

Minutes of Exeter CTC AGM 2009

Held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday 23rd September 2009

Present: Ann Still, David Still, Harold Wilson, Helen Wilson, Roy Russell, Mike Bowden, Liz Bowden, Ken Strong, Iris Strong, Jim Bead, Maggie Bead, Robin Wheeler, Pippa Wheeler, Geoff Cockram, Penny Cockram, John Rowland, Sarah Skinner, Don Buteux, Arthur Civill, Pete Luxton, Jean Brierley.

1. Apologies for Absence: Apologies were received from Mary Tuckett, Richard Tuckett, Rupert Short, Annette Short, Alan Harding, Jenny Ingram, Chris Brightman and Tom Dunn.
2. Elect Meeting Chairman: John Rowland was elected meeting chairman (Proposed: Kirby James, Seconded: Don Buteux).
3. Minutes of 2008 AGM: It was noted that Arthur Civill was not formally on the committee in 2008. With this correction the minutes were approved (Proposed: Robin Wheeler, Seconded: Don Buteux).
4. Secretary's Report (Kirby James): The Secretary's report was briefly summarised. Kirby noted that he had omitted to mention that Pippa Wheeler had organised the successful Exeter Audax events in March 2009 – this has been corrected in the version below. The Report was accepted (Proposed: Robin Wheeler, Seconded Don Buteux).
5. Treasurer's Report (Alan Harding): The Treasurer's report was presented and discussed. A donation to CTC Exeter (of ink jet cartridges) was made at the meeting by the owners of the Willand Garage/Café in recognition of the support they have received both from Coffee Pot and from the Sunday rides.
Because of the poor state of the finances the Treasurer and Secretary had recommend that members be asked for a voluntary donation of £5 or £2. This was discussed. Given that annual membership of the National CTC costs £35 pa there was considerable resistance to members being asked for additional contributions.
Mike Bowden was asked to clarify with Geoff Sharpe (CTC Devon Treasurer) whether CTC Exeter had any claim on the approx. £100 which was received from the Dartmoor National Park Authority in connection with the preparation of the off-road map.
Kirby James (Secretary) was asked to investigate in order
 1. the availability of funds from CTC Devon
 2. the availability of funds from CTC HQ,
 3. the possibility of a fund raising event, and
 4. Voluntary contributions.With these provisos and actions the Treasurer's report was accepted (Proposed: Pippa Wheeler, Seconded Don Jean Brierley).
6. Election of Officers and Committee (All): The following committee was elected for 2010 (Proposed: Robin Wheeler, Seconded: Jean Brierley).

2010 Committee

Chairman	John Rowland
Secretary	Kirby James
Treasurer	Alan Harding
Runs Coordinator	Roy Russell
Special Events	Don Buteux
Audax and Events	Pippa Wheeler
Committee	Penny Cockram, Geoff Cockram, Don Buteux, Sarah Skinner

7. Proposed Change to Alternative Runs Roy Russell had circulated a proposal (Attached below) that the Sunday Alternative Runs be replaced by a Coffee Pot event using the same coffee location as the Standard Runs. Some concern was expressed about the impact on riders who prefer a gentler outing than offered by the standard rides. Both The Secretary and Run's Secretary would prefer to handle slower and new riders within the framework of the Standard rides. With the proviso that the success of these arrangement be kept under review this proposal was accepted (Proposed: Don Buteux, Seconded: Robin Wheeler).
8. Special Events (All):
- Don Buteux volunteered to organise the CTC Exeter Christmas Lunch (Sunday 6 December 2009, Red Lion Broadclyst)
 - Graham Brodie is organising the CTC Devon Dinner (Sat 29 November 2008, Totnes)
 - Last year's Boxing Day Run to the sea front at Exmouth (which linked up with the Rotary fun run) was successful so it was agreed to repeat again this year.
 - Events for 2010. The Committee were encouraged to develop a strong programme of events for 2010. This is likely to include
 - two UK 'camping' weekends (Salisbury, Herefordshire?)
 - a foreign tour (Brittany, Mosselle, Picos?)
 - the Exeter March Audaxes
 - the Treasure Hunt (possibly jointly with Hospicecare)
9. AoB (All): All participants registered their appreciation to Pete Luxton and Jean Brierley for making their home and refreshments available to members for the AGM

Note: The evening was completed by Roy Russell giving a slide show on his recent End to End ride.

Proposed Change to Alternative Runs – Roy Russell, Rides Coordinator

I propose to introduce a new category of Sunday Run, similar to the Thursday Coffee Pot.

Over the summer, about half of our Sunday rides have been combined and the remainder have been split, with separate Standard and Alternative runs. Many of the riders on the Alternative runs make their own way to coffee and I propose to recognise this by changing these rides to Coffee

Meets, where there is no published start. Riders will be welcome to make their own arrangements to meet beforehand to ride to coffee, but these will not be published.

I anticipate this change will only affect around one Sunday a month, usually when the Standard run goes to a remote location. For the remaining Sundays we will all ride to a common coffee stop as we do now.

Example

<i>Type</i>	<i>start</i>	<i>coffee</i>	<i>destination</i>
Standard	Dunkeswell	Wellington	Blackdowns
Coffee	-	Powderham	-

CTC Exeter, Devon CTC

SECRETARY'S REPORT September 2009

Weekly Rides (Sundays and Wednesdays)

The core of CTC Exeter's activities has been the Runs every Sunday. These have either been separate Standard and Alternative rides, or a Combined ride. Details have been agreed at committee meetings every 3 months and have included a wide range of destinations. 14 cyclists have led rides on-road and John Rowland has led off-road rides.

