



CENTRAL LONDON CTC

Chairman's Report for the year ended 30 September 2015

Review of the year

Summary

Each year I begin my report by saying that we in the Central London CTC have broken our previous record and this year is no different. The number of rides we organised broke the 200 barrier for the first time to reach 216, while the number of recorded ride attendances stayed steady (well, just 1 below last year) at 1,660. Even better, we are seeing a strong balance between rides organised at all four of our levels, an expansion of our Saturday and mid-week rides programmes and a thriving list of tours. Indeed, one keen member has shown that is now possible, if you are so minded, to attend 65 of our rides each year.

I'm also very pleased that once more we are a group that not only welcomes back our long-standing members each year but which also introduces new riders at all levels to the pleasures of cycle touring.

The health and lifestyle benefits of cycling are clear. With TfL (and some boroughs) now having the vision to install cycling infrastructure of a quality and extent never seen before in the UK, central London is becoming Britain's best urban cycling environment. We remain well placed to be part of the growth in the popularity of cycling that will surely accelerate as a consequence.

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 in Greater London, often themed around a specific district, historical topic or event. We continued the tradition of a monthly "Little Green Ride" a popular 50km trip through Hertfordshire. Many rides were on Saturday supplementing 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. They are not only for Sundays now, but with a large Saturday programme (thanks to David Kurtz) and a Thursday one (thanks to Felix Ormerod).

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 those wanting top speed and this year has become a fully-fledged weekly group with day rides each Sunday and circuits in Regent's Park three times per week.

Tours and weekends

CLCTC took to the air for the first time with our Easter trip to Bosnia-Herzegovina, where cycle tourism is so rare that our members were greeted with champagne. We also ran five well attended weeks and weekends away in the UK and Holland.

Audax

Nick Bloom's Suburban Breakout, in July, again attracted riders from around London and the UK on a 100km circuit from East Finchley in London to Bedfordshire and back.

Socials

Our new summer venue at Much Hadham Golf Club provided a fine welcome for our summer "all-stars" meet-up, while the Calthorpe Arms continues to keep us well fed after our AGM.

CLCTC online

Our Facebook page and Twitter feed) are picking up regular comments and posts. Our main website, is a tool for attracting new riders and for blogging our adventures by existing ones.

Jerseys

Thanks to Martin Hayman's fine efforts in engaging supplier Pactimo, our new club kit, available for all sizes and seasons, appeared this year and has proved enormously popular. It is also very smart and high quality and while of course entirely optional for our rides, it does mean we can show our clear identity at audax and sportif events.

Plans for 2015-16

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

We (thanks to Richard Philpott) plan to revamp our website, including allowing better mobile access and integration with our Facebook page.

With the move of so much of modern life to the internet, the committee recognises that very few now of our members rely solely on the printed rides list as their means of gaining information. For this reason, together with the rising cost of postage, we consider that the time has now come to phase out the printed rides list. This will allow savings, which can be used among other things for printed flyers and cards for publicity, and would give us more flexibility to update the planned programme on a rolling basis. We will be asking for members' endorsement of our approach as a motion at the AGM.

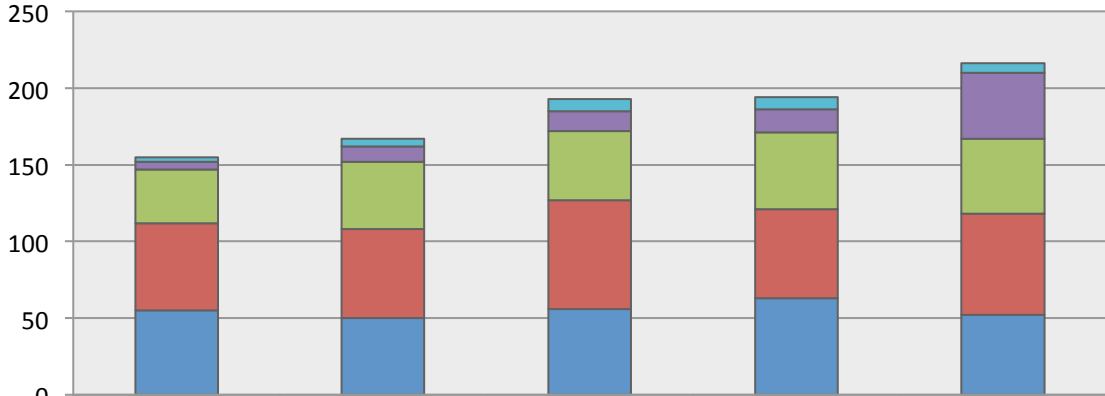
Conclusion

Thank you again to all members who have contributed to leading, co-ordinating and otherwise assisting with the rides and the Group this year. I look forward to an even greater year of cycling in 2015-16.

