

# CENTRAL LONDON CTC



## Chairman's Report for the year ended 30 September 2014

### Review of the year

#### Summary

The Central London Group of the CTC continues to break records. The number of rides we organised was a record number at 194 while the number of ride attendances was up 7% to 1,661, a tribute to the success of our ride leaders in building on, and contributing to, the growing popularity of our favoured mode of transport in the UK's capital.

Once again, we can be proud that we have provided opportunities for Londoners to take part in a healthy, diverting and enjoyable activity which provides a chance to see the city and countryside in the company of like minded people.

I'm especially pleased that we were again to continue to welcome long-standing members while introducing new members to the pleasures of cycling at all levels.

More detail of the year by ride grade follows:

#### One star

We held a full programme of rides of more leisurely rides, offering a choice of countryside rides and urban rides, often themed around a specific district or historical topic. We also took on on the monthly "Little Green Ride" from LCC's Islington group, a regular and popular 50km ride through Hertfordshire. We again were able to hold occasional rides on Saturday supplement our Sunday programme.

#### Two star

Our medium paced rides, in the countryside accessed by train, generally with pub lunch and teashop cakes, continue to be the mainstay of the Group, accounting for well over half of our attendances. Their longstanding popularity is strongly connected to the organisational skills and dedication of Michael Belcher, who is standing down after many years of service on our committee.

#### 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 in one or both directions to experience the countryside a little further away.

### **Four star**

These rides are for those wanting top speed and this year has moved from an occasional extra ride to an equal part of the Group with a separate identity and core of regular followers on both Sunday rides and Regents Park circuits on Thursday evenings.

Its success means that we are proposing now separating the three- and four- star co-ordinator posts in order to sustain the continued popularity of both areas.

### **Tours and weekends**

We ran several well attended weeks and weekends away in England, Wales, France and Holland. Our Easter tour now comes in three fully-subscribed varieties.

### **Off-road rides**

Despite a fine effort from Roy Watson and leaders we regretfully have unable to build sustained interest in this as a separate activity, so the committee has decided to combine this area within the one- to four- star sections. Off-road riding can comprise a variety of ride types, from old railway tracks to technical climbs and descents and we still welcome these rides as part of our activities but we will now organise them within the appropriate grade.

### **Audax**

Nick Bloom's Suburban Breakout, in July attracted riders from around London and the UK on a 100km circuit from East Finchley in London this year to Ardsley Farm in Hertfordshire.

### **CLCTC online**

Our Facebook page is picking up regular comments and posts. Our main website, complementing our tri-annually printed list, is a tool for attracting new riders and for blogging our adventures by existing ones.

### **Plans for 2014-15**

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

Martin Hayman has taken over the lead on the long-running project for a club jersey. We have now engaged a supplier who has developed prototype designs and I'm very hopeful we will start the spring season with our own distinctive clothing.

