

CTC Exeter, Devon CTC

SECRETARY'S REPORT - 2010/11

Weekly Rides (Sundays and Wednesdays)

The core of CTC Exeter's activities has been the Runs every Sunday and Wednesday. On Sundays these have either been a Standard ride or a Coffee Pot style ride where participants make their own way to a coffee stop which is often the same as the one used by the Standard ride.

Details have been agreed at committee meetings every 3 months and have included a wide range of destinations. 15 cyclists have led rides on-road and John Rowland has regularly led off-road rides.

Joint rides have been organised with the Blackmore Vale CTC Group and Axe Valley Pedallers.

The Wednesday evening pub rides have continued to attract a select clientel. Sarah Britton and Ian Hennessey have organised these rides.

Events - Christmas Lunch – December 2010

The 2010 Christmas Lunch was organised by Don and Iris Buteux at 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 – Isle of Wight - April 2011

In the Spring Tim Green organised a very successful weekend for 28 riders on the Isle of Wight. Off road options were provided and the on-roaders took part in the Round the Island Randonnee.

Events - Devon Dirt - April 2011

Various members helped organise and took part in the Devon Dirt that attracted a record breaking entry of over 300.

Events – Treasure Hunt – May 2011

Roy Russell organised the 2011 CTC Devon Treasure Hunt. The event started from Exeter Quay and attracted an entry of 17.

Events – Coast to Coast – June 2011

In 2010 Roy Russell organised the first Exeter Triennial Veterans Ride. Roy ran this ride again only one year later. 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. 33 people took part.

Events – Wiltshire Weekend – July 2011

In August John Rowland organised a very successful weekend near Calne which allowed 17 riders to explore the Wiltshire Downs. Both on and off-road options were provided.

Events – Overseas – September 2011

Penny Cockram and Kirby James organised an autumn tour in the Dordogne. Eight cyclists enjoyed a ten day trip which took in the valleys of the Dordogne, Lot and Cele.

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 180 riders and they feature in the Audax UK calendar and also are part of the CTC Devon events programme.

In July Kirby James together with Alistair Cope of Axe Valley Pedallers organised two new Audax rides (50 and 100 km) which used the final part of the route taken by the 2010 Great Tour. Over 100 riders were attracted to this inaugural event.

Paris Brest Paris

During the early part of the year Pippa Wheeler completed a series of Audax rides of up to 600 km length which allowed her to qualify for the 2011 Paris-Brest-Paris Audax which is run every four years. In August Pippa successfully completed the challenging 1,230 km ride in 89 hours.

Ian Hennessey, having practiced the ride several times before, completed the ride in 73 hours. Other CTC members in the Exeter area who also completed the ride include Jonathan Croome, and Colin & Camilla Mathison.

Individual Trips

Ted and Susan Gameson completed a six week cycle camping tour from the North Cape down the Norwegian and Danish Coasts.

Mike and Sue Booth undertook a four month tour of northern Europe visiting France, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Germany and Holland.

Both parties produced entertaining and informative blogs of their adventures

- <http://bit.ly/GamesonsNorway>
- <http://suemike-lifecycle.blogspot.com/>

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. These included various proposals for changes around the eastern side of Exeter.

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 Exeter CTC through the website. The most popular pages being

43,432 hits	Exeter Sunday Ride
19,877 hits	Cafe List
19,179 hits	Thursday Coffee Pots
16,161 hits	Exeter Wednesday Rides

The Highwayman Magazine

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 the magazine. Tom Dunn is the magazine's editor and Jean Brierly is responsible for its production and distribution. Devon is fortunate to have such committed members producing this well read magazine.

Thursday Coffee Pot Rides & The Bike Bus

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 has continued to operate a 'Bike Bus' to deliver riders to the Coffee Pot stops. The Bus has proved to be successful in attracting new riders to leisure cycling with over 150 cyclists subscribing to the weekly timetable and updates.

Mike Bowden's 80th Birthday Ride

On 9th October Mike Bowden took part in the FORCE Cancer Charity's Autumn Breeze 60 mile bike ride. Mike successfully completed the ride which is testament to the benefits of a lifelong cycling career.

Mileage

In 2010 CTC Exeter members reported cycling a total of 112,428 miles. This required the expenditure of 2,810,709 kCalories which is the energy equivalent to 140,535 Jelly-Babies. Had the same distance been covered in a family car then 45.0 tonnes of CO₂ would have been produced.

Kirby James, Secretary