



CENTRAL LONDON CTC

Chairman's Report for the year ended 30 September 2012

Review of 2011-12

Summary

Despite the rain throughout the spring and summer, Central London CTC had a very successful year. Our ride attendance was up considerably (by 24%) from the previous year (from 1,425 to 1,769). Not just the total, but also attendance at every category of ride increased.

On this measure the Group is now larger than at any time in its history, a tribute not only to the growth in the popularity of cycling in London but also to the hard work of those who give their time free to organise and lead for us.

One star

We continued to hold a full programme of rides, a mixture of more leisurely countryside rides and "urban educational" rides, themed around aspects of the capitals history or culture, many of which have attracted large numbers of occasional riders.

We shall miss the efforts of Charles Harvey as our co-ordinator, but look forward to building upon his work next year.

Two star

These rides continue to be the mainstay of the group, accounting for well over half of our attendances and attracting many new faces as well as regular members. We re-launched Saturday rides this year and these have quickly become a popular part of our listing.

Three star

For the road rider, these rides have built up a strong following. We have again run a mixture of rides starting in Central London for a full day's cycling and those using the train to experience the countryside a little further away.

Four star

These rides are for those who are looking for more speed than our other rides can provide. We have a small number of regular leaders now and these rides are beginning to take on an identity of their own, with regular day rides and Regents Park circuits on Thursday evenings.

Tours and weekends

In addition to the ever-popular Easter and summer tours which we have run for many years, we also ran four weekend trips this year, including overseas weekends in Holland and the Isle of Wight.

Walks

Our side-line in walks has grown too and has provided some Saturday variety for those members who like to leave their wheels at home occasionally.

Off-road rides

Off-road has been the only area where we have seen on-going decline. Following a further fall in interest we did not run any rides this year and have decided to suspend activity in this area for now.

Other activities

Outside the Group, our members have maintained a regular presence at audaxes and sportives while taking on long-distance challenges such the "End to End", often blogged on our website.

Developments for 2012-13

In the year ahead, we hope to build upon our growth this year, maintaining our full programme of one, two and three star rides each Sunday, offering regular walks and tours while growing our programme of Saturday, four star and full weekend rides.

We are also planning the return of our own club audax, the Suburban Breakout, next summer, which attracts riders from around the country to our area.

To achieve our plans we will require further ride leaders. Although our ride attendances increased by 24% year on year the number of rides offered rose by only 5% (from 185 to 195) and rides can on occasion be a little full.

I would urge those who are regular riders to think about leading and leaders to think about whether you could manage an extra ride or two. There is always support on hand when required for new leaders from the regular riders and co-ordinators.

Finally, we are working on a new design for club jerseys and hope to send out details early in 2013, in time for you to place orders for the spring season.

Conclusion

Thank you again to all who have contributed to leading, co-ordinating and otherwise assisting with the rides and the group this year. We have had many great days out courtesy of your efforts and I know there are many more to come next year.

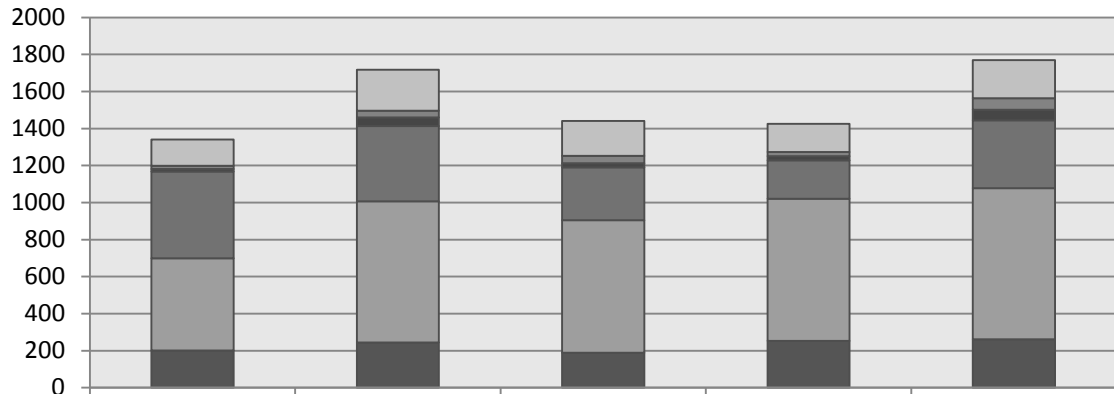
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October 2012

