



Chairman's Report for the year to 30 September 2017

The Committee

In this, my first AGM report, I would first like to thank the Committee members for their huge contribution to what I am sure is one of the most successful of all the various member-run ride organisations. Every Committee member has a very important role – Secretary, Webmaster, Treasurer, Welfare, Tours – and our co-ordinators for the 1, 2, 3 and 4 star rides do a superb job in finding leaders for what is very nearly an average of five rides every week.

Rides

I am also hugely grateful to the leaders of our day rides and tours. These leaders are a major part of our success. In the year to 30 September 2017 they led 246 day rides, with a total of 1,695 riders. That number of day rides is slightly lower than the 250 for the previous Club year, but significantly higher than the years before that.

It would be great to have some new ride leaders, especially for the 1 star rides. Every assistance will be given in selecting a ride, and on the ride itself. There are loads of route maps on our website – www.centrallondonctc.org.uk.

Another aspect for which we would like to encourage leaders is “easier” 2, 3 and 4 star rides for those who would like to try a ride a little harder (or perhaps easier) than usual.

Training for Group Riding

Stephen Taylor very kindly ran two extremely enjoyable and informative training events on how to ride in a group. Those who attended will now be riding with more focus on their own safety and the safety of others.

Tours

Our tour leaders have done a magnificent job in organising six tours, taking in the delights of Scotland, Suffolk, France, Belgium, Holland and the Alps. On the website we have details of a three-day post Christmas tour, and planning is also already well advanced for a coast-to-coast six-day tour (with optional three-day extension) taking in Hadrian's Wall. When the time is right, we will be asking for expressions of interest.

If anyone has an idea for a tour, do get in touch with Paul Krebs (paul@centrallondonctc.org.uk).

Finances

As we will hear later, our accounts are independently audited (many thanks to Robin Hamilton for that) and our funds are remaining fairly stable year-on-year. So we should have no problem in continue to fund the AGM buffet and our annual social when all the rides meet up for lunch.

Website/Facebook

Richard Philpott has devoted a huge amount of time to keeping our existing website updated with new rides etc, and to developing a new website which he will be unveiling in the coming months. And we are also on Facebook (@centrallondonctc).

Read her Blog

At the end of June 2017, Central London CTC member, Sarah Brindley, set off to cycle the length of South America from top to bottom – a total of some 11,000km/7,000 miles over about nine

months. You can see some beautiful photographs, and read about her experiences to date, in the “Blogs” section on our website. Sarah is using the trip to raise money for two very worthy causes:

Hope and Homes for Children: Working to eliminate institutional care and transform the lives of 8m children still in orphanages around the world.

The Bike Project: Refurbishing and donating bikes to refugees and asylum seekers in London, giving them the freedom to travel and access the services they need. (Contact www.thebikeproject.co.uk if you have a bike you can donate.)

So far Sarah has raised £1,550 (www.virginmoneygiving.com/Sarah_Brindley). More donations would obviously be welcome, as this is a hugely challenging ride and she is well short of her fund-raising target.

Also in the “Blogs” section on our website are some interesting accounts of some of our rides and tours.

Club Kit

We are continuing to expand the Club clothing available via our website, so do take a look if you want good quality cycle wear.

In Memoriam

It was with great sadness that, just after the last AGM, we learnt of the death of **Kumi Tashiro** in Tierra del Fuego, South America, on 14 November following possibly having been blown off her bicycle. She was just two weeks from the end of a nine month ride of the length of South America. Kumi was a regular two star rider when she was not away on one of her many long and challenging cycle tours. Such a lovely cheerful character who sent us some wonderful blogs during her trips. She is still greatly missed.

Another sad passing in the last year was **Graham Watson**, a founder member of our club, who passed away in January after an accident at his home. Although Graham had left us in 1989 to get married and live in New Zealand, he is fondly remembered as a quiet gentleman who was good company on rides, and was committed to cycling, friends, and principles.

There may be other notable losses, but the above two are the only ones of which we have been made aware.