### **Conclusion**

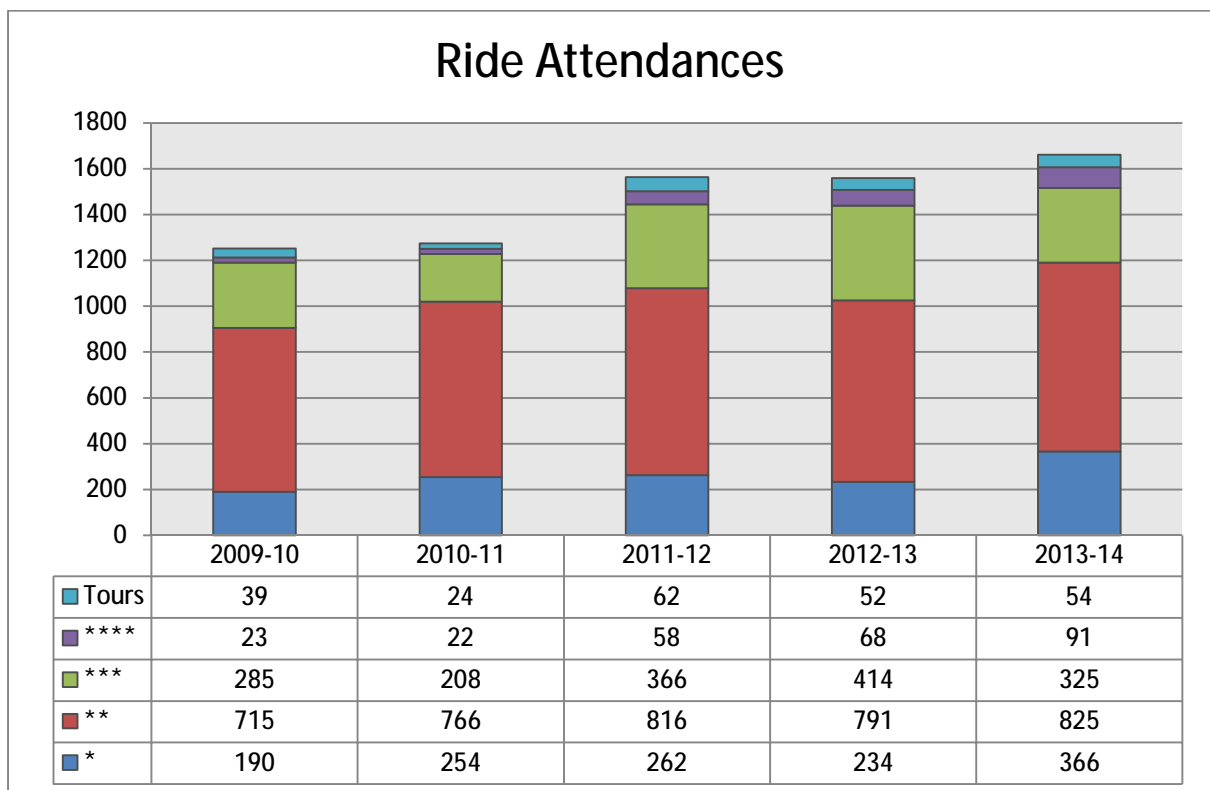
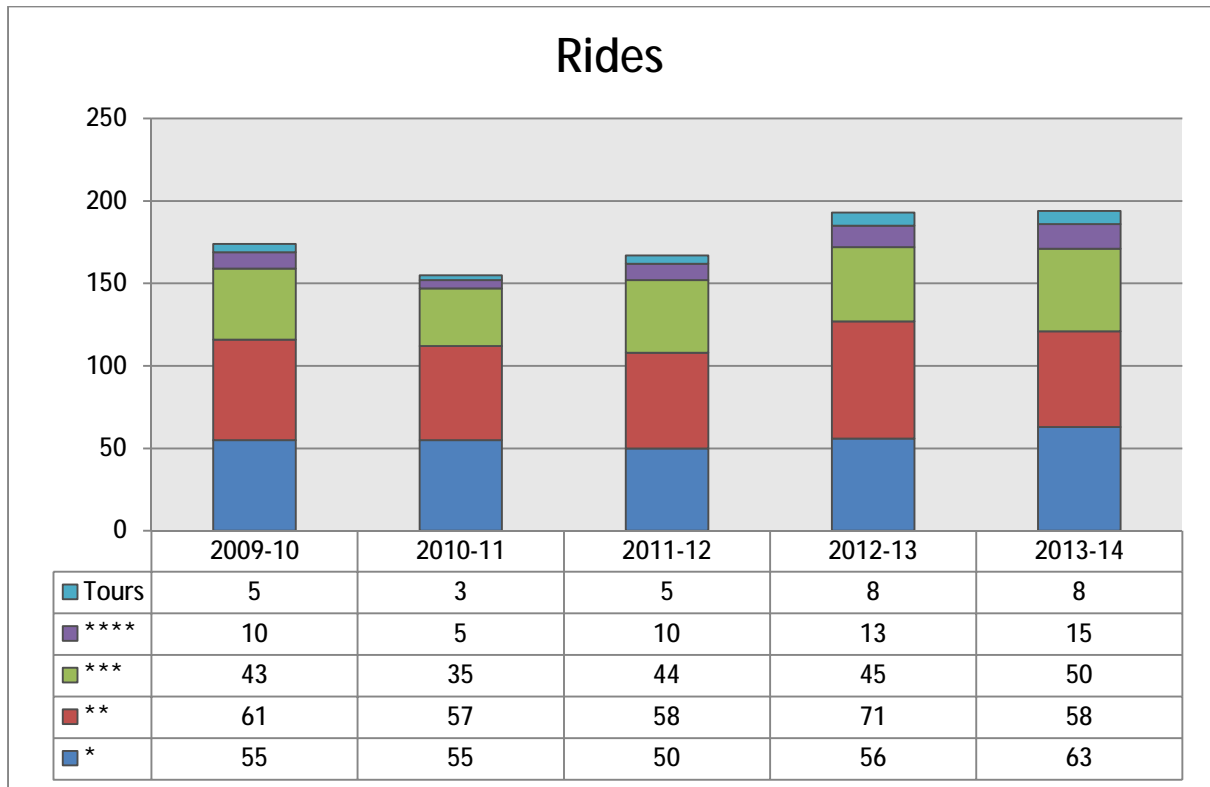
Thank you again to all who have contributed to leading, co-ordinating and otherwise assisting with the rides and the Group this year. I look forward to another great cycling year ahead..