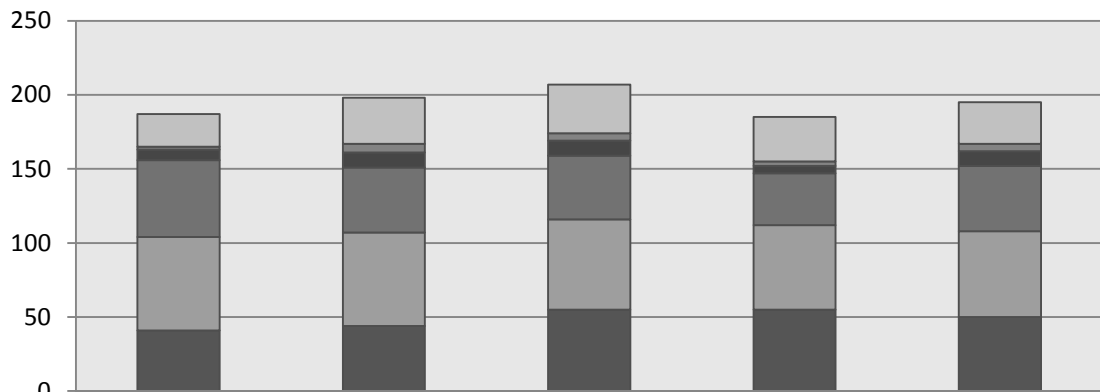
Statistics

Ride Attendances



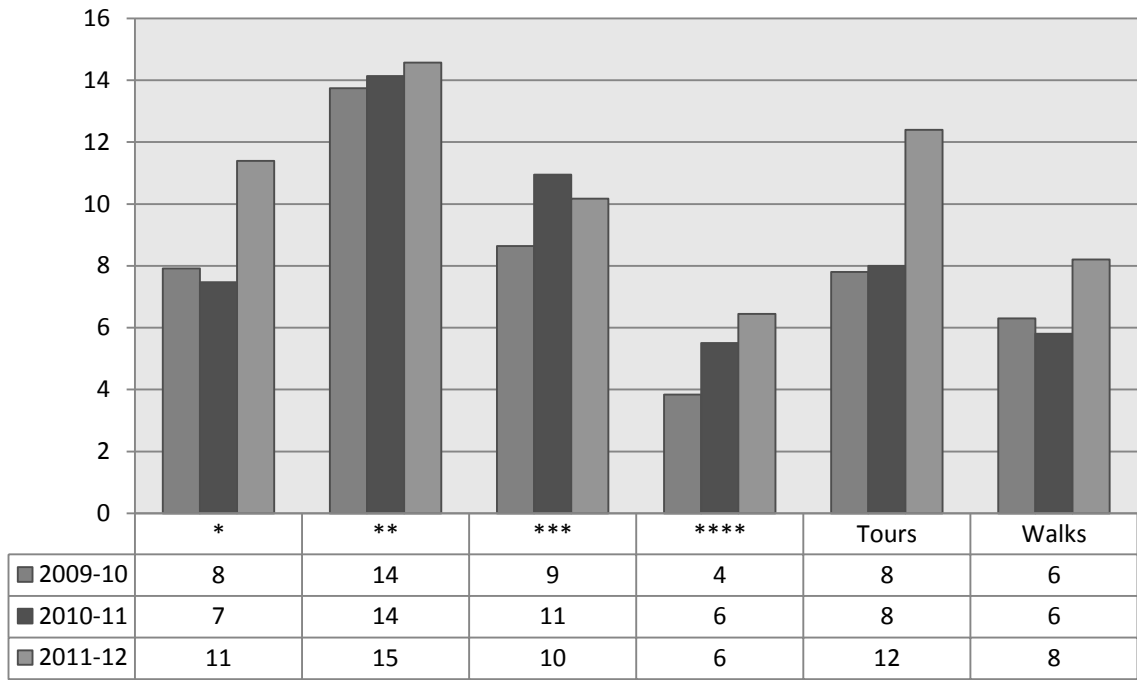
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Walks	142	222	189	151	205
Tours	17	36	39	24	62
****	15	46	23	22	58
***	467	407	285	208	366
**	499	762	715	766	816
*	201	245	190	254	262

