

## Minutes - Exeter CTC AGM 2012

7:30 p.m. on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2012  
Aylesbeare Village Hall, EX5 2BS

**Members present:** John Rowland, Stephanie Houghton, Warren Houghton, Pauline Gibson, Roy Russell, Tim Green, Judy Green, Don Buteux, Ted Gameson, Susan Gameson, Pippa Wheeler, Robin Wheeler, Alan Harding, Brett Nicole, Glenis Pewsey, Phil Chapman, Ian Hennessey, Roger Spurr, Marilyn Spurr, Hugh Roberts, Kirby James, Sarah Skinner, Lyndsay Kyrke-Smith and Wolfdieter Jenett.

**Non-members present:** Julie Rowland, Julie's sister, Iris Buteux, Karen Jenett

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

John Rowland welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially our visitor Brett Nicole who is working for CTC in Plymouth.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Pete Luxton, Geoff Cockram, Penny Cockram, Mike Booth, Sue Booth, Jim Bead, Maggie Bead, Tom Dunn, Trevor Bishop, Jean Brierly, Cathy Surtees, Chris Brightman, Chris Burton and Graham Heysett.

### 3 **Approval of Minutes and Actions Arising from the 2011 AGM:**

The minutes were approved (*Proposed: Don Buteux, Seconded: Tim Green*).

CTC Exeter became a Member Group last year and received a grant of £200 from National Office.

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

As the Secretary's Report had been circulated before the meeting Roy briefly outlined its contents (attached below).

The Secretary's report was then approved (*Proposed: Roger Spurr, Seconded: Pippa Wheeler*)

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

As the Treasurer's Report had been circulated before the meeting Alan briefly outlined its contents (attached below).

We had £295.31 last year and now have £529.39, showing a surplus of £234.08 over the year. Biggest expenditure was £140 spent on a first aid course for 14.

The Treasurer's report was accepted (*Proposed: Marylin Spurr, Seconded: Judy Green*).

## 6 Election of Officers and Committee for 2012/13:

The following officers were voted into post unopposed:

John Rowland was proposed as Chairman by Roy Russell and seconded by Tim Green.

Roy Russell was proposed as Secretary by Roger Spurr, seconded by Pippa Wheeler.

Alan Harding was proposed as Treasurer by Stephanie Houghton, seconded by Pauline Gibson.

Marilyn Spurr was proposed as Runs Coordinator by Sarah Skinner, seconded by Lyndsay Kyrke-Smith. A vote of thanks was given for Tim Green who was the coordinator for 2011/12.

A vote of thanks was given for Kirby as Bike Bus Coordinator.

Ted Gameson was proposed as Honorary Auditor by Tim Green and Warren Houghton

Lyndsay Kyrke-Smith was proposed as a new member of the committee by Judy Green, seconded by Susan Gameson.

The remaining Committee positions were proposed by Glenis Pewsey and seconded by Wolfdieter Jenett.

Thus the 2012/13 Committee is as follows:-

Chairman	John Rowland
Secretary / Registration Officer	Roy Russell
Treasurer	Alan Harding
Runs Coordinator	Marilyn Spurr
Bike Bus Coordinator	Kirby James
Web Site / Promotions	Kirby James
Committee	Don Buteux, Penny Cockram, Geoff Cockram, Stephanie Houghton, Lyndsay Kyrke-Smith
Welfare Officer	John Rowland
Honorary Auditor	Ted Gameson

## 7 **Special Events:** The following Special Events were discussed:-

- CTC Devon AGM at Ashburton – Sunday 4 November
- Christmas Lunch at Ruffwell Inn, Thorverton – Sunday 9 Dec (*Don Buteux*)
- Boxing Day Ride – Wednesday 26 Dec (*Roy Russell*)
- Exeter Mad March Audaxes – 3 March 2013 (*Pippa Wheeler*)
- Spring Weekend – No firm plans at present
- Tri-Vets Coast to Coast - June (*Roy Russell*)
- Great Tour Audaxes – dependant on date of Jurassic Classic (*Kirby James*)
- Camping weekend at Bere Regis - July (*John Rowland*)
- CTC Birthday Rides in Devon – 2014

## 8 **Cycling Safety**

### Cycling in a Group – John Rowland

Two leaflets are available: “Cycling with a Group” and “Guidelines for Group Leaders”.

