

CTC Exeter Secretary's Report – 2015/16

Firstly thanks must go to all the hard work put in by so many members to keep the show (and cyclists) on the road!

Secondly, this is my first year as Secretary and if any details in this report are incorrect, remember it is only a draft, and I'm happy to make any amendments or additions!

Weekly Rides (Thursdays and Sundays)

At each committee meeting Marilyn Spurr comes along with her spreadsheet of kind offers made by you to lead Sunday rides. Almost every week of the year an A and B ride is available – these vary in distance from 25 miles to upwards of 60 miles. Numbers attending vary from 1 to approximately 15.

Roger Spurr operates the Bike Bus and is an excellent driver! The coffee destinations are within a radius of about 10-15 miles from Exeter and coincide with Coffee Pots where possible. Up to 15 people join the bus at given pick up points.

The Coffee Pots have been organised by Pete Luxton for 34 years now (which is phenomenal) and Jean Brierly has valiantly offered to carry on organising these. When Bike Bus and Coffee Pot combine there may be 40+ attending.

The Wednesday evening rides still continue. These are advertised on the website and are no longer organised by CTC as some of their members have decided not to join the CTC.

The following events have taken place since this time last year.

Christmas Lunch 2015

This was organised by Lyndsay Kyrke-Smith at the Red Lion in Broadclyst and was attended by 40 revellers, some clad in Christmas attire.

34th Coffee Pot

This was organised by Pete Luxton and Jean Brierly and took place in Stoke Canon in February with a lot of local help in the kitchen, and another amazing cake!

Mad March Audax

Pippa Wheeler organised this event with a 100 and 200k Audax starting from Exeter. This event is organised by Exeter Wheelers and supported by Exeter CTC.

April – Curry evening + slides

44 people attended this evening and clearly ate curry and watched slides. A great opportunity for cyclists to share their adventures. Thank you to Tim and Judy Green.

May - Devon CTC 85th birthday

This was marked with a cream tea and some members attended – I don't know how many!

May – Brecon Beacons

Thank you to Hugh Roberts for arranging accommodation and organising different cyclists to lead rides. 16 people went on this trip.

May – Penzance to Exeter

Thank you to Kirby for organising this trip and organising everyone else so efficiently. (15 participants)

June – coffee and cake for Prostate Cancer Charity

Thank you to Julian Turnbull and his wife Sara for making his gorgeous garden available. £230 was raised, largely due to Sara's, Jan Portlock's and Julie Rowland's fantastic provision of yummy cakes.

Other initiatives involving members (in no particular order)

The committee has worked very hard to ensure that Cycling UK guidelines are carefully adhered to when leading rides. A list is now available in Leaders Resources of ICE (In case of Emergency) numbers which Leaders have with them on each ride led.

There is also a new Risk Assessment resource, also available on the website.

Thank you to Kirby James for keeping the website up to date.

National Office Leader's workshop

About 10 Exeter CTC members attended this workshop to consider the responsibilities of leading rides in the light of new guidelines.

Exeter Cycle Forum and the Exeter Cycle Campaign

Kirby James, Roy Russell and Pauline Gibson attend these meetings (more on this after coffee)

Right to Ride Rep for Exeter - Roy continues to work on our behalf in his responses to consultations and planning applications.

Highwayman Magazine - Tom Dunn and Jean Brierly continue to produce this magazine for CTC Devon preparing 10 issues per year

Otter Trail - find out more from Kirby

Boniface Trail – find out more from Laura Conyngham

Bike Shed event for women cyclists – ask Sheena Ryan or Steph Houghton or myself

As I said at the start, please let me know if there are any omissions/inaccuracies and my apologies if there are.

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