



## Chairman's Report for the year ended 30 September 2013

### Review of the year

#### Summary

Despite the extended winter weather this year, Central London CTC once again enjoyed a very successful year. We grew the number of rides we organised for all of our ride types and attendances remained steady, in line with the record numbers of 2011-12.

I am particularly pleased that we have been able to increase the number and variety of our rides, welcoming long standing members and new riders alike without overcrowding.

The situation is thanks to the time and expertise of those who organise and lead for us, allowing us contribute to the ever increasing popularity of cycling in London.

More detail of the year by ride grade follows:

#### One star

We held a full programme of rides of a more leisurely nature, offering a choice of countryside rides and urban rides, often themed around a museum visit or local history.

#### Two star

Our medium paced rides, in the countryside accessed by train, 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 again were able to hold occasional rides on Saturday supplementing our ride each Sunday.

#### Three star

For the faster 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 those wanting top speed. Our small number of regular leaders have provided us 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 continued to run several well attended weekends in England and Holland and a spring week-away in Scotland.

## **Off-road rides**

After a brief gap, we have re-launched our off road section this year. It is still early days but we held seven rides, attracting up to eight cyclists on each.. (NB Off-road is included within two star in the charts below.)

## **Audax**

We welcomed the return of our own audax, the Suburban Breakout, in July. On one of the hottest days this year, we attracted riders from near and far on a 100km circuit from East Finchley in London to Cottered in Hertfordshire.

## **Walks**

We organised 31 walks in the year, with an average attendance of five.

Given the growing variety of our rides list and falling attendance on walks, the committee has decided to cease organising the latter. Although we realise that these have been part of programme for some years, we believe that we should now focus efforts on our core activity, while leaving organising walks to dedicated walking organisations, which already run extensive walks lists each week.

Many thanks go to Abby Honeywell, who is standing down from the committee at this AGM after many years of service to the group, most recently organising the walks and co-ordinating the overall list.

## **CLCTC online**

Our Facebook page is proving popular (108 likes) as is our Twitter feed (126 followers). Our main website remains both a means of record (over 30 blog entries) and a tool for attracting new riders, complementing our tri-annually printed list.

## **Other activities**

Outside the Group rides, our members have maintained a regular presence at audaxes and sportives while taking on long-distance challenges such the UK "End to End", US coast to coast and even a London to Dakar ride.

## **Obituary**

A sad event for us this year was the passing of John Snuggs, a regular rider and leader with our group for many years; his presence on our rides is fondly remembered and much missed.

At the memorial rides we held in February, current and former members came together to follow one of his favourite routes in North Essex.

## **Plans for 2013-14**

In the year ahead, we plan to maintain our full programme of one, two and three star rides each Sunday, to offer regular tours and our annual audax, while growing our programme of occasional Saturday, four star and full weekend trips whenever possible.

Our biggest challenge remains converting riders in leaders. I would urge those who are regular riders to think about leading, and existing 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. My own experience has been that while the first couple of rides led may seem daunting, leading becomes much easier after only a few rides and is very satisfying to do.

Although we were unsuccessful in procuring a new club jersey design this year, we are working on this again in 2014 and hope to have something ready 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 in the saddle and I look forward to many more in the year ahead.

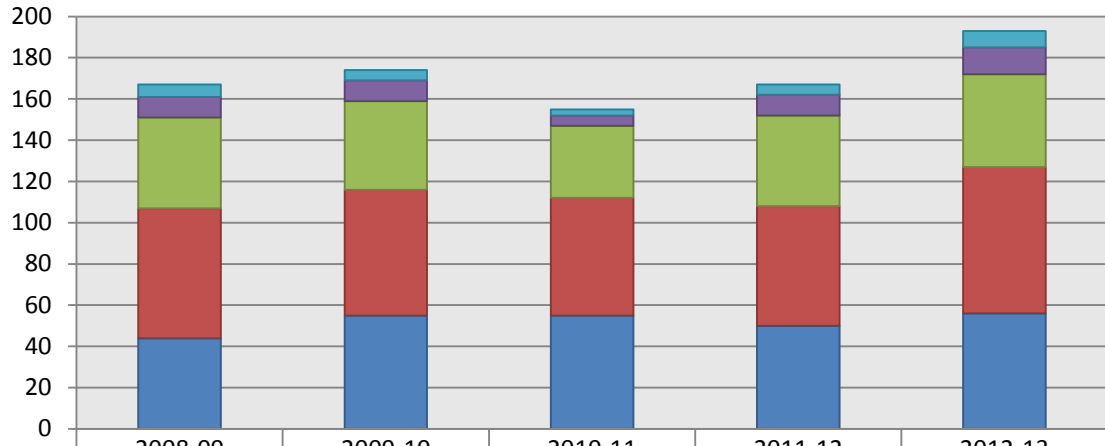
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*October 2013*

