

32nd AGM of the LEOMINSTER CLASSIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB
To be held at 3:00pm, Saturday 30th September 2023 at The Barons Cross Inn.

AGENDA (Please bring this agenda with you to the meeting).

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Approval of the minutes of the 2022 AGM.
3. To receive the 2022-23 Activity Report.
4. Approval of accounts (to year ending 31st August 2023).
5. Receive the charity status report.
6. Election of Officers (see below).
7. Agree the subscription for 2024.
The Committee recommends:
 - a. That the full member rate be raised by £2 to £15pa to reflect inflation and increasing costs; this will be the first rise in over ten years.
 - b. The family member rate be reduced by £1 to £5pa to encourage greater participation by younger family members.
 - c. The subscription for new members joining on or after 1st July remain at £10pa (half-year rate).
 - d. The 'Special New Member Offer' to remain at £10 for events in the first half of the year as deemed appropriate by the Committee (eg A2M, Golden Valley etc).
8. Agree the full cost recovery for printing and distributing the Newsletter. (This effectively means that online copies remain free to download whereas hard copies attract a mandatory fee not exceeding cost of printing and posting as appropriate).
9. Receive an outline event list for the coming year.
10. Any other Business & Questions from the floor,

Members unable to attend the AGM are welcome to send their thoughts to admin@lcmcc.uk to ensure they are represented.

3. Election of Officers

The AGM provides an opportunity for members to have a say in the way the club is run and to elect those people whom they feel best represent their views. Anyone with an interest in any of the positions may put themselves forward at any time; the officers are elected at the AGM the other roles are committee appointments (post holders need not be on committee).

Officer	Postholder 2023	Expressing interest
Chairman	Dave Peake	John Collins
Secretary	Andrew Pantland	Keith Wheeler
Treasurer	Mike England	Mike England
Committee		
Membership Sec	Phil Hingert	Phil Hingert
Events Co-ord	Sue Moore	Sue Moore
Social Secretary	Vacant	Nominations sought
Newsletter Editor	John Collins	Nominations sought
MAG contact	Sue Moore	Sue Moore
Facebook Admin	Andy Williams	Andy Williams
Website Admin	Steve Hackett	Steve Hackett
Speaker Co-ord	Vacant	Nominations sought
Archives	Mike Davies	Mike Davies
Mid-Week meets	Dave Therin & Ruth Caldicott	Dave Therin & Ruth Caldicott
Member	Mark Jenkins	Mark Jenkins
Member	Mike James	Nominations sought

LCMCC activity report for 2022-2023

Member stats at 31st August 2023

Member distribution		Payment method		Newsletter		Membership	
Avon	0	Cash	32	Download	81	Full	104
Gloucestershire	4	Cheque	27	Post	41	Family	15
Herefordshire	98	Paypal	64	Shared	12	Honorary	2
Powys	4	BACS	4			Committee	13
Shropshire	5	Honorary	2				
Somerset	1	Committee	5				
Worcestershire	22						
	<u>134</u>		<u>134</u>		<u>134</u>		<u>134</u>

Notes:

1. committee members are entitled to free membership but some choose to pay
2. some members opt for download as well as post

Events held:

Events	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total
Club nights	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
Meets	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	2	3	30
AGM	1												1
Runs	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	0	1	2	2	16
Shows									1				1
													<u>60</u>

Notes:

1. Club nights were held at Dom's (1); The Moon (3); Barons Cross (8)
2. External shows attended (eg Golden Valley Country Fayre) not shown
3. Committee meetings were held monthly both face to face (6) and online (6)
4. Free or subsidised food/drink was provided at three of the meets

Review of the year

The major issue during the past year was the securing of a permanent base for club nights. Dom's was favoured during summer months to capitalise on better weather and long evenings, followed by a shift to The Moon, Mordiford which found favour with some and not with others who felt the location awkward and/or the beer expensive. The Barons Cross was a great risk as the pub was clearly not profitable and likely to succumb at any moment. However, the pub is still hanging on and has proven a good and welcoming venue much liked by members. It is hoped to continue with this arrangement through next year.