Joint rides have been organised with CTC South Hams, CTC Torbay and Axe Valley Pedallers. The latter saw over 40 riding from Seaton to Lyme Regis in May.

A new feature this year has been the incorporation of year round Wednesday evening pub rides into CTC Exeter's activities. Such rides had been organised in previous years by Sarah Britton and Ian Hennessey – but are now advertised on the CTC Exeter web site and run under CTC rules. These rides have proved to be extremely popular and attract a mix of touring, audax and racing cyclists.

Events - Christmas Lunch - 2008

The 2008 Christmas Lunch was organised by Liz and Mike Bowden. After many successful years of using the Red Lion at Shobrooke Liz and Mike Bowden transferred allegiance to the Red Lion in Broadclyst. The event proved to be extremely well supported and was a welcome opportunity to catch up with friends old and new.

Events – DA Dinner - 2008

Kirby James was responsible for organising the 2008 CTC Devon Dinner at Buckfast Abbey. The speaker was Zsolt Schuller who described the work of Cycle Exeter. Local bike shops donated over 60 prizes for the raffle – although eyebrows were raised when Kirby won six of the prizes.

Events – Treasure Hunt - 2009

Kirby James, supported by John Rowland and Don Buteux, organised the 2009 CTC Devon Treasure Hunt. The event was based at Escot and allowed contestants to explore the Otter Valley.

Events - Weekends Away

3 'weekends away' were organised during the year. Unfortunately camping weekends at Glastonbury in April and September, were cancelled due to low numbers.

In July John Rowland organised a very successful weekend on Exmoor which provided ten cyclists both on and off-road options.

Events – Overseas

Penny Cockram and Kirby James organised a spring tour in Brittany. In May ten cyclists enjoyed a five day tour staying in both youth hostel and hotel accommodation and exploring the Crozon peninsula and Douarnenez, Huelgoat and Morlaix.

Events - Audax

In March Pippa Wheeler successfully organised the 100 and 200 km Audax events starting from Exeter. These events appear in the Audax UK calendar and also are part of the CTC Devon events programme.

CTC Exeter members have continued to take part in Audax Events. Special mention must again be made of Pippa Wheeler who as well as being on schedule to complete a 200 km Audax every month for the last three years has now graduated to 400 and 600 km events.

Events – Devon CTC Events

Recently, after something of a lapse, CTC Exeter members have increasingly supported Devon CTC Events. Several members have taken part in Reliability Rides, Audax Events, Treasure Hunts and Map Reading Competitions and an increasing number of our members have accompanied the CTC Torbay Autumn and spring trips to Brittany.

As well as participating in these events – two CTC Exeter members – Pippa Wheeler and Kirby James - have organised Devon CTC Events this year.

Advocacy

Roy Russell was been selected as the CTC Right to Ride Representative for Exeter.

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. During the year work continued on a long term strategy for cycling in Exeter.

Given Exeter's success in retaining its Cycling Demonstration Town status for another three years (to 2010) considerable investment will continue into cycling facilities. Much of this investment is in training 9-10 year olds and in the Exe Estuary Cycle Way. During the year much of the work on the Lypstone to Exton section has been completed and sections north and south of Starcross were opened. Planning consent was obtained for the Turf Locks to Powderham Church Section and work will start next year on the Exton to Topsham section.

Cycle Exeter provides adult Cycle Training Courses however the participants have no obvious outlet for taking this forward. CTC Exeter provided a series of short leisure rides (< 15 miles) to graduates of this course.

The Highwayman

Although the Highwayman is a Devon CTC publication - this report would not be complete without mentioning the efforts of two CTC Exeter Members in the production of this magazine. Tom Dunn is the magazine's editor and Jean Brierly is responsible for its production and distribution. During the year Tom and Jean have (with the support of CTC Devon funds) introduced photographic covers and have replaced manual production processes by electronic ones – resulting in a more professional look. Devon is fortunate to have such committed members producing this well read magazine.

Thursday Coffee Pot Rides

Again, although not organised as part of CTC Exeter, the Coffee Pot runs continue to prove popular with Exeter riders, with some rides attracting over 60 attendees. Many thanks are due to Pete Luxton for organising these events.

Kirby James, Secretary

CTC Exeter

TREASURER'S REPORT

3 September 2009

As the cash balance is reduced to £7.79, we would need to raise around £100.00 to meet the likely annual expenditure, for the next financial year. We were fortunate in receiving a cash donation of £50.00 this year, but we cannot rely on such donations in future, so a regular annual contribution, of say £5.00 per member, would be needed

Alan Harding
3 September 2009

**CYCLISTS' TOURING CLUB – DEVON DISTRICT ASSOCIATION- EXETER SECTION
RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2009**

RECEIPTS	£	EXPENDITURE	£
Cash balance b/forward 1-10-08	40.37	Ink cartridges	82.58
Donation	50.00		
		Cash balance c/forward	
		30.9.09	7.79
TOTALS	<u>90.37</u>		<u>90.37</u>

Signed: _____ Date:

Treasurer. Alan Harding