

CTC Exeter, Devon CTC

**SECRETARY'S REPORT
September 2010**

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. 20 cyclists have led rides on-road and John Rowland has led off-road rides.

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

The year round Wednesday evening pub rides which were introduced last year have continued to increase in popularity. Sarah Britton and Ian Hennessey have organised these rides.

Events - Christmas Lunch - 2009

The 2009 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 – Exeter TriVets – 2010

Roy Russell organised the first Exeter Triennial Veterans Ride, with the assistance of Pippa Wheeler, Sarah Skinner and Don Buteux. This was a 100 mile ride from Kentisbeare, to the north coast at Watchet and the south coast at Budleigh. 24 veterans and 12 younger people entered.

Events – Treasure Hunt - 2010

Kirby James, supported by John Rowland, organised the 2010 CTC Devon Treasure Hunt. The event was based at Exmouth and attracted a record entry for recent years of 33 riders.

Events - Weekends Away

In July John Rowland organised a very successful weekend in the Cotswolds which provided participants with both on and off-road options.

Events – Overseas

Penny Cockram and Kirby James organised another spring tour in Brittany. In May fourteen cyclists, including six new members enjoyed a six day tour staying in both youth hostel and hotel accommodation and explored the Lannion peninsula and the Isle de Brehat.

Events - Audax

In March Pippa Wheeler again successfully organised the 100 and 200 km Audax events starting from Exeter. These events appear in the Audax UK calendar and also are part of the CTC Devon events programme.

Events – Devon CTC Events

CTC Exeter members have increasingly supported Devon CTC Events. Several members have taken part in Reliability Rides, Audax Events, Treasure Hunts and Map Reading Competitions and an increasing number of our members have accompanied the CTC Torbay Autumn and spring trips to Brittany.

As well as participating in these events – three CTC Exeter members – Pippa Wheeler, Roy Russell and Kirby James - have organised Devon CTC Events this year.

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.

During the year Roy and Kirby made representations and contributed material to the Council Team developing Devon's Local Transport Plan (LTP3) for the next 5, 10 and 15 years.

Roy Russell responded to various consultations and planning applications, in his role as Right to Ride Representative. These included proposed cycle tracks around junctions 29 and 30 of the M5.

The Highwayman

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 this 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.

Since the June 2010 issue the Highwayman has been archived in an electronic format (PDF) which opens the possibility of exploitation via the Internet in the future.

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 100 cyclists subscribing to the weekly timetable and updates.

Kirby James, Secretary