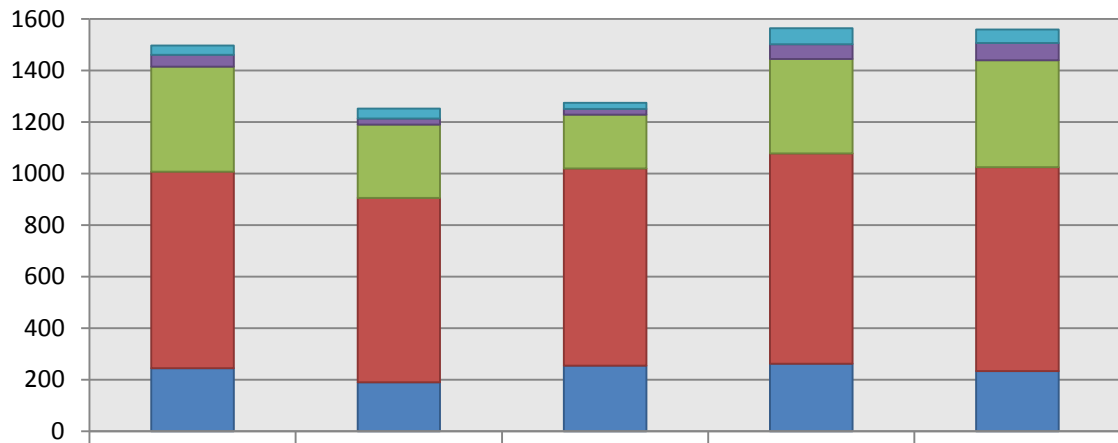
# Statistics

## Rides



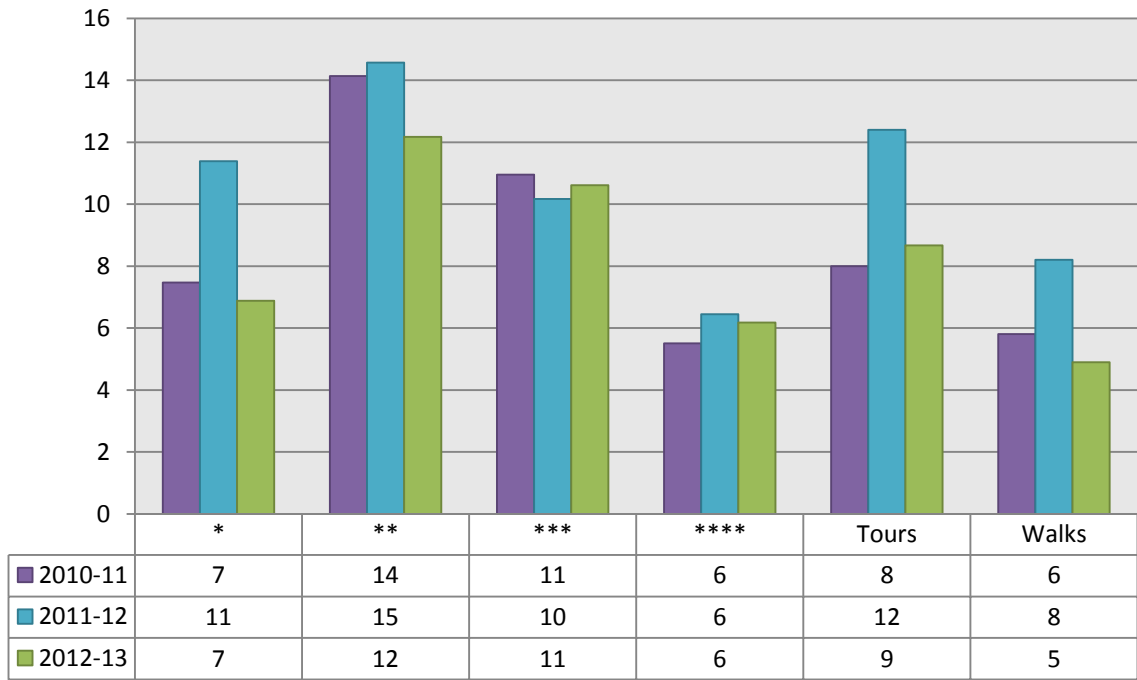
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Tours	6	5	3	5	8
****	10	10	5	10	13
***	44	43	35	44	45
**	63	61	57	58	71
*	44	55	55	50	56

