



Annual Report 2007 – 2008

I'm pleased to report another good year for Central London CTC. Despite some very uninspiring weather, our numbers are holding up, and we are continuing to attract many new faces. I very much welcome the introduction of our Newcomer rides to support those who have not before ridden with a group, and we are resuming the idea of Family Rides, reflecting a new generation of our own making. For a somewhat different group, we have expanded the programme of 4* rides, and we have not forgotten our touring roots, again offering a wider variety to cater for differing tastes.

Our audax events had over a hundred riders out (and mainly back!). We linked up with Rapha for four somewhat chaotic evening rides over summer, and organised a much appreciated coaching day at Hillingdon circuit with Rocco Richardson.

Next year is already in planning, and we hope to repeat or exceed all the above. The success of cycling strategies within London are bringing enquiries from many different directions, commuter to triathlete, and we should aim to welcome all.

I'm sure all will agree that the 30th Birthday celebrations were a great success, emphasising the strong social nature of this club. I look forward to seeing a good turnout for our Christmas lunch, another chance for members of all abilities to meet up as cyclists together.

This club could not operate without the work so many members put in. Of course there is the committee, organising in the background, pestering for rides, then for money and names. The leaders, planning routes and tours, to be blamed when it's cold and wet. And above all the members, who encourage newcomers, who support each other, and who expand the tradition of Central London CTC.

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