The Ancient to Modern Show (in its 9th year) saw a shift to Gerry Doverman's. The thinking was to piggy-back on the relationship MOBO had established at the venue and to utilise their arrangements for food and drink vendors so that minimal organisational effort (and expense) were required. As with most plans it didn't quite work out as expected as there was still a huge amount of work required to pull it off. On the day we were overwhelmed with over 500 bikes, having expected 200 or so, which stretched the food/drink vendors' capabilities and the customers' wallets; having said that, the event was a resounding success in social terms.

The calendar had included an Open Night in July which had gone extremely well the previous year at Dom's. However, acute staffing issues precluded holding the event there this year; the Barons Cross was possible but costly and then, to cap it all, the C7 Bromyard monthly bike meets, which were proving very popular, clashed with the date and, as time was marching on, it was decided to abandon the event for this year and to look at holding it again at some point during the coming year.

Like many organisations, the club has been hit by inflation and rising costs and will return a loss this year. Fortunately, there is a good buffer which can absorb this in the short term but it will be necessary to make savings in some areas and to raise income so that a sustainable budget will enable more and better events to be planned.

See the accounts, and rationale behind the proposed changes that you will be asked to support at the AGM.

LCMCC Financial Summary to year ending 31st Aug 2023

		2023		2022
Bank Balances				
Deposit				
Current	TSB	4000.57		4334.63
Petty cash		33.85		23.85
		4034.42		4358.48
Income summary				
Membership		1437.88		1497.87
Raffles		10.00		0.00
Sales		192.00	stamps	0.00
Shows		100.00		0.00
Charity		787.00		100.00
Other		10.00		5.00
		2536.88		1602.87
Expenses summary				
Shows etc	Prescott	0.00		0.00
	A to M Show	310.00		0.00
	Open Night	0.00		0.00
Clubnights	speakers	0.00		30.00
	food etc	296.30		75.00
Newsletter	printing	59.78		23.49
	postage	328.22		227.60
MAG	subs	200.00		
	insurance	372.82		366.49
Website		24.00		24.00
Sundries		269.82		190.40
Petty Cash		0.00		0.00
Charities (see below)		1000.00		100.00
		2860.94		1036.98
Charitable Contributions	MNDA	1000.00	macmillan	100.00
opening balance		4358.48		3792.59
income over expenditure		-324.06		565.89
interest				
		4034.42		4358.48

Notes

1. Newsletter postage cost £328.22 with £192 received in donations
2. MAG was paid late in 2022, hence two payments fell into 2023
3. A2M show cost £210 after sponsorship
4. Charity amount comprised £787 from raffle, sponsors & sales; club donated £213
5. Sundries comprised £120 competition vouchers, £60 club stickers, the rest stationery.

LCMCC Proposals for change 2023-24

The club recorded a small loss for the year which, coupled with inflationary pressures and rising costs, dictates that efforts be made to return to a positive, sustainable budget to enable quality events and activities to be provided for members.

The savings detailed below should be sufficient to move to a break-even budget which is the minimum required to achieve financial security in the short term. However, the aim is to strengthen and expand the benefits to members and this requires further investment.

Proposed changes to member subscription

1. It is proposed to increase the member subscription by £2 from £13 to £15
2. it is further proposed to reduce the family member subscription by £1 from £6 to £5
3. The subscription for new members joining on or after 1st July to remain at £10pa (half-year rate).
4. The 'Special New Member Offer' to remain at £10 for events in the first half of the year as deemed appropriate by the Committee (eg A2M, Golden Valley etc).

Proposed savings

1. Discontinue membership cards – these have little practical value beyond a sense of 'belonging' to a club. The printing cost is small but nevertheless, unnecessary. The postage cost is about £75pa
2. Welcome letters to new members, previously posted along with the membership cards, would be distributed with their first newsletter, if receiving this via mail; or, if joining online, by email.
3. Currently, postage costs of the newsletter are borne by the club minus any voluntary payments made by members. Regrettably there is a significant shortfall which reduces the funds available to put towards events. It is proposed to move from voluntary contributions to mandatory payments which will be set to recover all or the majority of the cost of producing and posting the newsletter (over £10 per subscriber per year). This would only be levied on those receiving printed copies; those members opting for electronic download would continue to receive it free of charge.