Photo Competition

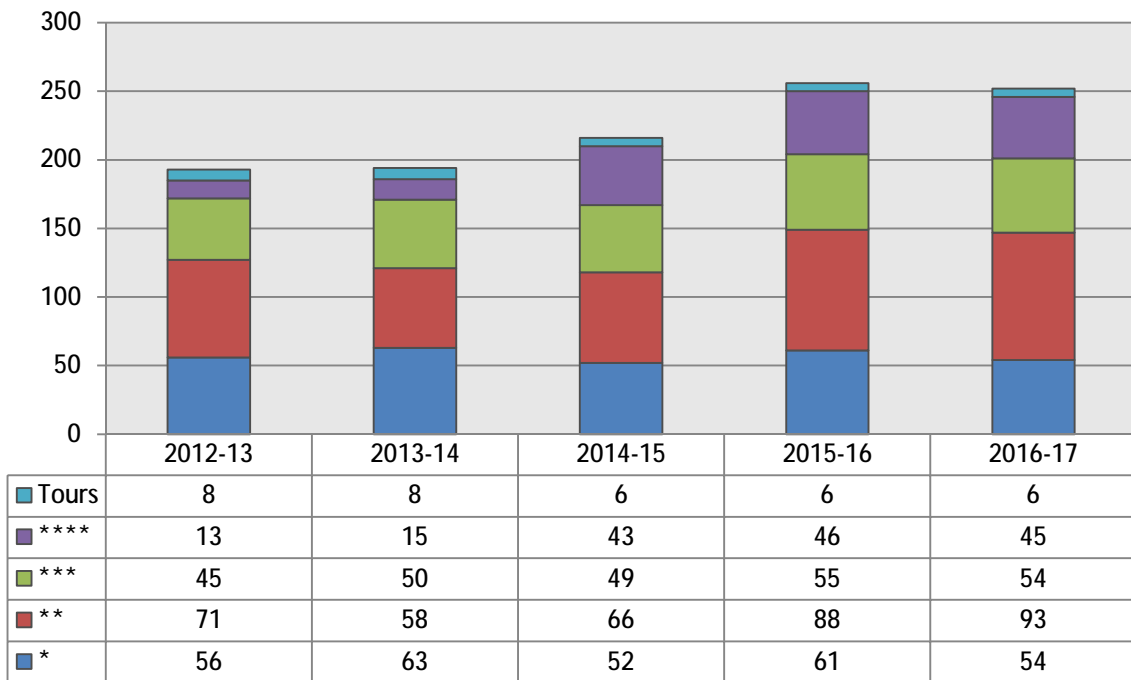
To end on a lighter note, there is our new photo competition, for which the winner will be selected by attendees at the AGM. A trophy and bubbles await.

Finally

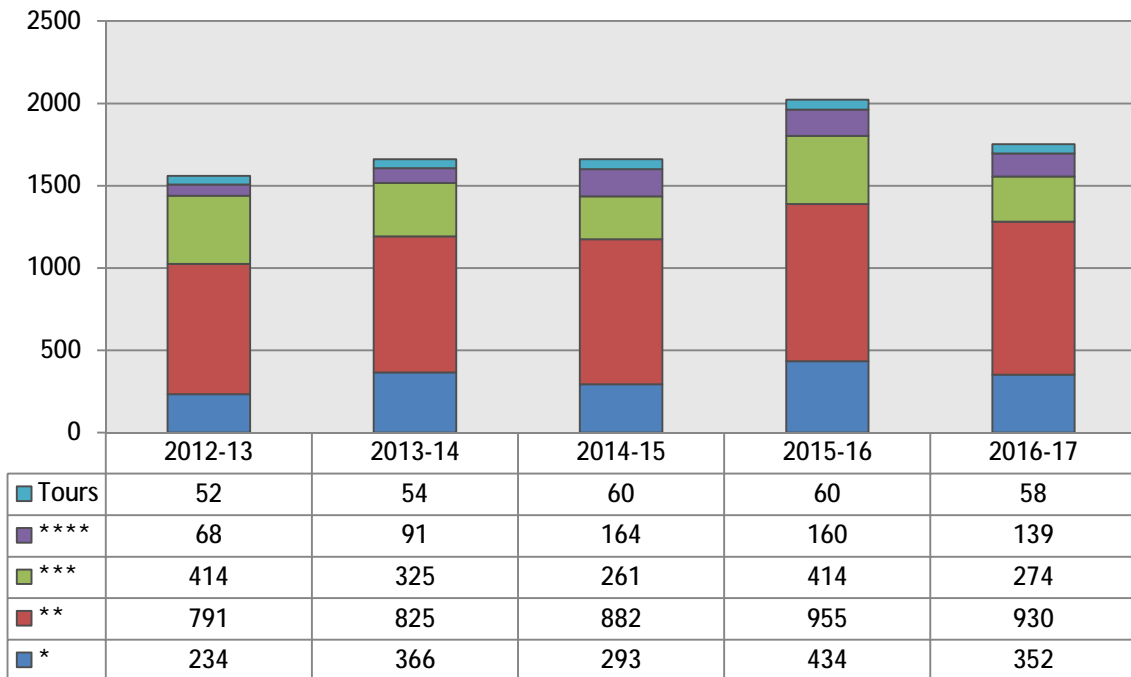
I look forward to another enjoyable year of day rides, tours and good company.

