

# CTC OXFORDSHIRE

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held at the Village Hall, Hinton Waldrist, Oxfordshire. At 11am Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2010

ATTENDING: Helen Beane, John Bridgman, Vera Friend, Peter Hallowell, John Holding, Pat Hurt, Eileen Johnson, Peter Johnson, Stephen Lee, Richard Morris, Mavis Rose, Graham Smith (CTC Councillor for the South East), Steve Swanton, Eve Thornton, Phil Wray.

1. NOTICE CALLING THE MEETING  
Published in the CTC Cycle Magazine Oct-Nov 2010 Issue.
2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.  
In the absence of the Oxfordshire chairman (James Dawton) it was necessary to elect a chairman for the meeting.  
Peter Hallowell was proposed by Steve Swanton, Seconded: Elected *nem com*.
3. ELECTION OF MINUTES TAKER. Helen Beane  
Proposed by Steve Swanton Seconded: Elected *nem com*.
4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Chris Walters, John Tranter, James Dawton, Ros Hallowell, Jon Gammage, Robert Bley, Ellen Lee.
5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS A.G.M. on 14 November 2009  
On general agreement, the minutes were not read and were accepted as an accurate record.  
Proposed by. Seconded by. Accepted *nem com*.
6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES.
  - a. The funds from the previous West Oxon Section have been transferred to the CTC Oxfordshire account during the year.
7. SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT. *Attached*. No comments.  
Acceptance Proposed by Phil Wray. Seconded by Eileen Johnson. Accepted *nem com*.
8. TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT. *Attached*.
  - a. Eileen Johnson queried the small size of the profit made at the Tri. Vets event.  
  
Acceptance Proposed by Helen Beane. Seconded by Pat Hurt. Accepted *nem com*.
9. REGISTRAR'S ANNUAL REPORT.  
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Mid Week as well as the Parent Group are asked to inform the Membership Dept at National Office.

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Acceptance Proposed by Phil Wray. Seconded by Mavis Rose. Accepted *nem com*.

10. WELFARE OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Phil has involved with

- a. The aftermath of an accident to one member and
- b. Liasing between members in one S.M.G.

Acceptance Proposed by Pat Hurt. Seconded by Mavis Rose. Accepted *nem com*.

11. RTR/ RIGHTS AND PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT. *Attached*.

Acceptance Proposed by John Holding. Seconded by Phil Wray.

12. SUBSIDIARY GROUP ANNUAL REPORTS

a) OXFORD CITY *Attached*

b) ISIS CYCLISTS (Informal, part of Oxford City) *Attached*

c) OXFORDSHIRE MIDWEEK

John Bridgman read extracts from the Midweek Member Group Reports. *Attached*.

d) WANTAGE

The Secretary read extracts from the Wantage Member Group reports. *Attached*.

e) WITNEY (Informal) *Attached*

Eileen Johnson proposed acceptance of all Subsidiary Group Annual Reports.

Seconded by John Bridgman. Accepted *nem com*.

13. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominated</b>	<b>Proposed by</b>	<b>Seconded by</b>
Chairman	James Dawton	Steve Swanton	Peter Hallowell
<b>Secretary</b>	Steve Swanton	Eileen Johnson	Richard Morris
<b>Treasurer</b>	Peter Hallowell	Phil Wray	John Holding
<b>Registrar</b>	Helen Beane	John Holding	Phil Wray
<b>Welfare Officer</b>	Phil Wray	Helen Beane	Eileen Johnson
<b>Minutes' Taker</b>	Helen Beane	Steve Swanton	Peter Hallowell

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominated</b>	<b>Proposed by</b>	<b>Seconded by</b>
<b>Promotions/ Communications Officer</b>	Richard Morris	Helen Beane	Phil Wray
<b>Rights and Planning Officer</b>	James Dawton	Richard Morris	Mavis Rose
<b>Member Group Reps (Appointed by member group)</b>			
<b>Oxford City</b>	James Dawton		
<b>Oxon Midweek</b>	Peter Hallowell		
<b>Wantage</b>	Neil Warner		
<b>Witney</b>	Jon Gammage		
<b>Ordinary Members</b>	None appointed		

NB. The positions of Webmaster and Deputy Webmaster are both co-opted.

Richard Morris volunteered to take on the role of Webmaster and Stephen Lee the role of Deputy Webmaster.

