



Chairman's Report for the year to 30 September 2019

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 Jon McColl, who is standing down as the 4-star rides co-ordinator.

Rides

I am hugely grateful to the leaders of our day rides and tours, a massive part of our success. At the last AGM I reported that in the year to 30 September 2018 the number of riders on our day-rides was an increase of 8.4% on the previous Club year. I am pleased to say that in the Club year to 30 September 2019 there were 1,921 riders on 262 day-rides. That is an increase on the previous year of 4.6% in the number of riders and 8.7% in the number of rides. Much of that increase is due to more leaders coming forward for the 1-star rides, of which there were 68 rides compared to 55 in the previous year. Well done Linus in finding these leaders.

Our most prolific ride group is the 2-star, with 94 rides in the Club year to 30 September 2019 and 975 riders. Christine Johnson does a great job of persuasion in finding ride leaders.

In the last Club year there was a 36% increase in the number of 3-star riders. That is a great result, thanks Paul. Paul is planning to offer half-day 3-star rides which may suit people with family commitments or time constraints.

Jon McColl again did a great job in leading many of the 49 4-star rides himself.

As well as weekend rides we now have day rides at a 2-star level virtually every Thursday. More recently we have added day rides on a Monday. Keep an eye on the website (www.centrallondonctc.org.uk) for more information.

Our top female rider in the Club year was Marcella with 36 rides.

I would also like to thank Angela and David Kurtz for their generous hospitality on their Christmas 2018 "Mince Pie" ride.

It would be great to have some new ride leaders. Please don't hold back. 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" 1, 2, 3 and 4 star rides for those who would like to try a ride a little harder (or perhaps easier) than usual. There were a number of such rides in the year to 30 September and we would like to keep this up.

Tours

Our tour leaders – David Kurtz, Tom James, Paul Krebs and Sabina Carchesio -- did a magnificent job in 2019 in organising five tours, taking in the delights of the Alps, the Netherlands, the Welsh mountains, the New Forest and Andalusia. Organising a tour is a huge responsibility and a lot of work.

Special thanks are due to Simon Binning who did a fantastic job of designing, and leading, the rides for the Welsh mountains tour. Simon also stepped in at the last minute to lead the rides on the 1-star New Forest tour when Lisa Percival fell ill. Lisa had spent a great deal of time and effort in devising and testing the routes for the day-rides in the New Forest, and we were all very sorry she could not lead the rides as had been planned.

On the website we have details of two tours in 2020:

- Netherlands, 3 to 11 May (or a bank holiday weekend option of 7 to 11 May) – contact Thomas James.
- UK West Country Tour 1 to 8 June with optional extension to 10 June – contact Jenny Hung

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

We are again hoping to organise a 1-star tour in 2020, riding out each day from a central location. Possible dates are from 20 to 22 June.

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 Iain Bell for that) and our funds are remaining fairly stable year-on-year.

Website/Facebook/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 Richard also spent hundreds of hours in developing a new more user-friendly website that has been up and running for the last 12 months or more. Richard's dedication to the Club is truly amazing.

Thanks to Richard, we are on Facebook (@centrallondonctc), and our website 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. On the Forum there is information about some "Ride with GPS" training that Nick Bloom will be giving – just go to our website and click on "Forum". Also on the Forum is a recent exchange of views on the "what3words" app that you can use to inform emergency services of your location – useful if you are at a location that is difficult to describe.

Club Kit

Club clothing is available via our website, so do take a look if you want good quality cycle wear. Many thanks to Martin Hayman for dealing with the purchase and delivery of our Club clothing.

Photo Competition

Attendees at the last (2018) AGM selected the winning photo (by Anna Bagi) in our photo competition. A trophy and gift card await the winner of the photo competition tonight.

In Memoriam

It was with great sadness that I mentioned at the last AGM the death of Graham Carson on 2 November 2018, following a relatively short period of treatment for cancer. I also mentioned that two of our riders had suffered a broken collarbone on a ride.

At this AGM I need to draw your attention not to a death, but to a serious accident on one of our rides earlier this month. We don't know how, but Alan Taylor came off his bike on a fast downhill and ended up in intensive care with concussion, five broken ribs, a punctured lung and a bleed on the brain. Alan was wearing a helmet which was badly knocked around in the crash. Thankfully, Alan is out of hospital and will make a full recovery.