JR recommended that riders:

- Stay within sight of Leader
- Be aware of who is behind and stop when they do
- Regroup at top of hills

Ted: Large groups in small lanes are difficult for motorists to overtake. Sensible to split into smaller groups.

Susan: Can we give all new riders a copy of the National leaflet?

Judy: Don't ride 2 abreast in lanes.

Roger: Moving over can encourage cars to overtake in inappropriate places. Lane guarding is appropriate in some circumstances.

Susan: Somerset Group split into smaller groups to allow safe overtaking.

Hugh: Useful for leaders to nominate back markers.

Ted: Recommends reading Bikeability curriculum which is available on-line.

### Use of Cycle Paths – John Rowland

Cycle paths can be provided at great cost, but sometimes can be dangerous for high speed riding. Use cycle paths when appropriate.

Roger: New Airport cycle path is notoriously dangerous.

Susan: Entry to Airport cycle path at the bottom end off the roundabout is dangerous.

Brett: Use cycle paths when appropriate. Had noted cycle paths with priority across side roads in Marsh Barton (Budlake Road EX2 8PY).

#### Advanced Cycle Skills – Kirby James

About half of Devon County Council spending this year on cycling is on training school children on the 3 levels of BikeAbility. Free adult training is also available. We have been discussing the possibility of providing advice to experienced CTC cyclists.

Chris Blasdale from LED training has offered to provide tailored training to an initial 3 CTC Exeter members, with a view to offering training more widely. He proposes to come out on a BikeBus to observe the group in action and discuss areas in which he could offer advice.

Brett: His main role in Plymouth is to provide adult training to the 3 BikeAbility levels. CTC also offer a Commuter Tutor course that could be adapted for our needs.

#### **9 Any Other Business:**

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

Meeting closed at 20.10hrs.

The formal meeting was followed by a slide show entitled “Kirby's trip to Provence and The Cevennes” presented by Kirby James, Roger Spurr, Roy Russell, Stephanie Houghton and Marilyn Spurr.

Roy Russell  
Secretary CTC Exeter

## **Appendix**

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT - 2011/12**

This year has seen many highs and lows. We have managed an active programme, thanks to the hard work of the committee and rides leaders. We have had a few injuries from falls, fortunately without lasting injury. Unfortunately, Paul Goffron who was part of the winning Exeter team in the county competition last year, succumbed to cancer in July. His funeral was well attended with a large turnout of cyclists.

#### **Weekly Rides (Sundays and Wednesdays)**

The main activity continues to be the Rides every Sunday and Wednesday.

Details of Sunday Rides have been agreed at committee meetings every 3 months and have included a wide range of destinations. This year we have labelled the rides as A (faster & longer) or B (slower & shorter). Tim Green has done a good job organising the rides, although finding volunteers to lead B rides has been difficult at times. Numbers on rides have varied from one to 15. Joint rides have been organised with Axe Valley Pedallers and the Blackmore Vale CTC Group.

Sarah Britton and Ian Hennessey have continued to organise the pub rides every Wednesday evening. Numbers are typically 6 – 12. Orders are being taken for "Wednesday Nighter" jerseys.

#### **Thursday Coffee Pot Rides & The Bike Bus**

The Coffee Pot runs are organised by Pete Luxton for CTC Devon, but continue to be popular with Exeter riders, with many rides attracting over 50 attendees.

Kirby James has continued to operate the popular 'Bike Bus', for CTC Exeter, to deliver riders to the Coffee Pot stops.

