steve Taylor | Aubrey Roberts | Graham Cole | Nick Yarworth |
| Pot Hunters | Simon Roberts | Aubrey Roberts | Ian Humble |
| CCRL (TLI) | Ian Humble | Ian Gait | Simon Roberts |

Options for an alternative to the mid-week 10 were discussed , with a scratch RR as a possibility. Neil Armitage to identify an early July date and report back.

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| Timekeepers | Paul Green | Alastair Goldie | John Godley |
| Handicapper | D Ponter/G McGarr | Alastair Goldie | Graham Cole |
| Auditor | D Ponter | John Godley | Keith Whitmore |
| Assist Coach | William Gregory , Gery McGarr , Nick Yarworth , Neil Armitage | | |
| | | Graham Cole | John Barnes |

Committee Members : 7 names were proposed as follows :

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Malcolm Taylor | Toby Wooldridge | Keith Whitmore |
| Ian Mackenzie | Graham Cole | Nick Yarworth |
| Nigel Light | Debbie Sharman | Graham Cole |
| Simon Witts | Aubrey Roberts | Alister Scott |
| Andy Rolley | Ian Gait | Graham Cole |
| Paul Brooks | Toby Wooldridge | Ann Wooldridge |
| Martyn Williams | Ann Wooldridge | Malcolm Taylor |

Only 5 committee members are allowed , so a vote was taken whereby the 5 members with the largest number of votes would be successful. The first 5 in the above list were voted onto committee.

9. DATES AND ENTRY FEES FOR OPEN EVENTS.

| Event | Date | Entry Fee |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------|
| October 25 TT | Sunday 4/10/98 | £4.00 |
| TG Hall 25 TT | Saturday 20/6/98 | £4.00 |
| Hopkins 10 TT | Saturday 25/4/98 | £4.25 |
| Steve Taylor RR | Sunday 19/4/98 | £6.00 |
| Pot Hunters RR | Sunday 11/10/98 | £6.00 |
| CCRL RR | Tuesday 16/6/98 | £4.00 |

Proposed : Graham Cole ; Seconded : Simon Witts.

10. CONFIRMATION OF AFFILIATIONS.

Affiliations to the following organisations were confirmed en-bloc , with all in favour :
RTTC , BCF , CTC , WCRRA , RRA , WTTA , BCCA , CCRL.

The club does not need to affiliate as such to the Longlevens Community Association.

11. APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES TO AFFILIATED BODIES.

| Body | Name |
|------|--|
| RTTC | Ted Tedaldi / Gery Downing |
| BCF | Graham Cole / Ian Humble / Neil Armitage |
| CCRL | Ian Humble / Neil Armitage |

All in favour.

12. ELECTION OF CLUBMAN TROPHY WINNER.

Nominations from the outgoing committee included the following :

John Barnes ; Keith Whitmore ; Toby Wooldridge .

Following a vote , John Barnes was the winner.

13. DISCUSS CHANGE OF CLUBROOM VENUE.

The outgoing committee had paid a visit to the Old Richians club in Elmbridge to view the facilities. Several meetings have also taken place to discuss financial and general matters. The results , pros and cons , were included with the latest Spokespiece sent recently. All members have had the chance to visit the club for themselves. Toby Wooldridge and Graham Cole ran through the key points , being : circuit training (changes to format) , no attendance levy on club members - increase in subs instead , charge of £3 on Seniors and £4 for Family membership . The feeling of the meeting was that the Club needs to inject new interest into the Tuesday evenings and social aspects of the Club.

A vote was taken - All in favour , None against : Motion to change to Old Richians carried. Agreed to continue with Longlevens until the end of October , Treasurer to send a letter to the Longlevens Community Association.

First use of new club room to be the November Committee meeting on 4/11/97.

Issues regarding stacking chairs , folding tables , and payment of levy to be finalised with Old Richians - Toby Wooldridge to follow up.

14. CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Due to the change of clubroom , subs need to be increased to cover the cost of the Old Richians membership fees of £3 Senior , £4 Family , no other increase. Thus :

General Committee proposed the following :

Rule 33.1 Senior Members...shall be £12.00 per year ;

Rule 33.2 Junior Members....shall be £ 9.00 per year ;

Rule 33.3 Family Members...shall be £17.00 per year .

It was proposed that Junior membership be kept at £6 to encourage juniors to join - Rule 33.2 to remain unchanged at £6.

Proposed : Malcolm Taylor ; Seconded : Aubrey Roberts.

The meeting voted in favour of the altered changes. These will be implemented for the new club year 1997/98.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS .

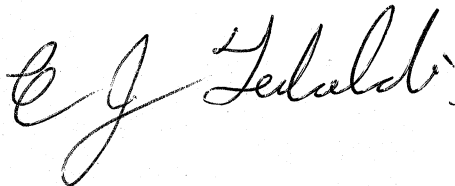
A) Alastair Goldie - reminded members that all medal claims must be submitted to Alastair by 14/10 with appropriate £'s.

B) Aubrey Roberts - Helpers required for this coming Sunday for the Pot Hunters RR.

C) John Godley - Dinner tickets and subs payment now due.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.05pm .

SIGNED :



ATTENDEES

7/10/97

T. Woodbridge
E TODACI
Jonathan David.
Regelugit

Debbie

Alan G.

Gary R

A. Scott.

MR Taylor

Ed Spruay

Jan Machezge

Graham Cole

KEITH WHITMORE

J GODLEY

S. R. BERT

C. BERRY

Simon Osborne

STEVE ARNOLD

Paul Bowles

Parren Jervell

Gordon Smith

Carl Puckett.

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A POLLEY

N YARWORTH

ANBS ROBERTS.

Jan's Huckle

John Burns

Berry Downing

Simon Roberts.

~~Anthony Roberts.~~

MICKEL ROUSE

John & Mary

Aun Woodbridge

Neil Ammitage

G. McGarr

Markyn Williams

36

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Dancy Trophy 96/97

| | |
|----|-----------------|
| 76 | Gary R |
| 76 | John Barnes |
| 67 | Debbie S |
| 66 | Toby W |
| 40 | Martin W |
| 37 | John Jarvis |
| 31 | Paul Barnard |
| 26 | Pete Lloyd |
| 25 | Malcolm Taylor |
| 21 | Aubery Roberts |
| 20 | Alaslaire Goldy |
| 20 | Mike Thomas |
| 19 | Mike Davis |
| 19 | Alister Scot |
| 19 | Graham Cole |
| 19 | Sadie Jarvis |
| 18 | Daren Jewel |
| 17 | Nigel Light |
| 16 | Ian Humble |
| 16 | Theo |
| 16 | Chris W |
| 15 | Dave Grocott |
| 15 | Simon Roberts |
| 15 | Ian Machenzie |
| 12 | Simon Osbourne |
| 11 | Andy Jarvis |
| 10 | Mark Hamper |

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Treasurers Report for 1997

Mr President, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Another club year has ended and it's once again time to look back and review the year. Taking everything into consideration I think we can be reasonably satisfied.

Looking at the clubs cash balance we have been able to show an increase in the clubs cash balance of £389 thus replacing most of the 1996 deficit of £571. We have also not had to make any large payments for any specific items during the year.

Total membership of the club has this dropped to 164 from 171 in 1996 a loss of seven members. The total number of members deleted this year was 34 much higher than usual due to a particularly strong check up of members, however a total of 22 new subscriptions were received during the year. Total membership of the club is now made up as follows:- Life/Vic Presidents/Honorary members 26, Senior members 72, Family members 65, Junior members 1.

Donation received during the year have more than doubled - Thanks to all those members who made donations during the year.

