

Colworth Striders Annual General Meeting 2015

**Bedford Arms, Souldrop
Tuesday 3rd February 2015**

MINUTES

Present:

Mark Tinkler: Chairman
Trev Cook: Secretary
Tony Dadd: Treasurer
Richard Piron: President
Allan Davies: Vice President

Neil Loader, Andy Hoddle, Sam Windebank, David Sheffield, Andrew Evans, Willie Young, Giles Rigarlsford, David Cox, Helen Woolley, Richard Beard, Moira Ledbetter, Rob Aston.

Most of whom were wearing external pants.

Apologies:

Kees van-Malssen, Bill Singleton, Alan Wooten, Mike Statham, Emma Keller, Stuart Trevallion

Minutes of the 2014 AGM

These were accepted as a true record of the meeting with one comment made that Helen Woolley was sure she had sent her apologies.

Chairman's Address

Thank you all for attending this AGM

I have to start this AGM on a very sad note. We have just heard of the death of Peter Chamberlain an old time Colworth Strider who he use to run and support our events - ever friendly - ever helpful.

A sad loss....his funeral is Thursday 12th February 11am at St Mary's Goldington which I several of the Ancients will attend.

He gave me all his unused pipe cleaners when he found out I needed some and he'd just given up smoking his pipe - they arrived in a tatty old paper bag

with a price label attached - saying 'One Pint' - which I thought was very generous - until he later told me this meant one pint per pipe cleaner. We ran all our main events: Cross Country Race, Colworth Mile, Colworth 5 Relay, Colworth 8, Cross Country. Thanks to Trev for running (not literally) all this and our monthly 1st Tuesday Time Trial Handicapand yourselves for participating.

We entered a Colworth Striders Relay Teams in the Thunder 24 hour race - sadly we didn't manage to get in this year despite a heroic attempt in the middle of the night

We again sent a squad of 2 to the Rotterdam Marathon in April and had usual the fantastic hospitality from our Dutch colleagues. But we are a bit depleted yet again in this year's trip - Four Ancients and Emma

Our new kit - thanks to Dave Sheffield - saw its first international outing at the Amsterdam Marathon in October as modelled by Stuart Trevallion.

The 13th edition of the Colworth Marathon Challenge Weekend was yet again exceptionally well organized and attended. Thanks to you all for making the weekend the success that it's become and we look forward to your support in making it a fantastic success this June. The amount we raised and given to charity over the Weekend is still amazing. I have heard some positive comments though out the year - although the most worrying was about the beer which someone remembers starting and that's all they remember about the whole weekend.

And of course if you find you're not getting enough of running around the Colworth Estate there's always Andy Hoddle and his Hare and Tortoise

Mark Tinkler Chairman Colworth Striders

Marathon Challenge Report.

Included in the Chairman's address.

Treasurer's Report.

All in good shape. We have about £2,000 in hand.

Accounts are available to view on the [Str1ders Website](#) (pity they were not available to view at the meeting as the Timelord forgot to bring them).

Cransley Hospice had not cashed the donation cheque sent to them after the MCW. Neil was asked if he would like to make enquiries.

We are in the process of moving the account from Nat West to TSB.

By unanimous agreement, the accounts were adopted.

Election of Officers.

The Committee to remain as it is. Proposed by Neil Loader and seconded by Willie Young. This was unanimously agreed despite pleas for a new treasurer to come forward. (That was the existing treasurer doing the pleading, not the members of the club.)

2015 Events

- Rotterdam Marathon (12th April)
- London Marathon (26th April)
- Bannister Mile (6th May)
- Colworth Hare & Tortoise Marathons (7th June and 29th November)
- Colworth 5 Relay (10th June)
- MCW (19th to 21st June) – to be confirmed
- [Lake District Ultra](#) (27th June)
- Colworth Mile (27th October)
- Spitfire Scramble 24Hr (15th and 16th August)
- Chip Butty Run (15th December) – date to be confirmed
- Cross Country Race (26th January 2016)

Club Awards

Club Champion: Calculated by our one and only Time Lord, Trev Cook, from all sorts of events that Str1ders participate in over the year, excludes recent winners.

