### Chairman's Report for the year to 30 September 2018

#### Thank you

There are many people to thank for the success of our club. Ride leaders, tour organisers, Club kit co-ordinator, auditor, and of course the Committee members (Secretary, Webmaster, Treasurer, Welfare, Tours Co-ordinator, and the co-ordinators for our 1, 2, 3 and 4 star rides). They all do a superb job and are all offering themselves for re-election except for Roy Watson, who is standing down as the 1 star rides co-ordinator.

#### Rides

I am hugely grateful to the leaders of our day rides and tours, a major part of our success. In the year to 30 September 2018 there were 241 day rides, with a total of 1,437 riders. That number of day rides is just two less than for the previous Club year, but the number of riders is up by 8.4%.

Our most prolific leader was Jon McColl with his four star "Out and Back" (by 2pm) rides.

And Felix Ormerod continues to be the main ride leader for the rides he instigated a few years ago for every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. We will also be offering rides on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, so keep an eye on the website (www.centrallondonctc.org.uk) for more information.

Our top female rider was Christine Johnson with 40 rides. Quite an achievement given all her family commitments and her several long holidays.

Finally, my thanks to Angela and David Kurtz for their generous hospitality on their Christmas 2017 "Mince Pie" ride, which is being repeated on this 15 December.

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.

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.

Finally on rides, we wish Steve Taylor and Julia Moye a speedy recovery from their broken collar bones.

#### **Tours**

Our tour leaders – Julie-Ann Gillitt, David Kurtz, Tom James, and Paul Krebs -- did a magnificent job in 2017/18 in organising four tours, taking in the delights of Kent, the Netherlands, Northumberland and Scotland.

On the website we have details of four tours in 2019:

- Netherlands, Tuesday 30 April to Tuesday 7 May contact Thomas James.
- Welsh mountains, Sunday 12 May to Monday 20 May contact Paul Krebs
- Brevet de Randonneur des Alpes (the 50th edition of this alpine randonee), the weekend of 20-21 July – contact David Kurtz.
- Andalucia (3 star), Friday 27 September to Sunday 6 October contact Sabina Carchesio.

See the description on the website and contact the organiser for more information or to register an interest. Places are limited.

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.

#### Website/Facebook/New Forum

For very many years Richard Philpott has done a fantastic job in maintaining and improving our website, including putting up details of rides and riders, and checking the train times. That is a big commitment in itself, but over the last year or more Richard has also spent hundreds of hours in developing a new more user-friendly website that is now up and running. Richard's dedication to the Club is truly amazing.

Thanks to Richard, we are on Facebook (@centrallondonctc), and our website now has a Forum where you can find (and post) reports of past rides, ask questions, make comments (but be nice!) and discuss anything to do with the Club and cycling in general. Before posting comments, please read the Forum Rules.

#### 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. Many thanks to Martin Hayman for arranging the purchase and delivery of our Club clothing.

#### **Anniversary Celebrations**

April 2018 was the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the Club, and a number of options were considered by the Committee to mark the event. Eventually, it was decided to wait until we reached the half century.

#### In Memoriam

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Graham Carson on 2 November, following a relatively short period of treatment for cancer. Graham was a true gentleman and a ride leader for our Club. He was also an active member of other cycling clubs, and of the Serpentine Running Club. At the beginning of July he was riding up Mont Ventoux with his running club and some Central London CTC friends. It is difficult to accept he is no longer with us.

There may be other notable losses, but we are not aware of them.