Income from Open Time Trials & Road Races has shown a marked increase for the six events run. All the events promoted have shown a surplus with the exception of the Gloucester City Road Race (Pot Hunters Road Race) which has not yet taken place.

The Clubroom has shown a marked drop in attendance this year, income was only £18.25. Attendance has dropped to 544 for the year. Last year the surplus was £80 with an attendance of 697.

Last year I mentioned the ever increasing cost of producing the News Letters. This year approximately one third of all letters have been delivered by hand or collected at the clubroom. Despite an increase postage of 5 pence each, the total cost has only risen by £1 for the year. Well done keep it up.

The next issue will be available for collection on 14th. January 1998 the same evening as the BCF/RTTC enrolment etc.

Please come and collect your Newsletter and pay your fees for 1998. The Secretary and I do so enjoy taking all that "lovely money".

I leave you to read the rest of the balance sheet and invite any questions or comments

J L Godley.

Hon. Treasurer.

October 1997.

GLOUCESTER CITY CYCLING CLUB

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST AUGUST 1997

RECEIPTS.

BALANCES AT 31-8-96.

| | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|----------|-----------------|
| Current Account | 1131.29 | Trophies | 6,975.00 |
| Petty Cash | 99.26 | | |
| | <u>1230.55</u> | | <u>6,975.00</u> |

SUBSCRIPTIONS

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| 69 Senior @ 9.00 | 621.00 |
| 20 Family @ 13.00 | 260.00 |
| 1 1-Day @ 1.50 | 1.50 |
| 1 Senior @ 9.00 Advance 1998 | <u>9.00</u> |

DONATIONS To General Account

OPEN TIME TRIALS AND ROAD RACES

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| October 25 Time Trial | 86.30 |
| T.G.Hall 25 Time Trial | 35.93 |
| Open 10 TT Dave Hopkins Memorial | 156.91 |
| Open 10 TT (16 JULY 97) | 22.88 |
| Steve Taylor Memorial R/R | 20.01 |
| Gloucester City R/R | -35.00 |
| Cotswold Cycle League R/R | <u>5.10</u> |

CLUB RACING - All Events -

CLUBROOM

| | |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Subscriptions | 575.75 |
| Less Rent and Expenses | <u>-557.50</u> |

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|--|--------|
| Annual Dinner 1996 (£50.00 Deposit Paid 1995) | 111.15 |
| Contributions Towards Medals | 34.00 |
| Printing | 62.45 |
| Bank Interest | 42.78 |
| Void cheques | 4.00 |
| Clothing Account - (Deposits held) | 22.42 |

Note:- The Secretary is holding Club clothing to the value show:-

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|-------------------------|---------------|
| 10 Sweat shirts @ 10.00 | 100.00 |
| 5 Caps @ 3.50 | <u>17.50</u> |
| | <u>117.50</u> |

PAYMENTS.

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Annual Dinner 1997 - Deposit | 55.00 |
| Special Dinner Supplement 1996 | 105.00 |
| Purchase of Racing Equipment | 7.00 |
| Delegates expenses | 10.00 |
| BCF Development Officer Levy | 20.00 |
| Publicity | <u>5.00</u> |

CLUB AWARDS

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|------------------------|--------|
| Dan Knight Competition | 114.00 |
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TROPHIES & MEDALS

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Engraving Medals & Trophies | 213.20 |
|-----------------------------|--------|

INSURANCE

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Members Third Party | 262.00 |
| Inviters | 15.00 |
| Club Organisers Liability | <u>87.40</u> |
| | 364.40 |

AFFILIATION & SPONSORSHIP FEES

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Affiliation to various bodies | 153.00 |
| Sponsorship Fees RTTC | 30.00 |
| Sponsorship Fees BCF | 40.00 |
| Sponsorship Fees BCCA | <u>40.00</u> |
| | 263.00 |

PRINTING & STATIONARY

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| News Letters -Including Postage | 111.82 |
| Stationary | <u>27.35</u> |
| | 139.17 |