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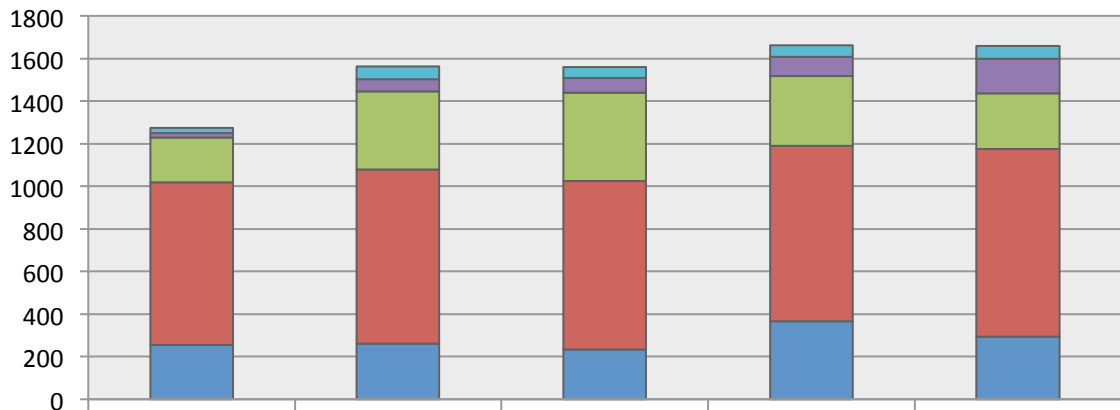
Statistics

Rides



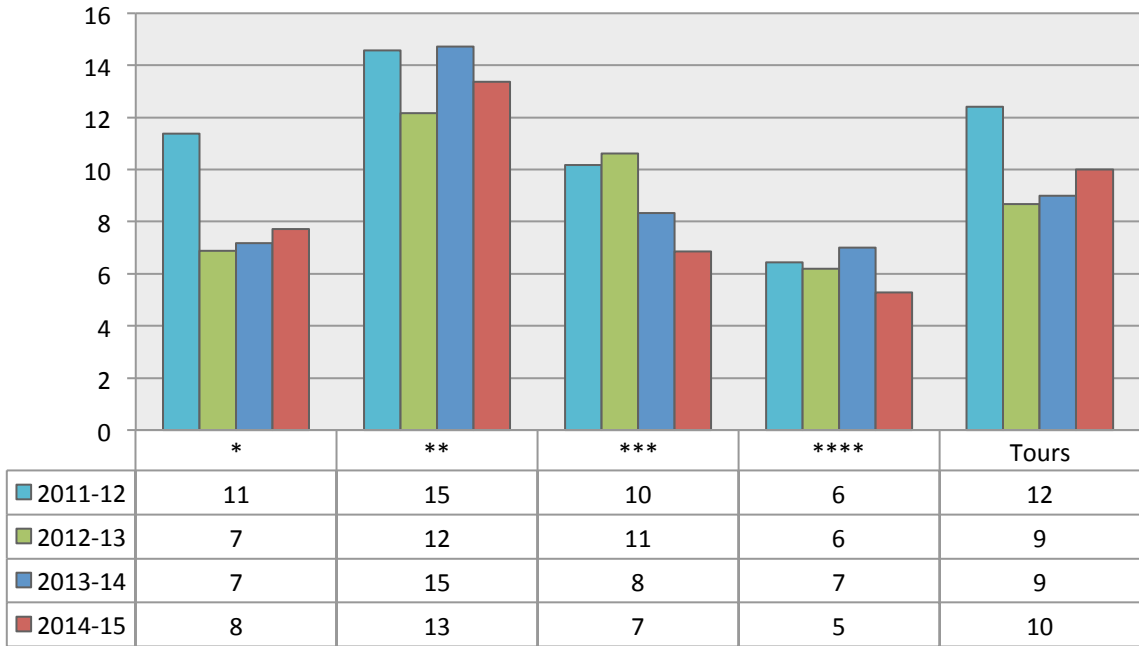
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Tours	3	5	8	8	6
****	5	10	13	15	43
***	35	44	45	50	49
**	57	58	71	58	66
*	55	50	56	63	52

