

## **Minutes - Exeter CTC AGM 2014**

Held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014 at Aylesbeare Village Hall, EX5 2BS

**Members present (27):** Jim and Maggie Beed, Chris Blasdale, Mike Bowden, Don Buteux, Stephen Coe, Tom Dunn, Edward and Susan Gameson, Pauline Gibson, Alan Harding, Ian Holding, Kirby James, Wolf Jenett, Sarah Olof, Glenis Pewsey (part), Hugh Roberts, John Rowland, Roy Russell, Marilyn and Roger Spurr, Ken Smith, Julian Turnbull, Paul and Sarah Westacott, Pippa and Robin Wheeler.

**Non-members present:** Julie Rowland.

### **1 Opening Remarks by Chairman:**

John Rowland welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially our Regional Councillor, Stephen Coe and our Speaker, Sarah Olof.

Its been a good year with lots of activities.

Special mention for Pippa Wheeler who won the Ladies 12 hour time trial in York with 220 miles and taken part successfully in several other time trials. Tom Dunn completed the 100 mile Nello ride for the fifth time. Dave Martin and Ian Holding completed 129 miles in 8 hours and Julian Turnbull completed 110 miles in 8 hours.

Confidence training and first aid courses were successful and will be continued next year. First aid kits may be made available through the committee.

Marilyn has done a good job coordinating the Sunday rides.

### **2. Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence were received from Mike & Sue Booth, Jean Brierly, Chris Brightman, Liz Charles, Geoff & Penny Cockram, Tim & Judy Green, Stephanie & Warren Houghton, Tom & Jenny Ingram, Pete Luxton.

### **3 Approval of Minutes and Actions Arising from the 2013 AGM:**

The 2013 minutes were approved unanimously (*Proposed: Robin Wheeler, Seconded: Don Buteux*). There were no actions arising.

### **4 Secretary's Report (Roy Russell):**

Roy presented the Secretary's Report which had been circulated before the meeting and is attached below.

## **5 Treasurer's Report (Alan Harding):**

The end of year balance sheet had been circulated before the meeting. Alan summarised the current position. We have made good use of the two grants of £200.00 each (total £400.00), received from CTC HQ this year and last year, mainly by provision of the Mountain Bike and First Aid courses.

Although a deficit was made (this was expected as we did not spend very much last year), we are still left with a balance of £442.57. Suggestions from members how to spend sensibly this balance, plus £200.00 from HQ expected for next year, will be welcome.

From the financial aspect, the future appears to be good for CTC Exeter.

The Treasurer's report was accepted unanimously (*Proposed: Pauline Gibson, Seconded: Susan Gameson*).

## **6. Presentations**

Stephen Coe presented a Certificate of Merit to Roy Russell and read out the citation.

Kirby James is standing down from the committee and John Rowland thanked him for all of his work, including creating the website, starting the BikeBus and other work promoting the CTC.

John Rowland is also standing down from the committee and Marilyn Spurr thanked him for all of his work. In particular, she noted his maintenance courses, his love of pasties, good timekeeping, work on the committee since 2007 and working as Chairman since 2009.

## **7. Election of Officers and Committee for 2014/15:**

The following officers were voted into post unopposed:

Stephanie Houghton (in absentia) was proposed as Chairman by Ian Holding and seconded by Mike Bowden.

Roy Russell was proposed as Secretary by Susan Gameson, seconded by Pippa Wheeler.

Alan Harding was proposed as Treasurer by Marilyn Spurr, seconded by Lyndsay Kyrke-Smith.

Glenis Pewsey was proposed (in absentia) as Honorary Auditor by Roy Russell, seconded by Robin Wheeler.

The remaining Committee positions were proposed by Julian Turnbull and seconded by Mike Bowden.

Thus the 2014/15 Committee is as follows:-

Chairman	Stephanie Houghton
Secretary / Registration Officer	Roy Russell
Treasurer	Alan Harding
Sunday Runs Coordinator	Marilyn Spurr
Promotions Officer	Lyndsay Kyrke-Smith
Committee members	Ian Holding, Ted Gameson
Welfare Officer	Tim Green

Non Committee roles:

Away Weekends	John Rowland
Bike Bus Coordinator	Sue Booth
Honorary Auditor	Glenis Pewsey
Website	Kirby James
Wednesday Rides Coordinator	Sarah Britton

As Stephanie Houghton was absent, Mike Bowden proposed John Rowland continue as Chair for the remainder of this meeting.