OFFICIALS - POSTAGE & EXPENSES

| | |
|-----------|-------------|
| Secretary | 17.74 |
| Treasurer | <u>2.96</u> |
| | 20.70 |

BALANCES AT 31-8-97

| | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|----------|----------------|
| Current Account | 1534.76 | Trophies | 6975.00 |
| Petty Cash | 84.40 | | |
| | <u>1619.16</u> | | <u>6975.00</u> |
| | | | 8594.16 |

9910.83

9910.63

I have examined this statement and books and vouchers submitted to me and am of the opinion it is a true and correct record of the receipts and payments for the year ending 31st. August 1997.

D.Ponter
Hon. Auditor

J.L.Godley
Hon. Treas.

27/9/97

9/9/97

AGM : GENERAL SECRETARIES REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1996/97

Mr President , Chairman , Ladies and Gentlemen :

This is my second year as General Secretary of this club , and I would like to present my report for the year 1996 / 97. The Secretaries report is difficult to make without stealing the thunder from most of the other retiring officers. So my apologies to them for doing just that!

Once again the Club has seen a full timetable of events to suit all tastes. The touring rides have been well supported , particularly the all-day rides. This has ensured a tight competition for the Dancey Trophy. However the attraction of novice cyclists has been problematical .In the absence of members willing to forgo their Sunday ride or organising a Saturday outing , I can not see a solution to this predicament. Mountain bikers are better catered for with the introduction of 'Off Road Options' where appropriate.

The racing side has had a number of results , though perhaps not as frequent as in previous years. On the organisational side changes included 2 open 10's and running the Steve Taylor and Gloucester Road Race on different dates. Full credit go to the organisers of these events, and the helpers , without whom no event could take place. I would like to see a greater involvement by all members of this club in the promotion of these events. Without such , the club and the sport would be poorer. I feel there is a moral obligation on all members of this club to donate at least a few hours to helping organise activities.

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The year has seen 24 new members , and the total membership base has grown slightly. However the turnover is high , with around 20 not renewing. As in previous years the number of ladies and juniors is not great. Interestingly there appears to be little interest shown from these groups in terms of enquiries. This despite passive advertising in some cycle shops , the Library , and on the Council database of sports/interest groups. Getting the message across is hampered by some cycle shops being unwilling to display or stock information , and the Leisure Centre refusing to assist. Further approaches in this direction may prove fruitful, and links to senior schools is worth considering. This could be achieved by making contact with physical education departments , rather than the time-consuming method of visiting schools and giving talks etc. Consideration should be given to creating a Recruitment Officer as a committee post , if there was a willing volunteer. We must not become complacent , a thought-out and sustained recruitment policy would provide a steady stream of younger members and strengthen the club.

The sponsorship of the club changed , with Town Cars of Churchdown coming in. Our thanks go to Doug Hawkins for his interest and investment , and to John David for introducing him. The introduction of 2 banners advertising the Club and Town Cars provide a professional touch to events. Mitsubishi Motors of Cheltenham ended their long association with us , following the departure of John Ledgard to Head Office. Also Dave Swan Cycles, sponsor for 3 years, was unable to continue. Again , our thanks go to these establishments for their support over the years.

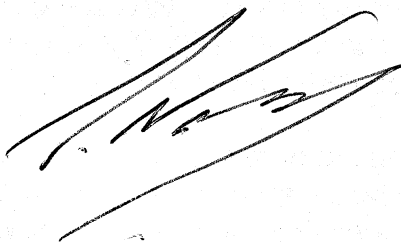
The method of handling the clothing is working well , with individuals paying approximately half the price on the main winter order , the balance coming out of the sponsor money.

The campaigning front has not had a good year , but we continue to be represented at most City and County Cycle Forum meetings as well as the Safer City Forum : thanks go to Alastair Goldie for his efforts here. It is difficult to measure success in this field , and easy to give up - but we must persevere and be heard. Again , letters of complaint from members would be most beneficial.

