

CTC Exeter

SECRETARY'S REPORT - 2014/15

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 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 has continued to organise the pub rides every Wednesday evening with numbers typically 6 to 12. The official start has now moved from Pinhoe to Cranbrook.

Sue Booth and Roger Spurr have operated the popular 'Bike Bus' to deliver riders from Woodbury, West Hill and Exeter, to the Thursday Coffee Pots. Numbers fluctuate but are usually 15 to 20 when the Exeter and West Hill contingents meet. Just over half that number go on the afternoon magical mystery tour that somehow gets planned during coffee.

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.

Christmas Lunch – December 2014

The 2014 Christmas Lunch was organised by Lyndsay Kyrke-Smith at the Red Lion in Broadclyst. The event was well supported and is planned to be repeated this year.

Curry and Slides Evening – January 2015

Tim Green organised a successful evening at Woodbury Church Rooms.

Mad March Audax – March 2015

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.

Group Safety and Bike Handling workshop – March 2015

A workshop was held in Woodbury to discuss group safety and bike handling. The output was then used to shape Leaders Guidance and advice on Group Riding, that were published on the website.

Website refresh

Ted Gameson and Kirby James updated the Exeter CTC website with a new front page, photos and guidance.

Training Courses

Bike Handling and Roadcraft courses were arranged during the summer.

The Bike Handling course was arranged by Ted with ExeCel following the earlier Bike Handling workshop. It attracted 17 people split between 3 sessions at Westpoint. This included skills such as cornering and fast descents. We were fortunate that this was sponsored by Devon County Council as a pilot project for supporting existing cycling groups.

The Roadcraft course was arranged as part of an ongoing programme already sponsored by DCC. The course was tailored for experienced CTC members and included looking at awkward junctions, best place on the road to position the bike etc.

Coast to Coast Audax – May 2015

In May Roy Russell organised the Coast to Coast Audax with a total of 85 entries. Unfortunately this event has been cancelled next year.

Forest of Dean weekend - May 2015

John Rowland organised a successful weekend in the Forest of Dean.

Cornish Tour – June 2015

Kirby organised a successful tour from St Ives to Exeter.

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.

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 Russell gave a talk at St Sidwells Centre about the CTC.

Other Activities

CTC members were engaged in a wide variety of other activities through the year including bike films at the Picturehouse, Velo Vintage rides, and 2 weeks in the Jura Mountains.

Roy Russell, Secretary