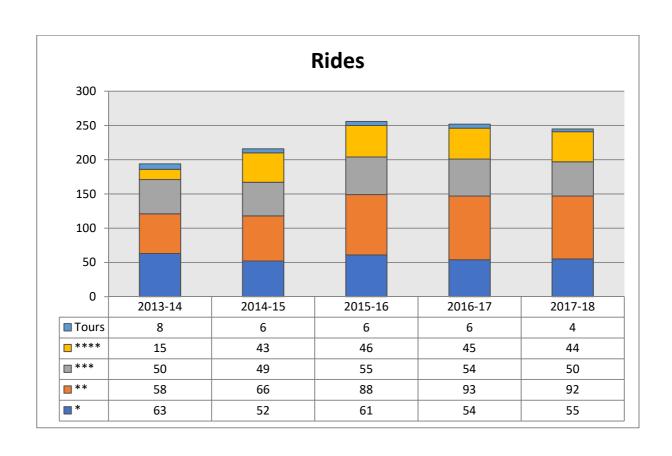
#### **Photo Competition**

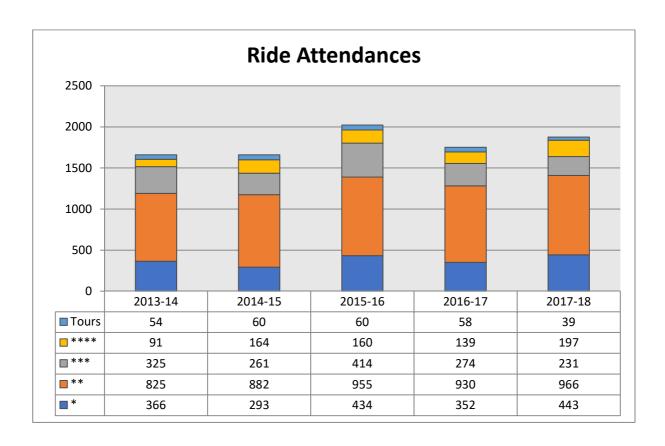
Attendees at the last (2017) AGM selected the winning photo in our new photo competition, and David Kurtz took home the trophy and some alcoholic bubbles. A trophy and gift card await the winner at the 2018 AGM.

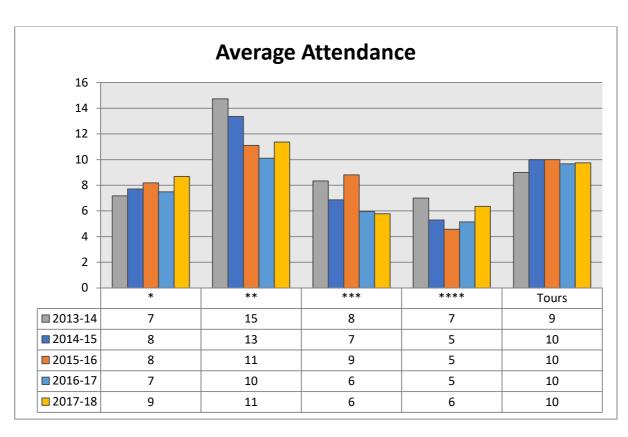
#### **Finally**

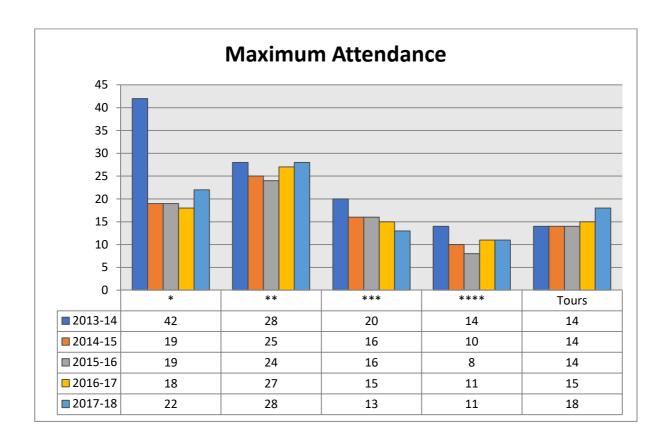
I look forward to another enjoyable year of day rides, tours and good company. Ride safe.

Colin Hartridge-Price Chair, Central London CTC









## Breakdown by day of week (last three years)

### 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

### 2017-18

	Rides	Riders	Max	<b>Average</b>
* Saturday	10	85	18	9.4
* Sunday	45	358	22	8.5
** Saturday	14	90	16	6.9
** Sunday	52	664	28	14.1
** Thursday	25	212	14	8.5

# **Top Riders 2017-18**

Colin Hartridge-Price	61
Richard Philpott	55
David Kurtz	49
Christine Johnson	40
Paul Krebs	37
Stephen Goodwin	34
Roy Watson	33
Michael Belcher	33
Paul Foster	33
Sue Dorey	31
Gianluca Pisano	30
Derek Adlam	30
Brian O'Reilly	28
Keith Butcher	27
Simon Slater	27
Nick Bloom	27
Anna Bagi	26
Pat Wheeler	25
Simon Binning	25
Mick O'Rorke	24
Tibor Bek	24
Felix Ormerod	24
Jon McColl	24