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Absolute Shower

Liam's Guide to Life *results not guaranteed*



1956 - 2025

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Liam Ivers (1956-2025) was a man of considerable talents, most of which he mastered with enthusiasm and applied with entrepreneurial flair. Over the course of his remarkably varied life, he managed to accumulate more successful career pivots than most people have job interviews, speak enough languages to charm locals from Spain to Italy, and build most of an airplane (the important bits, anyway).

Born with an entrepreneurial spirit and genuine skill to back it up, Liam carved out successes ranging from skilled carpenter to tech pioneer, with memorable and profitable stops as an art dealer, property investor, and yes, even a beanie baby mogul during the craze. His motto seemed to be: "Why master one thing when you can excel at twenty?"

When not conquering whatever industry had captured his imagination, Liam could be found reading voraciously, perfecting his legendary accuracy with bow and rifle, camping in Cornwall or enjoying the finer things in life - preferably with a good wine in hand and Teresa by his side. As the eldest of six siblings and devoted husband for 50 years, he understood that success meant providing for and encouraging those you love.

A champion of the next generation, Liam delighted in his seven grandchildren and believed firmly in nurturing everyone's artistic and entrepreneurial spirit. He owned a house in Spain, fell in love with Italy, and could make anyone feel welcome in their own language.

He leaves behind a legacy of laughter, encouragement, and the firm belief that life is too short to drink bad wine, eat boring cheese, or limit yourself to just one interesting career.

This guide represents the collected wisdom of a man who lived fully, loved deeply, and never met a new opportunity he couldn't master.







Why Not Try...

Career Advice from Someone Who Had 20+ Jobs

Feeling stuck in your current profession? Looking for inspiration? Liam's career trajectory proves that there's no such thing as a "traditional" path to success. Here's his complete professional portfolio - proof that adaptability, enthusiasm, and a willingness to try absolutely anything can take you places you never imagined.

The Liam Method of Career Development

Start with your hands: Joiner/Carpenter/Chippie/Shop Fitter (he always changed the descriptor)

- Master a practical skill first - you can always fall back on making things

Spot the future: Inventor of 'Computer Classified' (a precursor to eBay in the 80s)

- Sometimes being 20 years ahead of everyone else just means you're early

Feed the masses: Scrumdiddlyumptious catering company

- Because the people deserve Teresa's Scotch Eggs

Make things beautiful: Picture Framer → Art Dealer (Gallery)

- From protecting art to selling it - vertical integration at its finest

Diversify your portfolio: Furniture Sales → Candle Sales → The Gift Card Company

- Why limit yourself to one product when you can sell everything?

Embrace the bizarre: Executive Metal (a barrow selling fun executive toys)

- If people want novelty desk accessories, give them novelty desk accessories

Ride the waves: Selling TY Beanie Babies

- Sometimes the market comes to you in small, stuffed animal form

Fix what's broken: Chips Away Franchisee

- There's always money in making things look new again

Think big: Property Tycoon

- Property: because everyone needs somewhere to live

One fine day, in the middle of the night, two dead men got up to fight, back-to-back they faced each other, drew their swords and shot each other...

Stickers, stickers slay snakes, Maves through the grass, not a sound does it make. Skills! There's a tiger in that tree, and it's looking right at me...





50+ Years with Teresa: A Love Story

From prams to church discos, Beanie Babies to Beer - the remarkable journey of two souls who found each other early and held on tight

Chapter 1: The Beginning

Two babies in prams - destiny arranging an introduction

Sixteen at the church disco - when fate decided to make it official

Eighteen and married - because when you know, you know

Finsbury Park flat - dilapidated but full of dreams
"Hello, Beanie Teresa" - and so it began



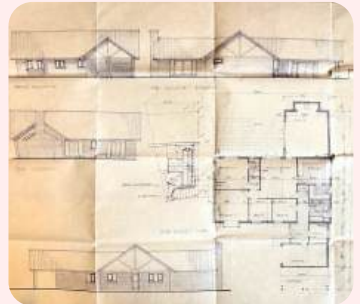
Chapter 2: Building a Life

Joelene arrives - making them three

Chantelle follows - the family grows

Milton Keynes beckons - Nicholas Mead and new beginnings - a house they built

Water Stratford calling - The Old Post Office becomes home
Two eldest children of large families, understanding responsibility and love