## Ride Attendances

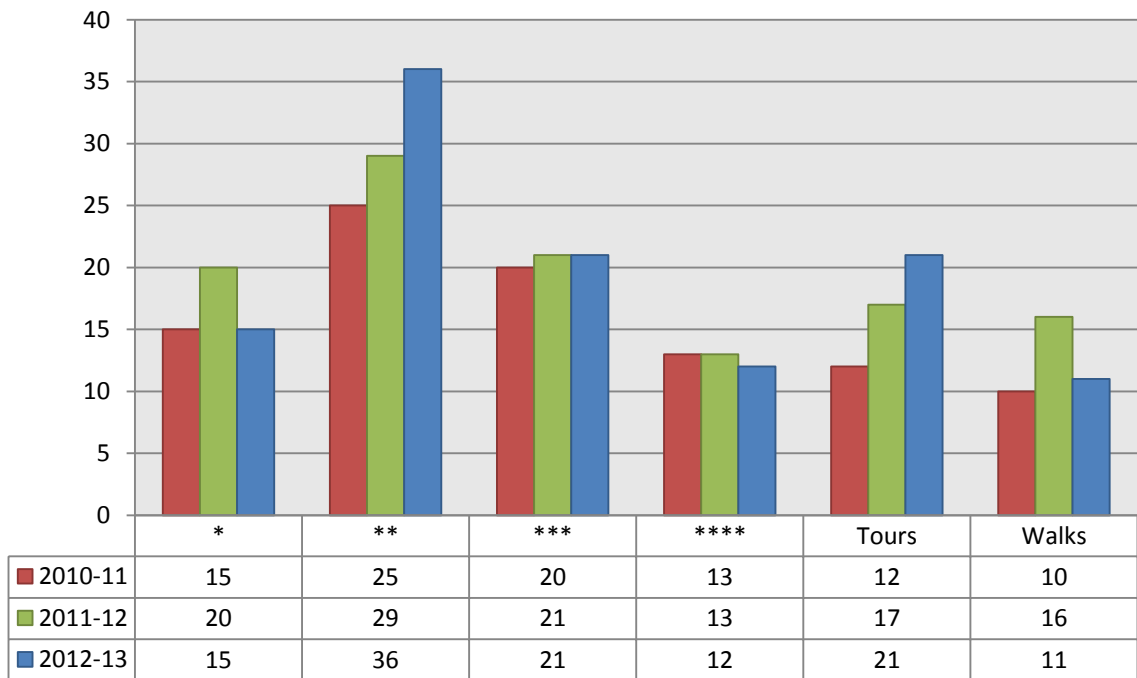


	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Tours	36	39	24	62	52
****	46	23	22	58	68
***	407	285	208	366	414
**	762	715	766	816	791
*	245	190	254	262	234

### Average Attendance



### Maximum Attendance



No of riders	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
All Riders	358	407	390
New Riders	160	189	157

## Top Riders 2012 – 2013

Paul Krebs	52 (top for ninth year running)
Roy Watson	41
Richard Philpott	40
Laurence Known	36
David Kurtz	34
Michael Belcher	33
Christine Johnson	33
Derek Adlam	28
Colin Hartridge-Price	25
Anna Bagi	25
Mike Evans	25
Nick Bloom	24
Jon McColl	24
Kay Intek	22
Sabina Carchesio	22
Thomas James	22
Sue Dorey	21
Lisa Percival	21 (new)
Robert Hanwell	21
Ken Peters	20
Paul Foster	20
Sarah Khedouri	19
Kristina Hetherington	18
Damian McNamara	18
Keith Butcher	18
Liza Raney	17
Hashim Mohamed	17
Naomi Wolf	17
Jarrold Street	17
Graham Carson	16
Bob Davis	15
Simon Binning	15
Jim Higson	15
Martin Hayman	15