Charity status report

The chosen charity, The Motor Neurone Disease Association, was presented with a cheque for £1000 comprised of monies raised by individuals; the Ancient to Modern Show raffle, and rounded up to the total by a club contribution.

Leominster Classic Motorcycle Club.

Minutes of the 30th AGM held on Saturday 10th September, 2022 at 15h00 at Dom's Bike Stop.

The meeting was chaired by Steve Hackett in the absence of Dave Peake. Steve welcomed all to the meeting.

Attendance: 21 club members present as per the attendance register.

Apologies: Dave Peake, Sue Moore, Roger Brooks, Olwen Cissell.

Minutes of the previous AGM. (25th September, 2021) The minutes of this meeting, having previously been made available to all club members via the club website, were taken as read and accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Approval of Accounts: (For year ending 31st August, 2022.)

The accounts were tabled at the meeting by Mike England.

The 2022 year-end balance of £4358-48 is somewhat higher than the previous (2021) year-end balance of £3792-59 for the following reasons:-

- 1 No contribution has, as yet, been made to **MAG**.
- 2 The cheque for £100-00 which was given to the Bush Inn to give to Macmillan Cancer Support has not been cashed.
- 3 There have been no speaker's fees this past year.
- 4 Printing costs need to be updated.

The accounts were accepted by the meeting.

Chairman's Report:

The Chairman's Report, which was published and circulated in the club's September newsletter, was taken as read and accepted.

Election of Officers:

Chris Moore proposed that the list of suggested office bearers and committee members as per the agenda be accepted en bloc. This was seconded by Mike Davies (Bigfoot). This was agreed unanimously by the meeting. The list is as follows:-

Officer

President	Mike Davies (Bigfoot).	Secretary	Andrew Pantland
Chairman	Dave Peake	Treasurer	Mike England

Committee

Membership Secretary	Roger Brooks	Events' Co-ordinator	Sue Moore
Social Secretary	Vacant	Newsletter Editor	John Collins
MAG Contact	Sue Moore	Speaker Co-ordinator	Vacant
Website Admin	Steve Hackett	Facebook Admin	Andy Williams
Archives	Mike Davies	Mid-Week Meets	Dave Therin and Ruth Caldicott
Member	Mark Jenkins	Member	Mike James

The meeting noted that Sabine Ray has stood down as Newsletter Editor and John Collins has been appointed editor in her place. This was accepted by the meeting which also expressed its thanks to Sabine for the years she served as editor.

Venue for Club Activities: It was agreed that we meet at Dom's for our club nights in the lighter evenings of the summer months (March – September) and at The Moon in the darker evenings of the winter months (October – February).

Subscriptions for 2023:

The meeting accepted the recommendation that the subscription for 2023 remain the same at £13-00 plus a voluntary contribution of £7-00 or a book of 12 stamps for those who receive the newsletter by post and that those who join on or after 1st July pay a subscription of £10-00.

As the club has had no meals for the last 3 years it was proposed that a meal be held at the Malvern Motorcycle Club in October to which Facebook Group members would be invited at no cost in order to encourage them to become full club members. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to limit the meal to members only and that Facebook friends be invited to come on condition they become full club members. This will take place on 22nd October, 2022 at the Malvern Motorcycle Club, The Link, Malvern, WR14 1UQ.

Charity Status:

The cheque of £100-00 given to The Bush Inn to give to Macmillan Cancer Support in memory of Chris was never banked. As the cheque would by now have gone stale it was agreed to reissue the cheque for £100-00.

It was agreed that our charity for next year be the Motor Neuron Disease Association in recognition of the support they gave Ed and Sheila Whittingham during Ed's final illness.

Any Other Business:

It was agreed to cancel the Boxing Day meet and meal at The Bell, Aymestrey.

John Collins appealed for contributions from club members for the newsletter. He is willing to help members write articles for the newsletter. He suggested we include contact details for new members and invite members to submit personal profiles.

Closure:

There being no further business the meeting closed at 16h05. Duration: 65 minutes.

Signed: Chairman:.....Secretary:.....Date:.....