Chapter 3: Adventures in Parenthood

Turkey holiday - with Teresa expecting

Shane arrives - the family complete

Dad frames pictures - Mum juggles odd jobs

The plane takes shape - in the garden, half-finished dreams

Art gallery days - cottage life with culture
"Squidglimptus, what do you think?" - partnership in everything



Chapter 4: The Business Years

Westbury Mill, Stoney Stratford - gallery on the move

Finmere - new house, new chapter

The Teddy Chest - Teresa's barrow of bears

Gift Cards and Executive Metal - Liam's entrepreneurial spirit

Beanie Baby bonanza - funding the dream house

Daughters fly the nest - shedding a tear

Two Irish hearts beating as one, building something together



Chapter 5: Grandparents at Last
Twin nieces arrive - Manny and Grandad at last
Millennium house - Buckingham beauty
Venice for their 30th - romance in the city of bridges
Spain and Italy calling - even owning their own piece of paradise
Six grandchildren later, their legacy growing

Chapter 6: The Golden Years

Shane to university - pride bursting from Liam's chest

Buckingham flat - downsizing but not the love

Charlotte arrives - lucky number seven

Camping - Beer, St Mawes, Lyme Regis
- where the heart felt most at home

Good food, fine wine, and Teresa's gentle care



Chapter 7: Till Death Do Us Part

The accessible bungalow - love adapting to new needs

Fifty years achieved - a golden anniversary

Then he popped his clogs - just as he always said he would

He left as he lived - on his own terms, surrounded by the love he'd spent over fifty years building

What Made It Work

- **Shared heritage** - two Irish eldest children who understood family
- **Complementary spirits** - his wild dreams, her steady care
- **Adventure together** - from Turkey to Venice to Spanish sunshine
- **Building dreams** - houses, businesses, planes, and children
- **Pet names and inside jokes** - "Beanie Teresa" and "Squidglimptus"
- **Growing old together** - through camping trips and quiet moments



Some people spend their whole lives looking for their person. Liam and Teresa found each other at sixteen and never let go.

Lesson learned: True love isn't about finding someone perfect - it's about finding someone perfectly willing to build an imperfect, beautiful life together.



Films That Won't Bore You to Death

Life's too short for terrible movies, and Liam had strong opinions about what was worth your time. Here's his carefully curated list of films that actually deserve the two hours of your life they're asking for. These films all share something in common: they trust their audience to be intelligent. Just like Liam did.



Fargo - *"Kinda funny lookin'."* Proof that crime doesn't pay, but it can be darkly hilarious



Pulp Fiction - *"I love you too, Honey Bunny."* When dialogue matters more than explosions



The Amazing Mr Blunden - *"A beautiful job, beautifully done."* A proper ghost story that doesn't rely on cheap scares



Random Harvest - *"Nearly isn't enough for a lifetime."* Because sometimes you need a good cry and Ronald Colman



It's a Wonderful Life - *"Every time a bell rings an angel gets his wings."* The ultimate reminder that every life touches others



My Cousin Vinny - *"Excuse me, I think a modicum of gratitude would not be out of line here."* Legal comedy done right, with actual wit



Trading Places - *"Five dollars. Maybe I'll go to the movies... by myself."* Social commentary disguised as comedy (the best kind)



Planes, Trains and Automobiles - *"Those aren't pillows!"* Travel chaos that makes your worst journey look pleasant



Sexy Beast - *"I'm 'avin the calamari"* British crime drama with actual substance



My Fair Lady - *"Oh, wouldn't it be lovely?"* Because Audrey Hepburn and proper pronunciation matter



The Godfather - *"And may their first child be a masculine child."* Family values, Italian style



Cool Runnings - *"Your bones will not break in a bobsled, No no. They shatter."* Proof that the best underdog stories come from the most unlikely places

Lesson learned: A good film, like a good friend, gets better every time you revisit it.

Oh the post, post, traveling life, the traveling life for me, Post out, starboard come, post with a capital P-O-S-T, post!

Old King Cole was a merry old soul, and a merry old soul was he. He called for a fiddler in the middle of the night to go to the lavatory...





Books Worth Reading

A well-read person is never truly alone - they've got thousands of characters for company. Liam devoured books like other people devoured biscuits, and his shelves were filled with stories that actually had something to say. These are the books that shaped his thinking and are guaranteed not to put you to sleep.



