

CTC Exeter

SECRETARY'S REPORT - 2013/14

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 or 3 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 and Ian Hennessey have continued to organise the pub rides every Wednesday evening. Numbers are typically 5 – 12.

Sue Booth has operated the popular 'Bike Bus' to deliver riders from Woodbury, West Hill and Exeter, to the Thursday Coffee Pots. Numbers fluctuate but are usually 10 – 15.

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.

Training Courses

Kirby arranged for training courses in Roadcraft, First Aid and Mountain Biking. The Roadcraft courses were free as they are financed by Devon County Council. The First Aid and Mountain Biking courses were paid out of our own funds. 19 attended the First Aid and 11 attended the Mountain Biking courses.

Christmas Lunch – December 2013

The 2013 Christmas Lunch was organised by Stephanie Houghton at the Ruffwell Inn near Thorverton. The event was extremely well supported.

Mad March Audax – March 2014

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.

Coast to Coast Audax – June 2014

In June Roy Russell organised the Coast to Coast Audax with a total of 85 entries.

Salisbury weekend - July 2014

John Rowland organised a successful weekend at Salisbury with on and off road options.

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.

Roy organised an evening presentation to the local group of the Institution of Civil Engineers about Cycling Safety

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 750 recipients.

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 organised a CTC publicity stand in Princesshay to coincide with the finish of the Tour of Britain stage in Exeter.

Other Activities

CTC members were engaged in a wide variety of other activities through the year including a curry evening with cycling slides, bike films at the Picturehouse, Velo Vintage rides, a weekend on the Isle of Wight, a weekend in Normandy and a week in the south of France.

Roy Russell, Secretary