Activities at the club room have been varied as always , although attendance's were down. It is time to ring the changes here , and item 13 on the agenda concerns this.

In summary , the Club has had a good year and should look to consolidate it's position as the best all-round club in the area providing for all cyclists and those interested in cycling .

Finally , I am willing to stand for this post again , and would be honoured to be serve.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. J. Jones', written in a cursive style.

IMPORTANT - STOP PRESS -

VENUE FOR POTENTIAL NEW CLUB ROOM

The Club has been based at the Longlevens Community Centre for as long as many can remember. From time to time alternative venues have been suggested, but up to now none have been suitable or viable.

However a suitable venue has now been identified in the shape of The OLD RICHIAN'S RUGBY CLUB in Sandyleaze, Longlevens, adjacent to Sir Thomas Rich's school.

This go-ahead sports club is keen to attract other sports clubs to the establishment and the General Committee members attending the meeting on the 2nd September visited the club. Fair to say all were most impressed with the facilities on offer, the atmosphere of the place and the attitude of the club members.

Suffice to say that the General Committee wish the AGM to vote on the matter.

The facilities available include:- Changing rooms; showers; bike parking; car parking; bar with Sky TV; gaming machines; pool table; lounge; skittle alley with slide / video screen (available Sat/Sun); food and playing pitches. Use of the schools swimming pool is also an option.

The club organises numerous events, including live music / comedians etc. on Friday/Saturday nights, raffles, draws, quiz nights, bingo etc. - something for everyone. Our traditional Tuesday evening arrangements can be catered for, since Tuesday is a quiet night for the club.

The only change required will relate to the circuit training - this will need to adapt to the room available and may take the form of more stretching and light exercises without the use of weights. Use of the grounds for running will be an advantage and of course, showers are available.

The cost of all this is only £3 for Senior members, £4 for family members. There are no other charges for use of the club facilities. This compares favourably with the 75 pence charge we have to levy to members attending the current clubroom. If you were to do 20 weeks circuit training and 20 other weeks then the cost to the individual would be £54, including the £9 membership fee.

The General Committee has proposed an increase to subscriptions of £4 - to be discussed at the AGM. This charge would cover the cost of membership to the club - there would be no weekly charge and members can partake of entertainment any night of the week.

You are invited to visit the Club and see the facilities first hand prior to the AGM. The more people who can do so, the better.

Finally, please do your best to attend the AGM and have your say. This is a most important decision and will set the Gloucester City on the right road for expansion over the coming years.

Toby Wooldridge.

General Secretary.

Captains Report

Well attended rides

Some Highlights

Debbies Rides ← Hilly - Rival to Toby.

Touring Weekend knighton. 7 off

Appearance of Ted on 2 club Runs

John B becoming a tourist.

Phil Griffiths on Rides

Alistair Scotts rating system.

Battle for the Dancy Trophy.

Lack of Punctures

Low Points

Debbies Rides.

Demise of Cracombe Farm

Dancy Trophy

Thank Debbie

Gloucester City Cycling Club Club Racing Secretary's Report 1997

1997 was quite an encouraging year in that most time trials were well attended with many riders making their first appearances and seeming to enjoy it. There were no Club records broken this year, despite the Club 10 Championship being held as an open event on U7. The Club 10 Champion is Andy Rolley 21.51, 2nd I Humble 22.35 3rd I Gait 22.50 and Vet Champion G Larsen 23.31 (+2.35). 2153

Because of temporary traffic lights on the Club 25 course at Maisemore, the Club 25 Championship had to be postponed and combined with the October 25. It was run on 5 October and the winner was John Barnes, 2nd Simon Roberts and third Tom Rees.

The Dan Knight Trophy went to Ian Humble with Andy Jarvis taking 2nd place and Darren Jewell 3rd. A total of 14 riders earned points which must be a record in itself.