Lord of the Rings - *"All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us."* Epic fantasy that proves good writing never goes out of style



Pet Sematary - *"Sometimes dead is better."* Stephen King at his most unsettling (and that's saying something)



1984 - *"Big Brother is watching you."* More relevant every year, unfortunately



A Prayer for Owen Meany - *"I am doomed to remember a boy with a wrecked voice."* John Irving's masterpiece about faith and friendship



The Godfather - *"A man who doesn't spend time with his family can never be a real man."* The book that started it all



I, Claudius - *"Let all the poisons that lurk in the mud hatch out."* Roman politics make modern scandals look tame



The Magus - *"Being honest may not get you many friends, but it'll always get you the right ones."* John Fowles' mind-bending mystery



The Crystal Cave Series - *"The future is not some place we are going, but one we are creating."* Mary Stewart's Arthurian legends with actual depth



Hannibal - *"Memory, Agent Starling, is what I have instead of a view."* Thomas Harris knows how to write a proper villain



Enigma - *"The past is a country from which we emigrated."* Robert Harris brings history to life



Private Eye Annuals - *"Trebles all round!"* Because sometimes you need humor with your current affairs



Cosmos - *"We are a way for the cosmos to know itself."* Carl Sagan makes science poetry



Eon - *"The future is not fixed."* Greg Bear's hard science fiction that makes you think



Birdsong - *"Perhaps after all we are meant to be solitary creatures."* Sebastian Faulks' WWI masterpiece that understands human resilience

Lesson learned: A good book is like a good conversation - it changes how you see the world.

Why did Lieutenant Uhura leave Star Trek? Because William Shatner...

I was Christmas day in the workhouse, the snow was falling fast, I don't want your Christmas pudding...





Music for People With Actual Taste

Good music, like good friends, never goes out of style. Liam's record collection was carefully curated over decades, representing the best of what happens when talent meets ambition. These albums prove that real artistry stands the test of time, regardless of genre or decade.



Meddle - "And through the window in the wall, Come streaming in on sunlight wings, A million bright ambassadors of morning." Pink Floyd before they became a concept, when they were just brilliant



Tenement Symphony - "We close our eyes and drift away." Marc Almond's orchestral pop masterpiece



Ziggy Stardust - "Five years! That's all we got!" Bowie at his most theatrical and influential



Physical Graffiti - "In the light you will find the road." Led Zeppelin's double album that proved more can be better



Transformer - "Take a walk on the wild side." Lou Reed's glam rock transformation



Dark Side of the Moon - "And you run and you run to catch up with the sun." The album that defined progressive rock



Small World, Big Band - "I got a hand but my hand has changed its mind." Jazz that swings with confidence and sophistication



Machine Head - "All right, hold tight, I'm a highway star!" Deep Purple's hard rock masterpiece with the most famous riff ever written



Sticky Fingers - "Brown sugar, how come you taste so good?" The Rolling Stones at their rebellious, blues-rock finest



Animals - "Hey you Whitehouse! Haha, charade you are" Pink Floyd's darkest, most political masterpiece

Liam's top tip: Choose live recordings whenever possible. The atmosphere is genuine, the musicianship more adventurous, and you get to experience the magic of being there.

All these and more can be listened to on the playlist prepared for your listening pleasure.

Warning: may contain an alarming amount of Pink Floyd.



Lesson learned: The best music doesn't just fill the silence - it gives meaning to the noise.

I'll never forget the smell of the sweat from under her armpit! Remember the night we fell in the shower without any clothes on? Magic Moments...

Yes yes. We'll be in contact in a moment 't call us we'll call you...



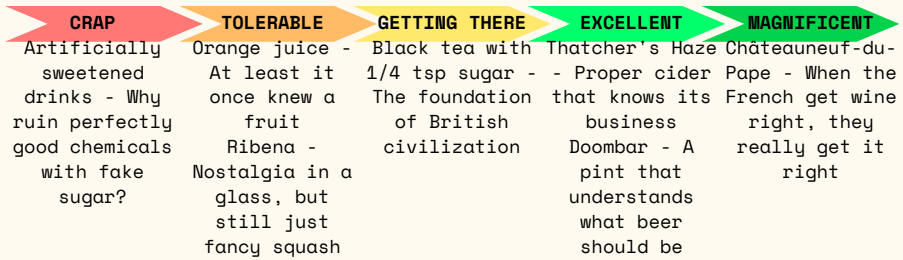
A Guide to Proper Eating & Drinking (From Crap to Magnificent)

Water? In my mouth? Dirty bastards...