#### 14. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR 2010/11

<b>Nominated</b>	<b>Proposed by</b>	<b>Seconded by</b>
Stephen Lee	Peter Hallowell	Steve Swanton

Accepted *nem com.*

#### 15. RATIFICATION OF SUBSIDIARY MEMBER GROUPS

- a. OXFORD CITY
- b. OXFORDSHIRE MIDWEEK
- c. WANTAGE
- d. WITNEY (Informal)

Accepted *nem com.*

#### 16. RATIFICATION OF CTC OXFORDSHIRE VOLUNTEERS

See attached list of volunteers. Accepted *nem com.*

#### MOTIONS TO THE AGM.

17. To adopt the attached revised version of local rules for CTC Oxfordshire  
Proposed by: Steve Swanton, Seconded by: James Dawton on behalf of the CTC Oxfordshire committee.

Two amendments were agreed:

- a. Addition in red and underlined to Paragraph 6 "It will be the duty of the PMG committee members to ensure that any motion to be put to a PMG AGM be publicised to members by the CTC Oxfordshire website and or other non web-based means in advance of the PMG AGM."
- b. In paragraphs 2 to 6 CTC Oxfordshire to be replaced by PMG. This follows from the definition of CTC Oxfordshire Parent Member Group as PMG in paragraph 1.

*Version of the rules attached has been marked up with the agreed changes.*

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- a) Helen Beane will take over the management of the Club Jerseys from Sue King and will hold the stock.
- b) Eve Thornton has the display board. The CTC "Winged Wheel "is safe somewhere but where?

Meeting closed 12.30 hrs

Attachments:

Appendix 1: Rules of CTC Oxfordshire Parent Member Group

Appendix 2: Annual Reports

Appendix 3: Volunteers List for 2010-11

Accepted as an accurate record:

Signed:

*J. Dawson*

Date

*29-10-11*

**APPENDIX 1: RULES OF CTC OXFORDSHIRE PARENT MEMBER GROUP**  
***Marked with agreed revisions***

[1] The CTC Oxfordshire committee and its members shall observe all the rules and regulations laid down by the CTC in addition to those made by the CTC Oxfordshire Parent Member Group (PMG).

[2] These ~~CTC Oxfordshire~~ PMG rules are a local clarification and a local operating procedure for implementing CTC rules as laid out in national office policy handbook.

[3] The quorum for a ~~CTC Oxfordshire~~ PMG AGM shall be ten members and for a subsidiary member group (SMG) AGM six members. PMG and SMG committees shall determine their own quorum for committee meetings.

[4] SMGs shall be ratified at the ~~CTC Oxfordshire~~ PMG AGM each year.

[5] Members are free to ride and adopt whichever membership group they choose. Members can only vote at membership group AGMs in line with regulations laid down by national office.

[6] Any motion to be put to a ~~CTC Oxfordshire~~ PMG AGM must be submitted, in writing or e mail, to the PMG Secretary not less than three (3) weeks before the PMG AGM. A motion must have a named proposer and seconder. It will be the duty of the PMG committee members to ensure that any motion to be put to a PMG AGM be publicised to members by the PMG website and/or other non-web based means in advance of the PMG AGM.

[7] These rules replace all previous rules.

