



CENTRAL LONDON CTC

Chairman's Report for the year ended 30 September 2016

Review of the year

Summary

Since I have been chair of Central London CTC, I have begun my report by saying that we have broken our previous records. I am very pleased to begin my fifth and final report in the same way.

Indeed the rate of growth has increased. We organised an additional 50 rides compared with last year to reach 256, while the number of recorded ride attendances rose to over 2,000 (2,023 to be precise), well over 50% more than five years ago. Even better, we have seen a further balancing of attendance between all four of our levels, while our Saturday and mid-week rides, tours lists and Regent's Park circuits are all thriving, supplementing our core programme of rides each Sunday.

I note that with our expanded programme, our most regular member has been able to smash all previous attendance records with 90 rides to his credit this 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 opening of the latest "superhighways" at last worthy of the name, the planned extensions and the further developments of the "quietways" mean that central London now has by far the best cycle facilities in the UK and, as more enlightened countries have already shown, the take-up of cycling and the consequent improvements in the quality of city life follow. We are well placed to introduce central Londoners to the pleasure of cycling.

More detail of the year by ride grade follows:

One star

We held a full programme of more leisurely rides, offering a choice of countryside and urban days out, often themed around a specific district, historical topic or event.

Two star

Our medium paced rides, in the countryside accessed by train, generally with pub lunch and teashop cakes, remain extremely popular. As well as Sundays, we ran many Saturday rides and the “Blue Thursdays Oyster Card Cult” is now a regular fixture.

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; we run an “Out and Back” ride each Sunday and circuits in Regent’s Park three times per week.

Tours and weekends

Our main tour was in Croatia and Montenegro this year, with four shorter trips in England, Scotland and the Netherlands.

Audax

Nick Bloom’s Suburban Breakout, in July, again attracted riders from around London and the UK on a 100km circuit from East Finchley into the countryside. It was a chance to show CLCTC to the audax world, as well as a great day out.

Socials

Our second summer event at Much Hadham Golf Club provided a successful “all-stars” meet-up, while the Calthorpe Arms continues to keep us well fed after our AGM.

CLCTC online

Our Facebook page is picking up regular comments and posts. Our main website is now our main rides list and is attracting new members and allowing existing ones to blog our experiences.

Jerseys

Our high-quality club kit from Pactimo, available for all sizes and seasons, has continued to attract favourable comment and new orders.

Rides list

As endorsed at the last AGM, we decided to phase the paper versions of our rides lists and our final “souvenir edition” was issued in the year.

Many thanks are due from us to Dave Newman, who is stepping down from the committee, for the hard work and design skills he has used to produce these over many years.

Plans for 2016-17

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

We are still in the process of rebuilding our website, including allowing better mobile access and integration with our Facebook page.

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. It has been a great pleasure and honour to be your chair for the past five years and I look forward to many more great days out with you in the future.