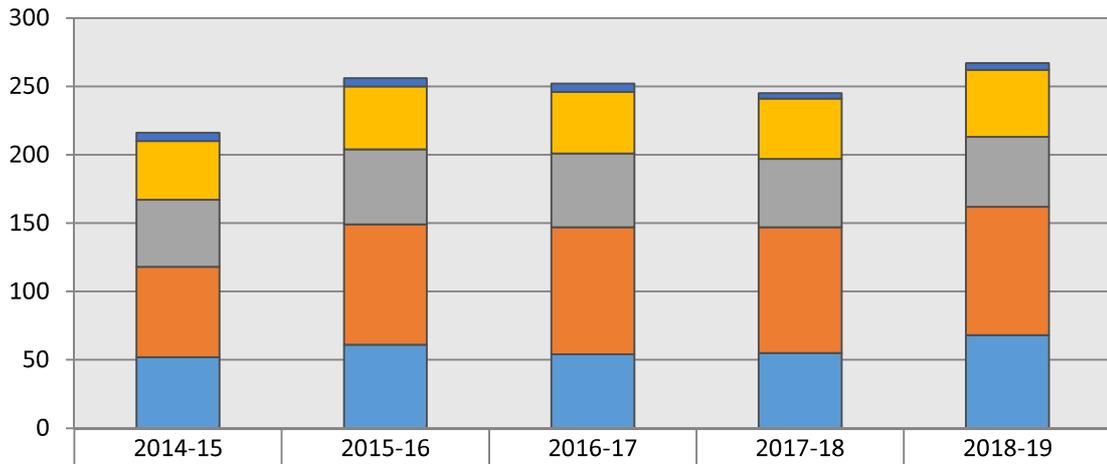
With that accident in mind Nick Bloom will speak later on First Aid and Emergency procedures.

Finally

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

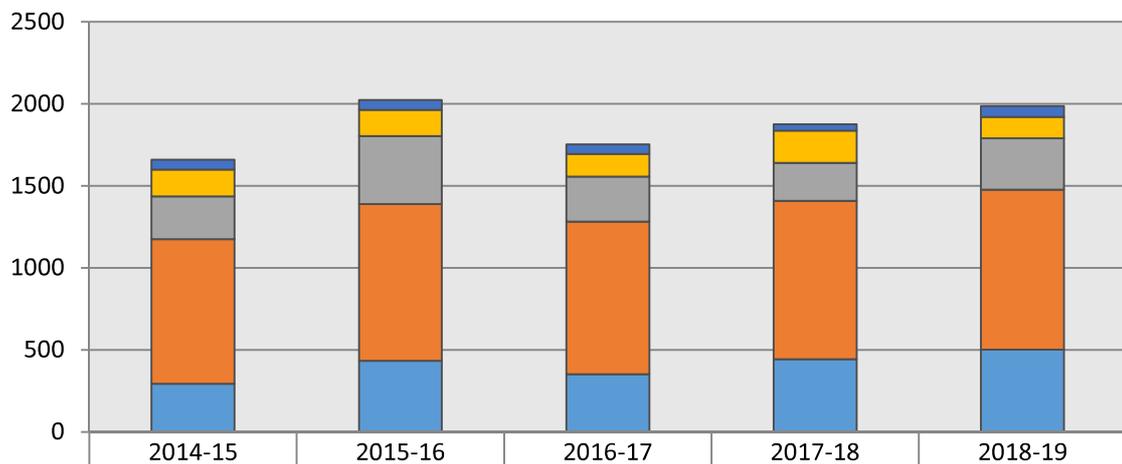
Colin Hartridge-Price
Chair, Central London CTC