30 October 2010

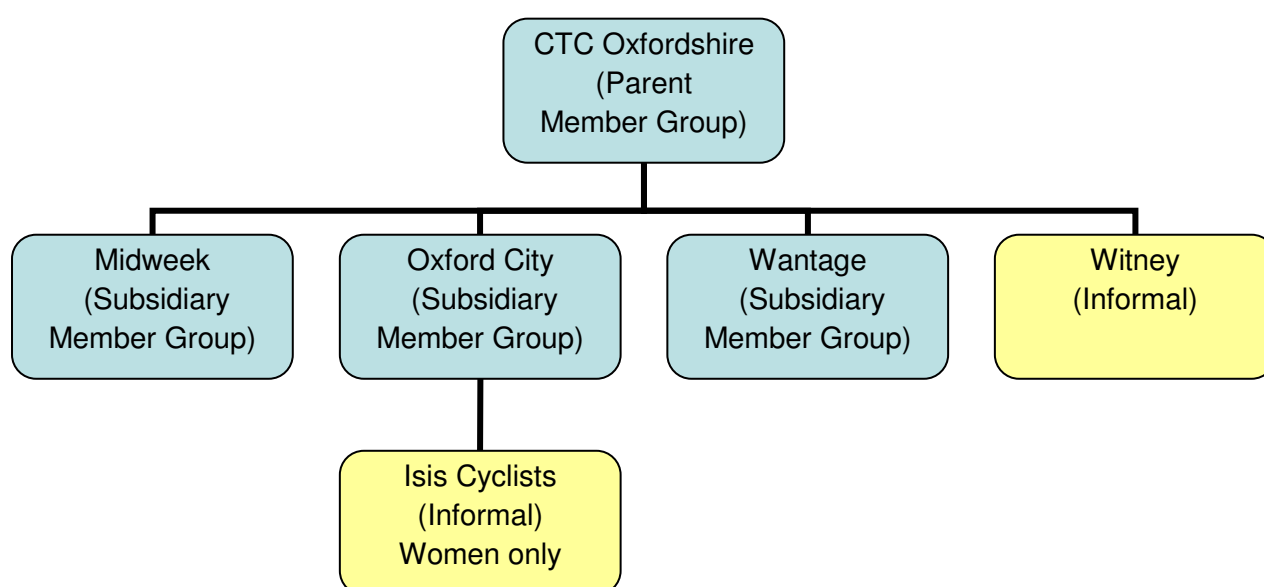
## Appendix 2 – Annual Reports for 2009-10

### CTC Oxfordshire Secretary's Report 2009-10

#### CTC Oxfordshire in 2010

After the re-organisation of CTC local group structures in 2008 and a very quiet year for Oxfordshire as a "Parent Member Group" in 2009, this year has been one of consolidation, adaptation and possibly resurgence.

CTC Oxfordshire remains the parent member group for three subsidiary member groups (SMGs) (Oxford City, Midweek and Wantage) and one informal group (Witney). Oxford City group is itself a parent for the informal women's cycling group, Isis Cyclists. Members of each of these groups will report on their activities separately.



**Structure of CTC Oxfordshire**

#### Role and responsibilities of CTC Oxfordshire

- Organises larger-scale events than those normally organised by SMGs and co-ordinates joint activities
- Provides a banner for campaigning and consultation activities with local authorities over road schemes, etc in our area
- Supports cycling development initiatives locally
- Promotes and monitors CTC membership locally
  - a welcome letter is sent to all new CTC members in our area with details of all local groups
- Manages financial and other resources and provides financial control and reporting for the area
- Manages stock of CTC Oxfordshire cycling clothing and other CTC items for sale to local members
- Provides welfare support for the area

- Maintains the [oxonctc.org.uk](http://oxonctc.org.uk) website to promote its own activities and which provides a platform for Oxford City and Midweek group webpages
- Supports the *Oxfordshire Cyclist* magazine, which is used as a means of communication with members

### **CTC Oxfordshire Events in 2009-2010**

This year's event programme has consisted of three strands:

- CTC Oxfordshire-organised events
- Special events run by SMGs (e.g. Mince Pie Ride, Midweek Group Audax)
- Joint rides – normal rides of SMGs to which everyone else is invited.

### **Cycling Events**

The major event organised during 2010 was one of the CTC's Triennial Veterans' Century (100 mile) rides which was hosted on 13 June. We were joined by CTC members from near and far - 69 riders (including 7 over the age of 75) took part in 6 groups, each group led and swept by members of CTC Oxfordshire. The camaraderie was excellent and the WI catering at the coffee, lunch and tea stops was superb. The weather was perfect for most of the day, so it was something of an anti-climax to finish in the rain. Nevertheless everyone was beaming with the sense of achievement at the end. Thanks to Eve Thornton, Ellen Lee, Eileen Johnson and Helen Beane, our organising committee, who made it happen, to CTC Councillor Graham Smith who presented the certificates and to all those who acted as rides leaders and sweepers on the day. Ellen spent the day taking photographs of the riders and groups and these are accessible via a link on the front page of the CTC Oxfordshire website.

In preparation for the Tri-vets, and to provide other (non-veteran) riders the opportunity to ride a century, I organised a 100-mile ride following the Tri-vets route starting from Islip on 23 May. This proved to be a lovely day out with 14 riders taking part in some or all of the ride. 3 riders completed the whole route and at least 8 completed personal centuries by cycling to and from home. The combination of a longer ride from a different starting point was mentioned as being an attraction by some. This may provide a format for the occasional Special ride in years to come.