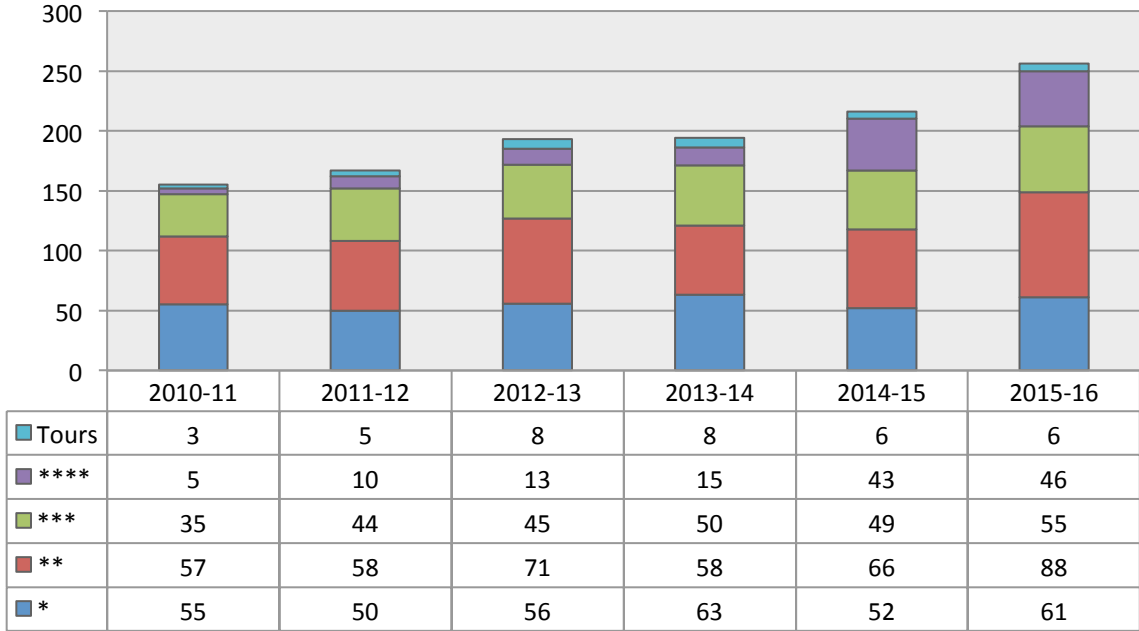
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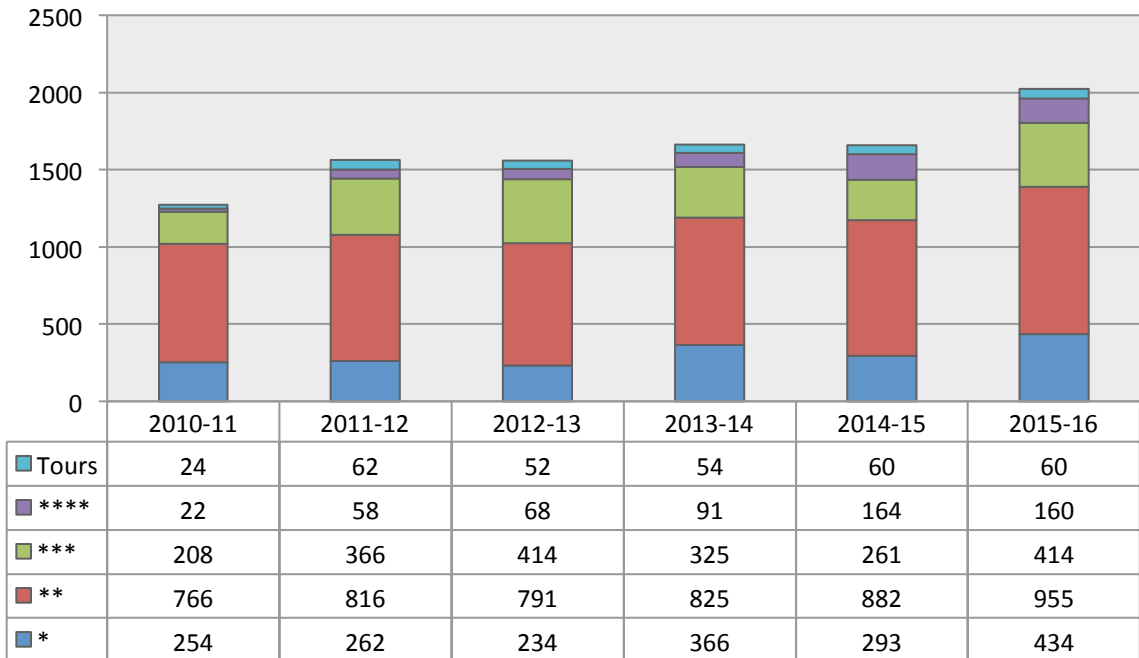
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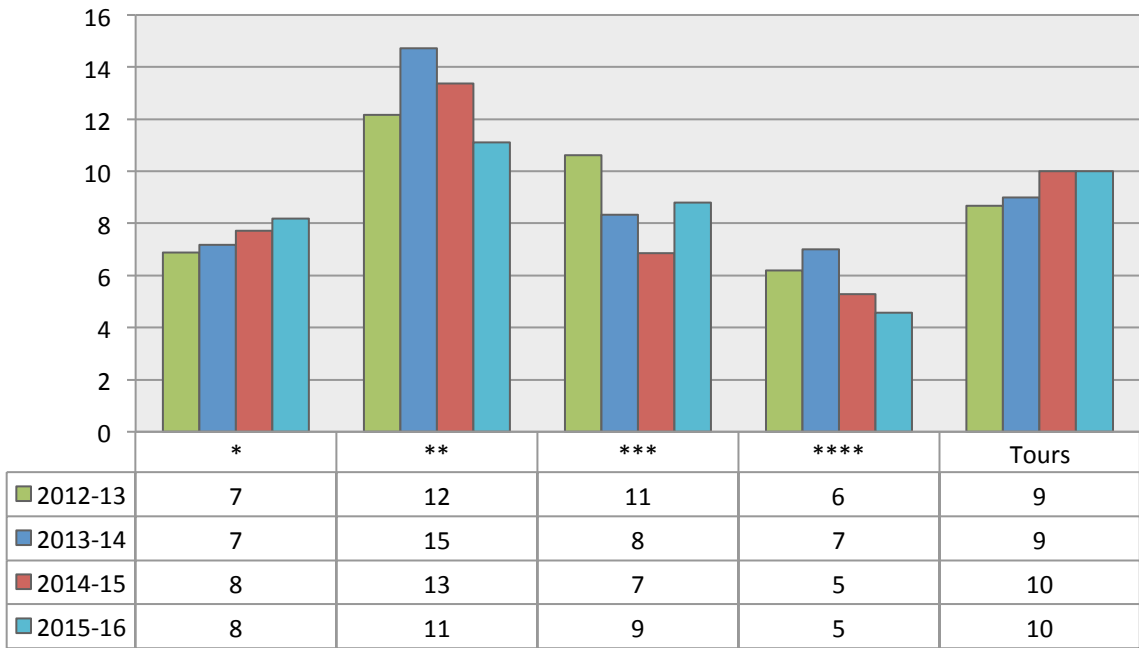
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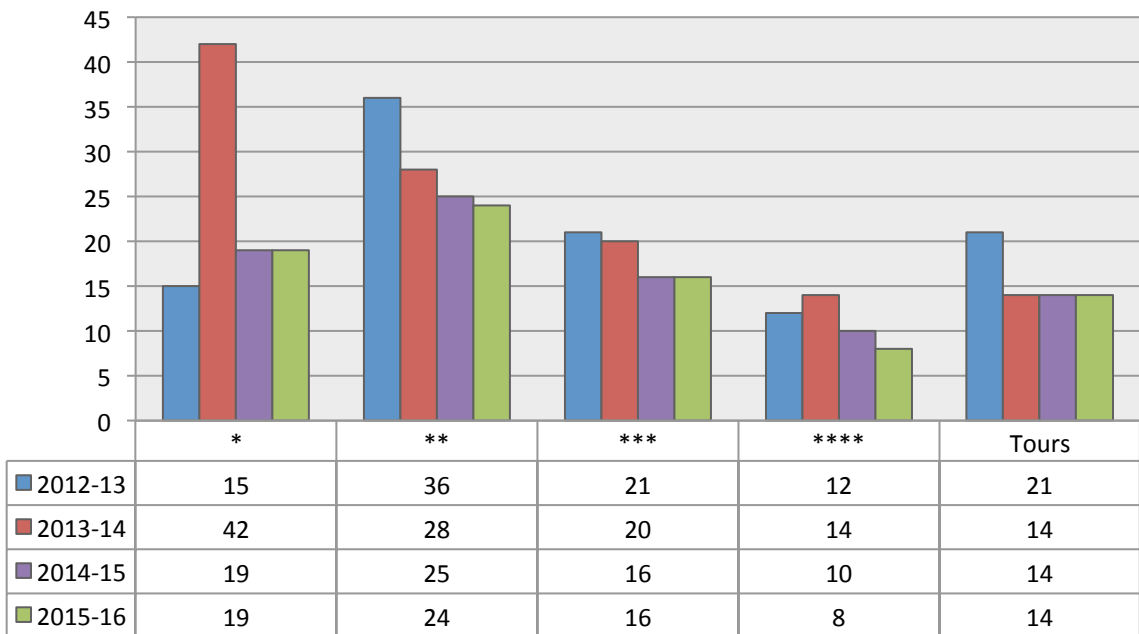
Ride Attendances



Average Attendance



Maximum Attendance



No of riders	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
All Riders	407	390	356	377	377
New Riders	189	157	144	156	139

Top riders 2015-16

	<u>Number of rides</u> ▼
Colin Hartridge-Price	90
Richard Philpott	55
David Kurtz	52
Nick Bloom	42
Mick O'Rorke	42
Roy Watson	41
Derek Adlam	41
Paul Krebs	40
Paul Foster	38
Tibor Bek	32
Sue Dorey	31
Stephen Goodwin	30
Bob Davis	30
Michael Belcher	30
Jon McColl	29
Christine Johnson	26
Sarah Khedouri	26
Anna Bagi	26
Felix Ormerod	25
Simon Binning	25
Simon Slater	24
Keith Butcher	24
Iain Bell	23
Catherine Moyer	23
Inez Thorn	23
Pat Wheeler	23
Lisa Percival	22
Haydee Wilkinson	20
Naomi Wolf	20
Laurence Lo	19
Martin Hayman	19
Kevin Street	18
Jon Fluxman	18
Jarrold Street	17
Ken Peters	15
Philip Holmes (new)	15
Brian O'Reilly	15
Graham Carson	15