*Thomas James*

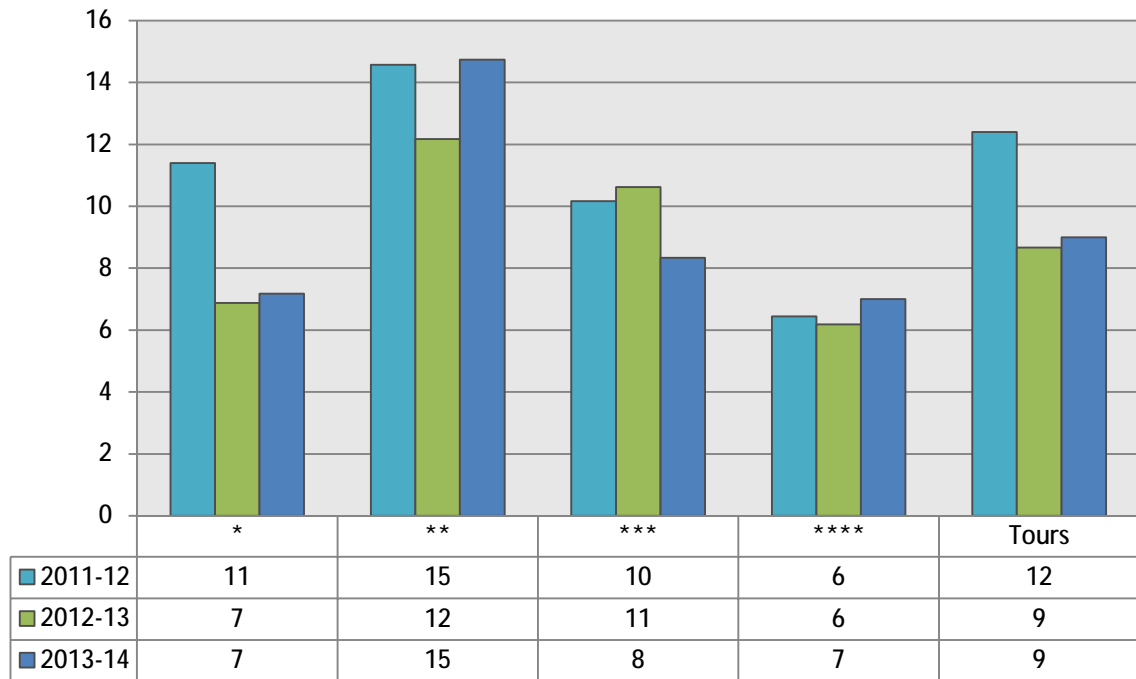
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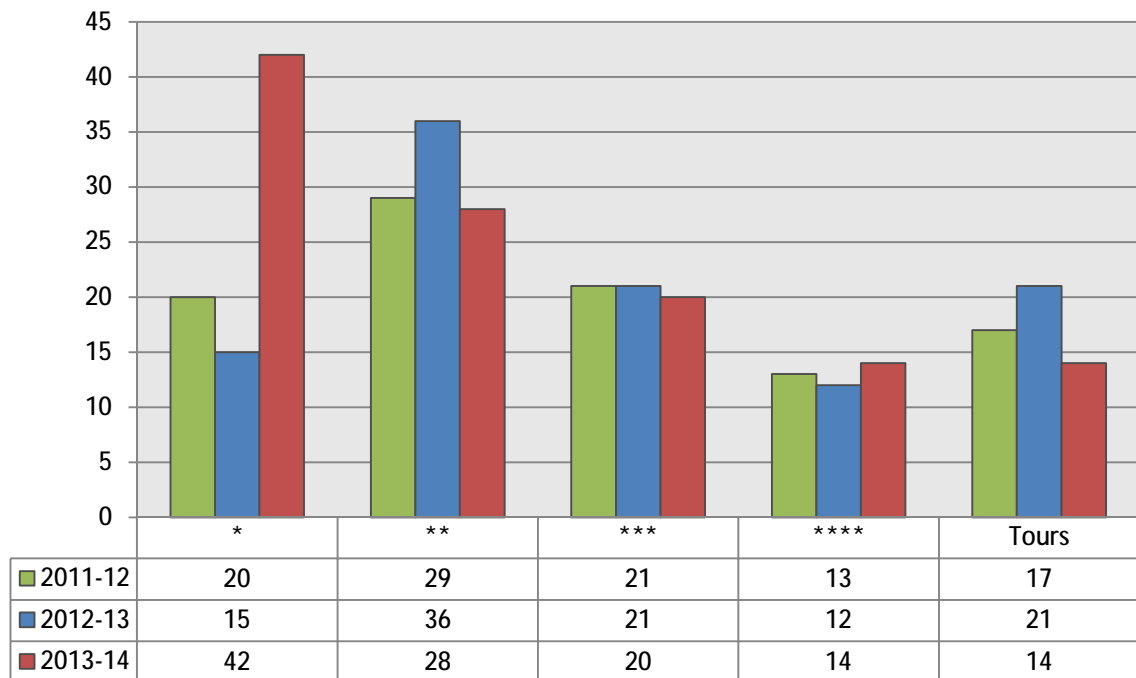
# Statistics



## Average Attendance



## Maximum Attendance



No of riders	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
All Riders	358	407	390	356
New Riders	160	189	157	144

## **Top Riders 2012 – 2013**

Paul Krebs	39 (10 years at the top)
Derek Adlam	37
Richard Philpott	36
Christine Johnson	36
Michael Belcher	33
Laurence Lo	32
Colin Hartridge-Price	31
David Kurtz	31
Roy Watson	30
Simon Slater	28
Lisa Percival	27
Sue Dorey	24
Jon McColl	24
Mike Evans	21
Simon Binning	20
Sarah Khedouri	20
Paul Foster	20
Pat Wheeler	19
Nick Bloom	18
Kevin Street	18
Kumi Tashiro	16
Catherine Moye	16
Graham Carson	16
Ruth Evans	16
Thomas James	15
Michael Sheerin	15
John Silvertown	15
Robert Hanwell	15
Jarrold Street	15
Martin Hayman	14
Keith Butcher	14
Rodolfo Hermans	13 (new)
Anna Bagi	13
Sally-Anne Dunn	13
Naomi Wolf	13