#### **Events - Christmas Lunch – December 2011**

The 2011 Christmas Lunch was organised by Don and Iris Buteux at The Ruffwell near Thorverton. The event was extremely well supported and was a welcome opportunity to catch up with friends old and new.

#### **Events - Devon Dirt - April 2012**

Various members helped organise the Devon Dirt that continues to grow with a record breaking 347 finishers.

#### **Events – The Brecons - May 2012**

In the Spring Tim Green organised a very successful weekend for 20 riders at Brecon. Unfortunately Ian and Janet had an accident that resulted in an ambulance trip to

hospital. They are now fully recovered and have just returned from 5 weeks cycling on the west coast of the USA.

### **Events – Map Reading Competition – June 2011**

I organised the CTC Devon Map Reading competition this year. The event started from Escot and attracted an entry of 16.

### **Visit from Chief Executive Officer of CTC – June 2012**

Gordon Seabright, the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the CTC, visited us in June on a fact finding mission. He met up with Kirby, John and me for a discussion on how HQ could support our activities and then joined us for a ride around Haldon. He then met Devon County Officers engaged in promoting cycling to discuss the impact of the Cycle Exeter project.

### **Events – First Aid course – August 2012**

Keith Portlock kindly hosted a 3 hour St Johns Ambulance course in First Aid.

### **Events – Overseas – September 2011**

Marilyn Spur, Penny Cockram and Kirby James organised an autumn tour to Provence and The Cevennes. Nine cyclists enjoyed a two week trip and there will be a slide show of the highlights after this AGM.

### **Events - Audaxes**

In March Pippa Wheeler again successfully organised the Mad March 100 and 200 km Audax events starting from Exeter. The two events attracted a total of about 150 riders.

In May Roy Russell again organised the third Coast to Coast event. This year it was an Audax for the first time. Both 100 km and 100 mile rides were on offer with the longer ride starting from Kentisbeare, heading to the north coast at Watchet and the south coast at Budleigh before returning to Uffculme. 72 people took part.

In July Kirby James together with Joanna Beckett of Axe Valley Pedallers organised Audax rides (50 and 100 km) for the second year based on part of the route taken by the 2010 Great Tour.

### **Individual Trips**

Mike and Sue Booth undertook a tour of Ireland in May and are currently cycling down the west coast of the USA, with Ian and Janet Ashford. The blog of their adventures can be found at <http://suemike-lifecycle.blogspot.com/>

Stephanie and Warren Houghton cycled through Normandy and Brittany in the summer.

## **Advocacy**

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

Roy Russell responded to various consultations and planning applications, in his role as Right to Ride Representative for Exeter. This included engagement with councillors over the design of the Honiton Road M5 junction.

## **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 500 recipients.

## **The Website**

Most potential and new members have discovered the activities of CTC Exeter through the website. The most popular pages being

65,294 hits	Exeter Sunday Ride
26,296 hits	Thursday Coffee Pots
24,768 hits	Exeter Wednesday Rides
23,206 hits	Cafe List
21,497 hits	Exeter Wednesday Reports
17,207 hits	Exeter Rides further ahead

Roy Russell, Secretary

## **TREASURER'S REPORT – 2011/12**

I am pleased to say we have made a surplus of £234.08 (£627.12 less £393.04), partly explained by the grant of £200.00 we received from CTC HQ, which we did not get during previous years.

As shown in the accounts, £207.77 is still owing to CTC Exeter and I am due to pay by cheque the sum of £35.33. I am expecting all of this to be settled by 9<sup>th</sup> October the date of this meeting.

The presentation of the accounts has been changed so as to be more in line with the annual returns I need to complete for CTC HQ, and perhaps provide more information to the members as simply as possible.

Overall, I feel that for this year we have been more than successful from the financial aspect. Also the future, at least for the medium term, appears to be good.

Alan Harding, Treasurer