The 2014 Club Champion is Moira Ledbetter

Str1ders Str1der of the Year – Nominations are:

- Neil Loader
 - for organising the Colworth 5 and Marathon Challenge Weekend – and coming back to do the same again this year!
- Stuart Trevallion
 - for winning the Stanwick Lakes 5k Santa Run ... in a morph suit. (photo attached)
- Andrew Evans
 - For the UTMB (UltraTrail Mont Blanc) – enough said
 - for the Mont Blanc ultra and the events he's set up e.g. Banister mile and night cake run.
 - for not only completing the Mont Blanc Ultra but doing it in a ridiculously good time.

- Cheryl White
 - for the enthusiasm and energy she brought to the MCW 2014 that kept everyone else motivated. For the hours she stood by the DICE machine raising money and then topping it up with Colworth charity funding
 - for providing all the (free) ice cream at the Marathon Challenge weekend.
- Willie Young
 - Stepping in to help Mark lay out courses at the MCW 2014 on top of all the other grunt work he did. Unsung and often unseen but without who the event would not run so smoothly.
 - for being really good at encouraging others before races.
- Helen Woolley
 - for organising the Striders Thunder Run Team while in Thailand.
- Moira Ledbetter
 - for marshalling for over 5 hours in the rain at the Hare and Tortoise.
- Andy Hoddle
 - for organising the Hare and Tortoise Marathon and then offering to do all the runners washing up.
- David Sheffield
 - for just everything he does.

- Winner is: **Andrew Evans**

The Alan Wooten Frisbee Award – Nominations are:

- Andy Hoddle
 - anyone whose training schedule is to run a marathon virtually every weekend deserves a Frisbee award!
- The collective of Str1der marathon runners
 - for failing to show up in decent numbers at the Rotterdam Marathon, leaving no challenge for the Dutch Runners to get the Trophy.
- Mark Tinkler
 - for having a 20 min conversation about badger sets with a Marshall, waiting for Helen Woolley to catch him up in the Shakespeare half marathon before he realised she was in front of him...
- Richard Piron
 - for entering the Saunders 2 day mountain marathon in July with his son Simon and immediately on the first day getting disqualified by going to the wrong first checkpoint! (Or was it stupidity on Simon's part agreeing to accompany his Dad?)
- Giles Rigarlsford
 - for cross-dressing and wearing Willie's pants for running. Cross-dressing cross-country runner causes cross-Scotsman.
 - pantsgate
- Emma Keller
 - For persuading Mark Tinkler (who then roped in Neil Loader and Stuart Trevallion) to pace her to a sub-4 marathon in Stratford Shakespeare Marathon, only to forget about a wedding she was going to the night before and so crying off at 2am on race day (hangover)
- Tony Dadd

- for his criticism of Dave's sticking out label while the entire time having his own shirt on inside out.
- Todd Gouin
 - for missing the start of the London Marathon by 30 minutes because he decided to take the coach (which broke down), then the train (which was cancelled).
- Sam Windebank
 - for getting injured while giving her dog a haircut.
- Dave Sheffield
 - for being distracted by a rabbit and running into a tree.

- Winner is: **Mark Tinkler**

It was then revealed that the reason Giles had not won the Frisbee award was that his pant-sharing activities was deemed to merit a special award – a specially commissioned pair to commemorate the event.

AOB

1. David Sheffield still has some pre-ordered club kit (Neil) which he will sell off if not collected soon.
2. Happy birthday to Helen. It's got a 0 on the end but we are too polite to say.
3. Willie was voted to have the best pants, which he had bought specially for the occasion.

There being no other business, the meeting closed for the annual race to the chips and sandwiches.