

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

**An early start for everyone, crawling out of bed before the birds, to start packing and preparing breakfast supplied by the Team Police. This was to provide a typical athletic nutritionally enriched diet consisting of bacon and egg sarnies accompanied by tea and orange juice. After a lot of humping, thrusting and heavy breathing the cars were finally packed and the team was on its way. The drive down to Poole was fairly uneventful however Charlie decided to take a detour around Poole harbour unintentionally and Mary was seen running to the car with toilet tissue still attached to the sole of her shoe. After finally boarding the ferry, Gary and Tim could only muster first class seats for the team, accompanied by free refreshments. The team had no choice but to rough it.**

**The drive to the Peninsula Hotel was fairly well navigated and only got misled on one occasion. After arriving at the hotel we found the pool! And it was warm! So after dumping the bags in the room the team soon found their way to the bar! Our plans of drinking by the pool were thwarted by not being allowed to drink from glass vessels. This news brought tears to the eyes of a few of the team members but was soon solved by the bar wench who suggested we could use plastic glasses. Life was great once again. So, with the great weather, beer and the pool this made an excellent distress for the journey.**

**So how could we top this flawless atmosphere. Easy, add curry! A fabulous Curry house, The No 44 of the high street, offering a great variety of Indian cuisine. Children welcome. Sorry I was asked to plug it. The food and atmosphere were great and everyone appeared to have a stress free time and thoroughly indulged in the food and beer. Everyone admired and was spellbound by the fabulous tour brochure which arrived during the evening.**

**After the food it was time to let our hair down and enjoy a pint of the black stuff at an Irish bar. Followed by attempts of some dancing in a small nightclub where drinking games and puzzles kept everyone amused.**

**Scribe of the day: Stuart Young and Simon Shouler**