Colin Hartridge-Price
Chair, Central London CTC

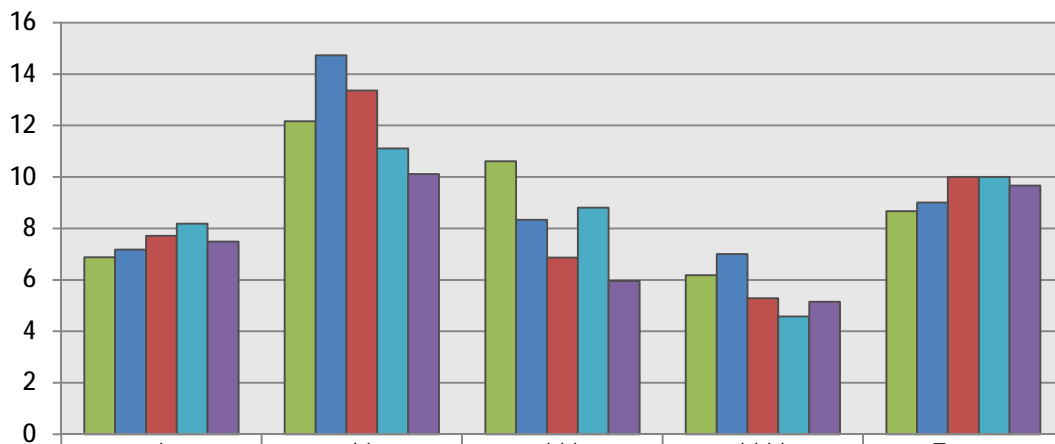
Rides



Ride Attendances

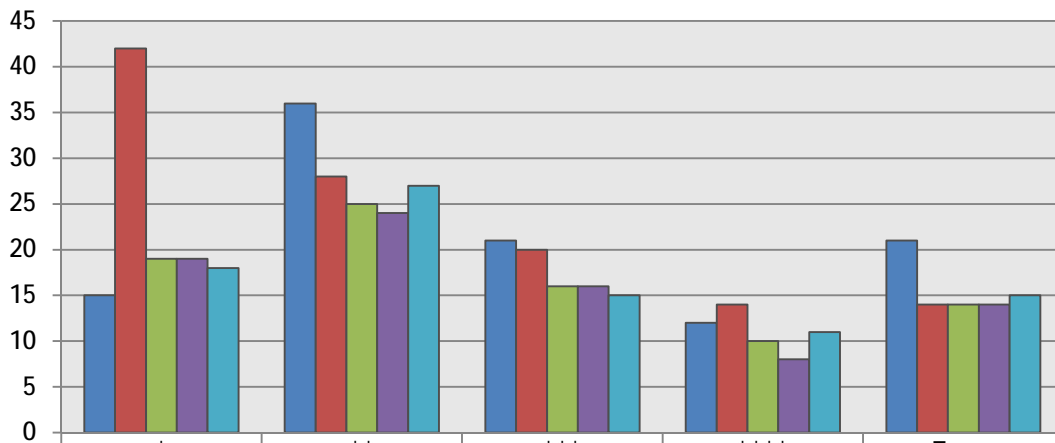


Average Attendance



	*	**	***	****	Tours
2012-13	7	12	11	6	9
2013-14	7	15	8	7	9
2014-15	8	13	7	5	10
2015-16	8	11	9	5	10
2016-17	7	10	6	5	10

Maximum Attendance



	*	**	***	****	Tours
2012-13	15	36	21	12	21
2013-14	42	28	20	14	14
2014-15	19	25	16	10	14
2015-16	19	24	16	8	14
2016-17	18	27	15	11	15

Breakdown by day of week (last three years)

2014-15

	Rides	Riders	Max	Average
* Saturday	10	65	17	9.3
* Sunday	42	228	19	7.4
** Saturday	9	103	19	11.4
** Sunday	51	746	25	14.6
** Thursday	6	33	7	5.5

2015-16

	Rides	Riders	Max	Average
* Saturday	17	91	13	9.1
* Sunday	44	290	19	8.3
** Saturday	15	91	11	6.5
** Sunday	48	692	24	14.7
** Thursday	23	157	12	6.8

2016-17

	Rides	Riders	Max	Average
* Saturday	13	98	18	9.8
* Sunday	41	254	14	6.9
** Saturday	9	74	22	8.2
** Sunday	57	684	27	12.2
** Thursday	26	164	12	9.6

Top Riders 2016-17

Colin Hartridge-Price	71
Richard Philpott	55
David Kurtz	46
Roy Watson	46
Paul Krebs	41
Derek Adlam	40
Mick O'Rorke	35
Paul Foster	35
Sue Dorey	33
Michael Belcher	33
Nick Bloom	32
Felix Ormerod	30
Tibor Bek	30
Christine Johnson	28
Simon Binning	26
Lisa Percival	26
Stephen Goodwin	25
Anna Bagi	25
Simon Slater	25
Inez Thorn	25
Marcella Colaneri	24
Catherine Moya	23
Sarah Khedouri	21
Linus Rees	20
Jenny Hung	20
Keith Butcher	19
Iain Bell	19
Mark Knox	19
Jon Fluxman	19
Pat Wheeler	19
Haydee Wilkinson	18
Martin Eggels	16
Sabina Carchesio	16
Richard Drew	16
Naomi Wolf	16
Jon McColl	15
Thomas James	15
Glenn Crilly (<i>new</i>)	14