Rides

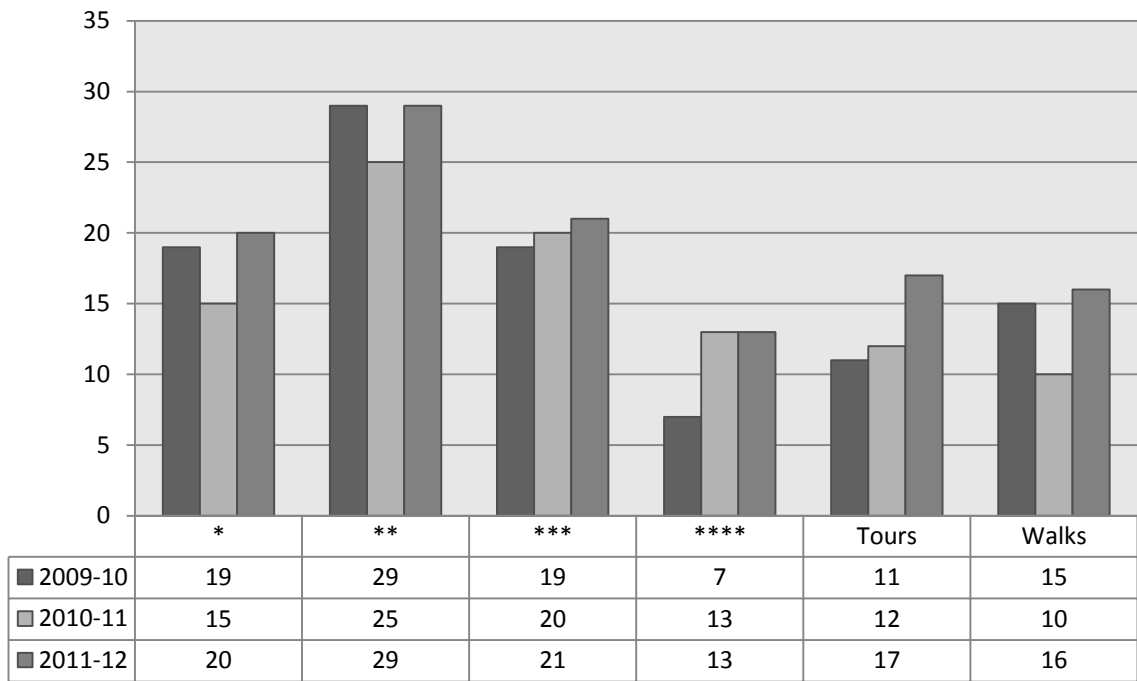


	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Walks	22	31	33	30	28
Tours	2	6	5	3	5
****	7	10	10	5	10
***	52	44	43	35	44
**	63	63	61	57	58
*	41	44	55	55	50

Average Attendance



Maximum Attendance



No of riders	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
All Riders	356	358	407
New Riders	165	160	189

Top Riders 2011 – 2012

Name	Rides
Paul Krebs	58
Michael Belcher	40
Richard Philpott	40
David Kurtz	37
Derek Adlam	36
Christine Johnson	29
Anna Bagi	28
Sabina Carchesio	28
Damian McNamara	24
Thomas James	23
Mike Evans	23
Laurence Known	22 (<i>new</i>)
Roy Watson	22
Jon McColl	21
Liza Raney	21
Jarrold Street	19
Kay Intek	19 (<i>new</i>)
Sarah Watt	18
Sue Dorey	18
Howard Rhind	18
Mike Oliver	17
Martin Hayman	17
Paul Foster	17
Sarah Khedouri	17
John Aizlewood	16
Helen Dutton	16
Kristian Gregory	16
Colin Hartridge-Price	16
Robin Hamilton	16
Kevin Street	16
Graham Carson	16
Keith Butcher	16
Simon Hattersley	15
Kumi Tashiro	15
Sarah Brindley	15