The 3 Cities was won by Andy Jarvis in a time of ^{336.28} and given a good chase by ~~Darren Suter~~ ^{Steve Hayman} in a time of 339.41.

I mentioned earlier that the Maisemore 25 circuit had temporary traffic lights. These should be removed at the end of October but permanent lights have been installed at the junction of the B4213 Haw Bridge/A38 junction. I believe it will be possible to continue using the course by making the turn with care, just before the traffic lights and adjusting the finish by one metre to cover the shortening of the course.

FINALLY I am pleased to report that the 21 members of the Club who acted as Timekeepers and Assistant timekeepers did a magnificent job and I would like to thank them for taking on these nerve racking duties especially when it rained so much at the beginning of the season.

WILLING TO STAND AGAIN.

GLOUCESTER CITY CYCLING CLUB CLUB COACH'S REPORT 1996/97

We have had a successful season, although not as prolific as in recent years.

Each of the riders competing has had a good year and in many cases their best. For this reason I am satisfied with the level of performance.

I hate mentioning names as someone deserving is always left out, but the highlight of the season had to be Nick Yarworth winning the World Police Championship in the road race and criterium. This combined with Lee Davis' performances in the Premier Calendar races and representation for Great Britain abroad as well as his Division Championship has brought the club to its highest level for many years.

Ian Humble and Andy Jarvis have been plugging away at getting their first category licence with Ian now only two points off the hundred needed and next Sunday's race being his season's last. I think there should be a word about the present points system. Most of the points won by these two have been in races against Elite and First Category riders, and indeed had they both started the season as Elites the points they have gained in those races alone would have made them both respectable Elite riders. To have to gain 100 points to move up from Second Category is in my view too severe.

I am not going to mention anyone else apart from Simon Hawkins who was second in the Division Schoolboy Championship, for I believe that here lies the club's future problem. The fact is that he is the only teenager the club has got, and when I said earlier that the club has not been as prolific this is mostly because we do not have lots of younger riders getting results in the lower category events. The club really has to do something over the next few seasons to build up the base membership again. We can get them to a level where they will get results but not if there is no one there. This is a problem facing the whole club and we must rise to this challenge as we always have done in the past.

As far as the training is concerned both the winter Sunday rides and the Tuesday sessions have been as well supported as in other years and this also goes for the Gym training. All these will be on again starting next week, although a new clubroom will need a slight change in format for the gym work.

Finally Nick has finished his course to become a qualified coach and it would be to our advantage if others would come forward to get qualified.

Graham Cole

GLOUCESTER CITY CYCLING CLUB PRESS SECRETARY'S REPORT : 1996/97

Through the year I have had seventeen reports published by The Citizen, all but one of them being accompanied by a photograph.

Despite initial reservations about the attitude of the Citizen to cycling I have in fact found the Sport's Editor, Mark Lawrence, very receptive, but everything has to be handed to them on a plate. If they are required to follow a story up or chase people for further information they simply will not do it and the story will not be published. As long as they are given a full report of approximately the right length with a photograph attached and captioned there is no problem. Only one of my reports was cut and that was when I tried to push the limit too far.

In fact my greatest problem has been at the club end. Apart from a few members, no one else ever rings me to give me results, and usually I have been left to gather hearsay information on a Tuesday evening at the training, when I am on the bike with no pen or paper at hand.

In the early part of the season the club was quite active on the racing side and the number of reports reflected this and my own enthusiasm. Later on the number of people racing fell off drastically, and this, coupled with the fact that I was not being given information resulted in very few reports towards the end.

I will not be offering to do the Press Secretary's job for next year, but I can assure anyone who takes it on that all they need to do is ensure that racing members regularly contact them with detailed results and then put a 150 word report in by Thursday lunchtime and they will get the club good coverage. It would probably be best for someone who races regularly or someone in regular social contact with the racing members as I fear that relying upon people to ring specifically with results does not seem to work.

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