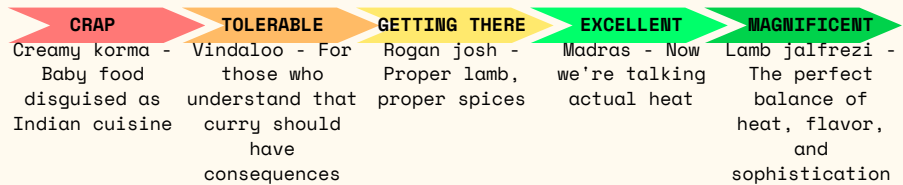
Eggs and Bacon? No! Bacon and eggs!

Life's too short for bad food and terrible drinks. Liam had strong opinions about what was worth putting in your body, and he wasn't shy about sharing them. Here's his definitive spectrum of sustenance, from the regrettable to the sublime.

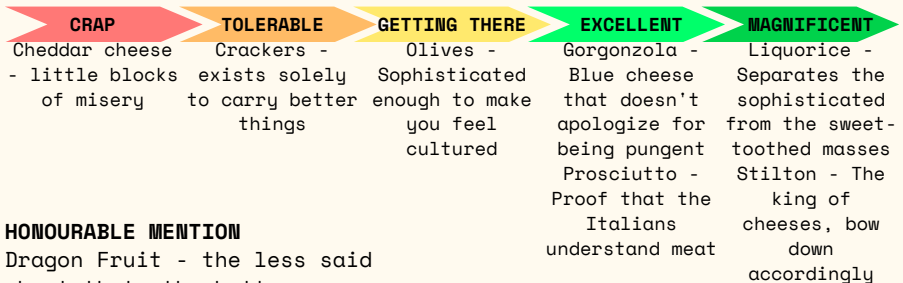
THE DRINK SPECTRUM



THE CURRY SPECTRUM



THE SNACK SPECTRUM



HONOURABLE MENTION

Dragon Fruit - the less said about that, the better...

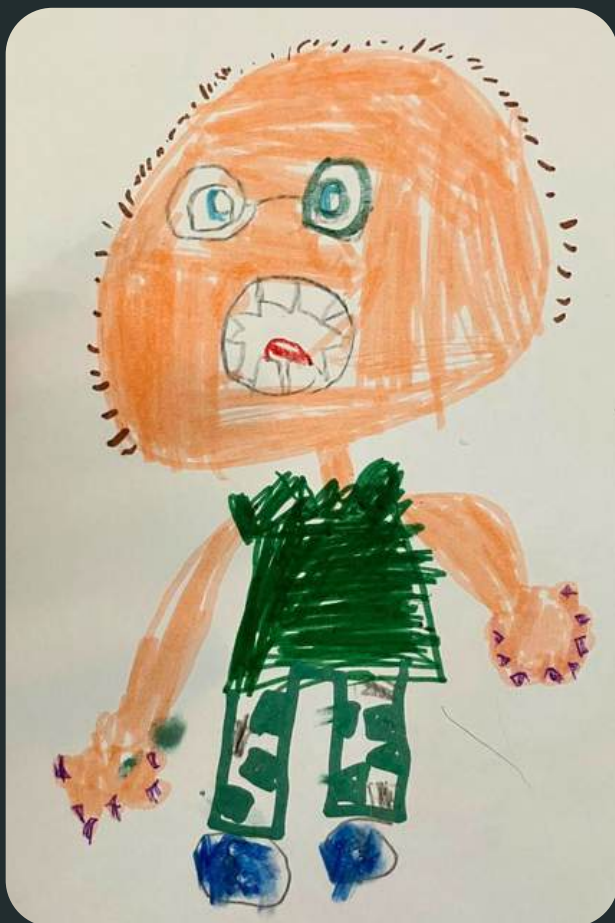
Fun fact: Liam was a very good cook, and wasn't against using every tea towel in the house to ensure his culinary vision came to life. You're tidying up right?

Lesson learned: Life's a spectrum - aim for the top end whenever possible, but don't be ashamed of the occasional slide toward the middle.

A sausage in a long-a-rolé

What's for dinner? Slinker?





I love you so
much granddad

love from Charlotte



Roundtree Jelly Tots, to fill small hands. And the mum who buys them, understands. That in small hands they're fun to eat. Jelly soft, jelly sweet. And there's

REMEMBERING LIAM PATRICK TOERS



Bollo

Lesson learned: A life well-lived leaves an echo that goes on long after the voice is silent.

20, 30, 40 or more, red ones, green ones, colours galore, in the Jelly Tots bag. To fill small hands. To fill small hands. To fill small hands. To fill small hands...