Ride Attendances

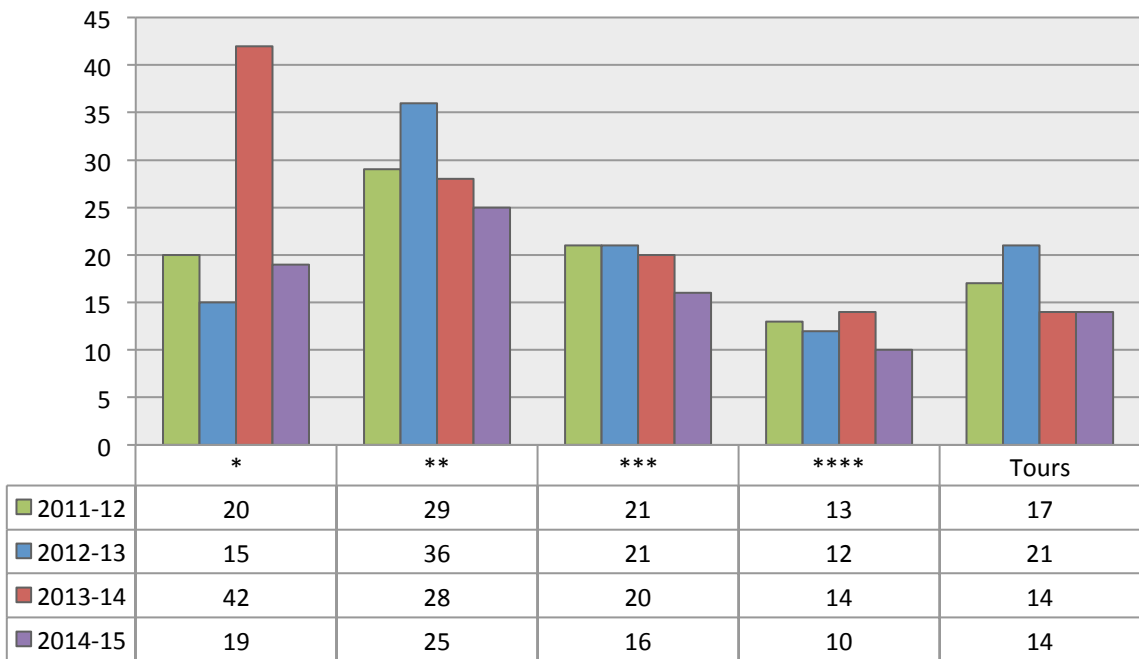


	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Tours	24	62	52	54	60
****	22	58	68	91	164
***	208	366	414	325	261
**	766	816	791	825	882
*	254	262	234	366	293

Average Attendance



Maximum Attendance



No of riders	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
All Riders	407	390	356	377
New Riders	189	157	144	156

Top riders 2014-15

Colin Hartridge-Price	65
David Kurtz	49
Paul Krebs	41
Richard Philpott	38
Derek Adlam	36
Christine Johnson	35
Roy Watson	30
Sue Dorey	30
Jon McColl	30
Michael Belcher	29
Tibor Bek	28
Kumi Tashiro	26
Simon Binning	26
Lisa Percival	24
Simon Slater	24
Pat Wheeler	22
Sarah Khedouri	22
Catherine Moye	22
Laurence Lo	22
Nick Bloom	21
Martin Hayman	21
Anna Bagi	20
Mike Evans	20
Jarrold Street	18
Ruth Evans	18
Cosmin Popan	17 (new)
Paul Foster	15
Graham Carson	15