Rides



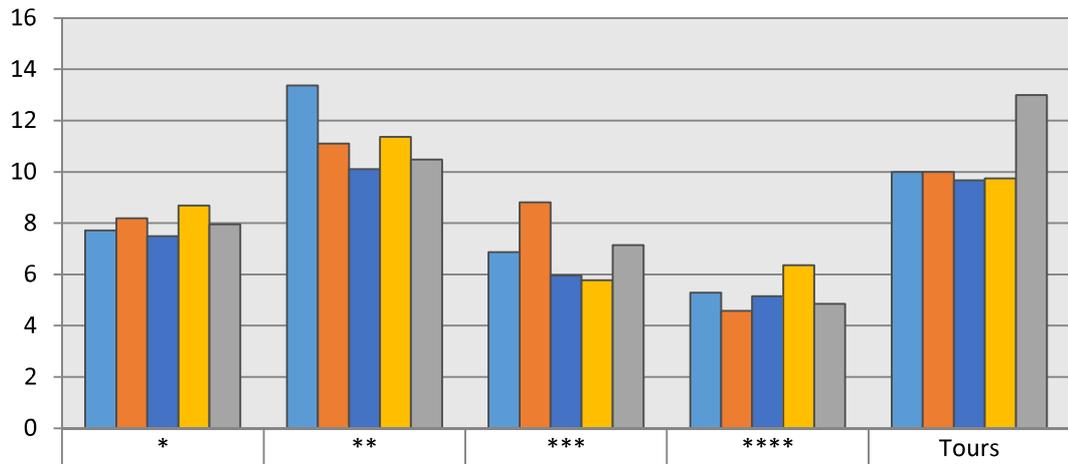
■ Tours	6	6	6	4	5
■ *****	43	46	45	44	49
■ ***	49	55	54	50	51
■ **	66	88	93	92	94
■ *	52	61	54	55	68

Ride Attendances



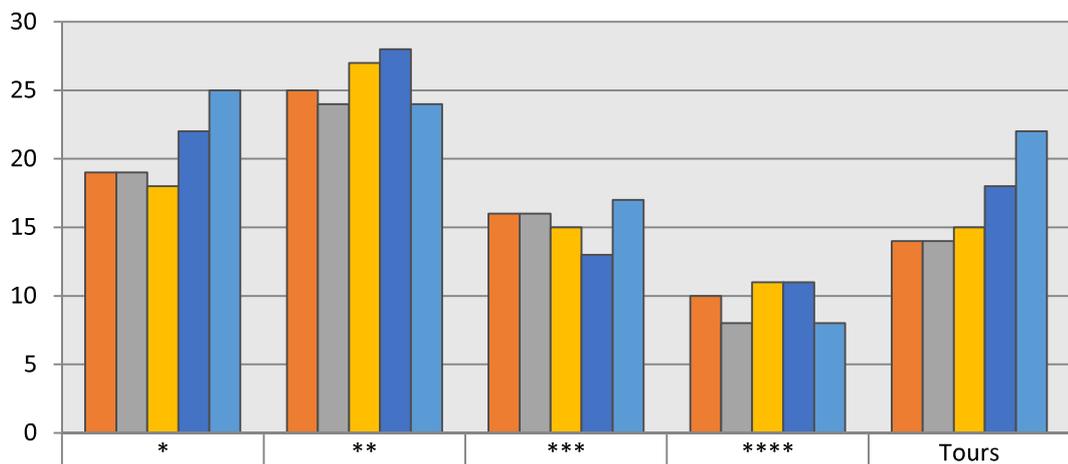
■ Tours	60	60	58	39	65
■ *****	164	160	139	197	131
■ ***	261	414	274	231	314
■ **	882	955	930	966	975
■ *	293	434	352	443	501

Average Attendance



	*	**	***	****	Tours
2014-15	8	13	7	5	10
2015-16	8	11	9	5	10
2016-17	7	10	6	5	10
2017-18	9	11	6	6	10
2018-19	8	10	7	5	13

Maximum Attendance



	*	**	***	****	Tours
2014-15	19	25	16	10	14
2015-16	19	24	16	8	14
2016-17	18	27	15	11	15
2017-18	22	28	13	11	18
2018-19	25	24	17	8	22

Breakdown by day of week (last three years)

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	Average
* 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

2018-19

	Rides	Riders	Max	Average
* Saturday	16	92	16	6.6
* Sunday	51	402	25	8.4
** Saturday	4	26	9	6.5
** Sunday	53	654	24	12.6
** Thursday	36	283	13	7.9

Top Riders 2018-19

Colin H-P	89
Richard P	56
David	49
Paul K	42
Paul F	40
Marcella	36
Derek	34
Mick	34
Brian	34
Nick	33
Pat	33
Michael	32
Sue	32
Keith	31
Christine	31
Simon S	31
Felix	29
Stephen	27
Dave C	27
Linus	26
Simon B	26
Richard D	26
Tibor B	25
Naomi	25
Anna	24
Roy	24
Graeme	22
Tom	22
Angus	21
Tony L	21
Inez	21
Clifford	20