

CTC Devon Annual General Meeting – November 2012

Secretary's report

The Devon committee has met 4 times during the year, as usual. In addition I've attended a meeting at Haldon with Gordon Seabright, the new CEO of CTC, arranged by Kirby James, and a meeting of the Member Groups Steering Committee in London.

Following discussion at last year's AGM we have been debating the function of CTC Devon and its relationship with the sections. From this I wrote a piece for the August Highwayman explaining who the committee is and what CTC Devon does, as follows:

CTC Devon performs the following functions:

1. Publish the Highwayman magazine
2. Maintain CTC Devon website
3. Coordinate and promote the Tourist Competition events
4. Manage Annual Awards
5. Act as Umbrella organisation for all sections.
6. Assist communications between sections.
7. Inform sections.
8. Share the load on change
9. Publicise sections
10. Provide continuity during low periods in sections.

Events throughout the year have generally been well attended and profitable.

The Committee has debated how to spend the income from events and the considerable reserves in our accounts. A number of suggestions were received and some may be pursued further. My view is that our larger events should be advertised as raising funds for external charities. This could help with increasing entries and also reduce our annual surplus.

In September, I sent an email to all CTC members with email addresses in Devon (about 700) asking for expressions of interest in the Annual Dinner. I only received one reply about the Dinner and that was from somebody who hadn't previously attended. In view of declining numbers in recent years the committee has decided to no longer organise an Annual Dinner.

This year, trophies will be handed to the Section Secretaries to be awarded locally. We propose to bring the annual close of the points competition forward to September next year, so that the trophies can be awarded at next years Devon AGM.

Instead of the Annual Dinner, we propose to organise an annual Devon Anniversary Lunch in late April or May similar to the popular meet at Cockwood last year.

I'd like to thank the committee members for their work during the year and particularly Bill Barnes, who is resigning as Events Secretary as he has moved to Bristol for work.

Roy Russell
Secretary CTC Devon