

Devon CTC

PLYMOUTH CTC SECRETARY'S REPORT - 2010/11

Our rides are held on Sundays mainly from Plympton, but a few start from the Tamar Bridge or Ferry when we undertake Cornish destinations. We have a core 17 riders, one of whom is a new member this year, Jean, but nonetheless she is an experienced touring cyclist. Through the year we have had a few guest-riders on occasions from other CTC regions – Derby, Leicester and Norfolk.

We have 2 apprentice leaders this year, Caroline and I.

Christmas lunch 2010 was organized by Iris at the newly opened Boringdon Golf Club in Plympton, keenly attended by past and present riders and very enjoyable. In fact it was so good, we had another dinner at the Staddiscombe Golf Club in January which originally was planned to celebrate Bryan's return from Oz but because of the Ash Cloud he didn't leave!

Quite a few of us attended and really enjoyed the CTC Devon 80th Celebration event. We car-shared to Starcross.

Several of our section have spent time cycling around Britain and Europe on their various holidays this year:

Jean in Poland and Albania

Anna in Hungary and Poland

Graham Black in France

Graham Johns in Latvia, Scotland, Germany and with Sue in Spain

Iris in Jersey

Iris, Bryan and Anna are regular attendees of the CTC Birthday Rides and traveled to Suffolk for this year's event.

The Tamar 100 Reliability Ride event organized by Bryan Richardson attracted only 9 entries this year and as it hasn't been that well supported over the last few years, he has decided it will be the last.

In September on a Saturday morning, four of our number took part in a massed ride from Yealmpton to Brixton to lend our support for the originally planned Estuary Route in that region as opposed to the latest proposal of a route north of the A379. This ride was organized by Dave Hext the local Sustrans Ranger, and after the main ride he lead a few of us down to the estuary to see exactly what would be involved in restoring the old railway bridge and to see the route on the ground and the beauty of the estuary. We also enjoyed a picnic there.

And finally to our recent AGM, when Iris our founding member (over 30 years ago), retired as Secretary this year having held the post on and off for the majority of those years.

Julie Lang, Secretary.