**8. Special Events:** The following Special Events were discussed:-

- CTC Devon AGM at Ashburton – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November
- Christmas Lunch at Ruffwell Inn – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December (*Lyndsay Kyrke-Smith*)
- Slide Evening – Jan or Feb 2015 (*Tim Green*)
- Exeter Mad March Audaxes – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2015 (*Pippa Wheeler*)
- Early May Weekend – Possible visit to Forest of Dean (*John Rowland*) or Cornwall (*Kirby James*)
- Coast to Coast audax - 16<sup>th</sup> May (*Roy Russell*)
- July weekend – Possibly in Cotswolds 10-11 July (*John Rowland*)

**9. Any Other Business:**

Chris Blasdale commented that Cycle Confidence courses are available until March 2015 and may continue into the next financial year.

John Rowland thanked the helpers for producing cakes and providing teas and coffees

Meeting closed at 20.15hrs.

The formal meeting was followed by a slide show by Sarah Olof about her recent cycle trip through Patagonia.

Roy Russell  
Secretary CTC Exeter

## **Appendix**

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT - 2013/14**

This year has seen an active programme, thanks to the hard work of the committee and rides leaders.

#### **Weekly Rides (Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday)**

Our main activity continues to be Rides every Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Details of Sunday Rides have been agreed at committee meetings every 2 or 3 months and have included a wide range of destinations. Two rides have been organised most Sundays to cater for a variety of abilities. Marilyn Spurr has done a good job organising the rides and finding volunteers to lead. Numbers on rides have varied from one to 15.

Sarah Britton and Ian Hennessey have continued to organise the pub rides every Wednesday evening. Numbers are typically 5 – 12.

Sue Booth has operated the popular 'Bike Bus' to deliver riders from Woodbury, West Hill and Exeter, to the Thursday Coffee Pots. Numbers fluctuate but are usually 10 – 15.

The Coffee Pot meets are organised every Thursday by Pete Luxton for CTC Devon, but continue to be popular with Exeter riders, with some cafes attracting over 50 members. When the venues are restricted in space the Bike Bus goes to a separate café.

#### **Training Courses**

Kirby arranged for training courses in Roadcraft, First Aid and Mountain Biking. The Roadcraft courses were free as they are financed by Devon County Council. The First Aid and Mountain Biking courses were paid out of our own funds. 19 attended the First Aid and 11 attended the Mountain Biking courses.

#### **Christmas Lunch – December 2013**

The 2013 Christmas Lunch was organised by Stephanie Houghton at the Ruffwell Inn near Thorverton. The event was extremely well supported.

#### **Mad March Audax – March 2014**

Pippa Wheeler organised the Mad March 100 and 200 km Audax events starting from Exeter, with a total of over 200 entries. These events are organised by Exeter Wheelers, with support from Exeter CTC.

#### **Coast to Coast Audax – June 2014**

In June Roy Russell organised the Coast to Coast Audax with a total of 85 entries.

## **Salisbury weekend - July 2014**

John Rowland organised a successful weekend at Salisbury with on and off road options.

## **Devon CTC Events**

Members helped organise and take part in a wide variety of Devon CTC events throughout the year. These included the Devon Dirt from Ashburton with about 400 entries, various Audax events, a Freewheeling Competition and the Map Reading competition.

## **Advocacy**

Roy Russell and Kirby James regularly attend the Exeter Cycle Forum meetings which are held every three months. These allow local cyclists to meet Council Representatives to review and comment on new developments in and around Exeter.

Roy responded to various consultations and planning applications, in his role as Right to Ride Representative for Exeter.

Roy organised an evening presentation to the local group of the Institution of Civil Engineers about Cycling Safety

## **CTC Exeter Newsletter**

Kirby James and Roy Russell produce a bi-monthly Newsletter which summarises cycle related activities and developments in the Exeter area. The Newsletter is sent electronically to over 750 recipients.

## **Highwayman Magazine**

Tom Dunn and Jean Brierly continue to produce the Highwayman magazine to a high standard for CTC Devon, 10 times a year.

## **Publicity**

Roy organised a CTC publicity stand in Princesshay to coincide with the finish of the Tour of Britain stage in Exeter.

## **Other Activities**

CTC members were engaged in a wide variety of other activities through the year including a curry evening with cycling slides, bike films at the Picturehouse, Velo Vintage rides, a weekend on the Isle of Wight, a weekend in Normandy and a week in the south of France.

## **Roy Russell, Secretary**