

CTC Torbay Secretary's Report 2013

The future of our club depends on recruiting new members and this last year has seen good progress in that area. In the past twelve months I have received a total of eight enquiries about membership via the website which were all replied to and resulted in at least three new members. We also have a Facebook page which is being updated regularly and we still have plenty of business cards which are being distributed whenever possible.

A ride reports page is now on our website, complete with photos which should tell any potential new member what we are all about. Hopefully the sight of a bunch of sweaty, lycra-clad middle-aged men will encourage anyone interested in joining a cycling club in Torbay to come out with us. If anyone would like to submit a report on any ride it would be gratefully received.

The complication of splitting Sunday rides into easy and hard rides some weeks has worked well, thanks to the efforts of our rides coordinators and to the best of my knowledge no ride has been left leader-less.

All of our rides continue to be well attended, possibly helped by the fact that we have had a fair amount of decent weather this year. Also our social events such as the barbeque and bowling have proved popular and some members have organised trips abroad amongst themselves.

All in all it has been a really positive year for the club and we look forward to the next twelve months.

Paul Harman
CTC Torbay Secretary

Wednesday Evening Rides Report 2013

This year has been successful with numbers holding up in the winter and increasing for the summer months. A total of 22 riders enjoyed the delights of night riding to a number of hostleries, most of which boasted real ale.

We usually had between 4 and 6 out in the winter months although when the weather was particularly bad one or two rides had to be abandoned.

Numbers rose as the days grew longer and we had up to 10 members on some evenings, a more typical number being 6 or 7.

A particular strength of Wednesday rides has been the willingness of members to lead rides. We have eight regular leaders and no one ever has to be press ganged.

Should you be one of those who have not been out on a night ride, come along. The roads are empty, the company is good and the beer tastes even better for having been earned.

Steve Main
Wednesday Evening Rides Coordinator