### **Joint Rides**

There have been three joint rides during the year and these have met with rather mixed success. This is due to the different days of the week that our three SMGs prefer to run their rides: Wednesday for Midweek; Saturday for Wantage and Sunday for Oxford City. Wantage's Saturday afternoon ride on 24 April attracted 16 riders, 13 from the host group plus 3 from Oxford who came on a specially organised ride to Aston Pottery for tea. Being on a Wednesday, the Midweek group's hosted ride on 21 July attracted no guest riders. The most successful joint ride was in September hosted by City, which also coincided with Wantage's regular Sunday ride. This attracted 21 riders in total with a good mix from both groups. It is clear that we need to plan our programmes carefully to make such joint events more successful next year.

### **Social Events**

After hosting the annual DA BBQ for 7 years between 2003 and 2009, Mavis and Lou Rose decided to retire gracefully as hosts. We've enjoyed some lovely convivial evenings in Lambourn and I'm sure I speak for everyone in offering our heartfelt thanks to Mavis and Lou

for their hospitality over the years. We could not match the event or the venue, but as a Summer Social this year, Lorna and I hosted a Pot-luck supper at our house in Grove. The turnout for the event, 13, was rather low given the fine weather, but many regulars were away and the change in format (from the traditional barbecue) and venue may have made the event less attractive to others. Nevertheless, a pleasant evening was enjoyed by those attending and we would be happy to host a similar event next year.

### **Cycling Development**

One of the interesting aspects of being Secretary of Oxfordshire is the occasional phone calls from out of the blue seeking advice or assistance concerning cycling-related matters. I had just returned from a ride in February when I received just such a call from CTC member Emily Sharp from Abingdon who was seeking a way of insuring a community cycling event that she was hoping to run in April. By putting Emily in touch with Bike Week, Abingdon's Freewheeling event was born. Through this original contact, I and other members of CTC (in particular Peter and Ros Hallowell) became involved with the planning of Freewheeling. We provided advice on the routes, the production of route sheets and the leading and organising of the rides. It was very refreshing to work with the enthusiastic team of volunteers that Emily had pulled together.

The plan was ambitious: to run 5 rides at each of 3 distances (4, 10 and 27 miles) starting at 30 minute intervals from 10am to noon from Abingdon Market Place. Emily secured a grant from Get Oxfordshire Active to pay for First Aid cover (two bicycle-mounted paramedics from St John's ambulance), to hire the Market Place and the printing of coloured posters. She created an event website, got pictures into the local papers and on local radio (three times) to publicise the event.

Given the first really good spring weekend weather and the fantastic publicity effort, hundreds of all ages turned up and quite a few were turned away. Many of the riders were from Abingdon, but some had come in from Oxford, surrounding towns and villages and as far away as Haddenham to take part. Some were CTC members but many were completely new to organised cycling.

CTC Oxfordshire took on the running of the five 10-mile rides. These proved to be the most popular and were all over-subscribed. I led the last of the five rides with Eve Thornton as sweeper and we took 22 riders on a very suitable route following NCN route 5 to Radley and almost as far as Kennington, before turning westwards to Sunningwell and returning via Shippon. Leading the ride was a real pleasure and the whole event was a tremendous success – a reward for all the effort that Emily and the team had put into it. My thanks to Ellen and Stephen Lee, Glenn Savegar, Mavis Rose, Eve Thornton, Rob Shaw and particularly to Peter and Ros Hallowell for their help with the rides and running our stall on the day.

Building on this success, a programme of Thursday evening and monthly Sunday morning rides was born, supported under the Bike Week banner. At the end of July, Abingdon Freewheeling became a CTC-affiliated club, formed a committee, and is establishing a regular programme of rides catering for a wide range of cycling experience and levels of fitness. It is an exciting development locally and like the recent success of Isis cyclists and Farcycles in Faringdon, it illustrates the potential demand for organised cycling.

## **People**

We were all shocked to learn of the serious injury to Vera Friend when she was hit by a car on a Midweek group ride in June. Our best wishes to her in her continuing recovery.

Robert Bley has decided to step down after something approaching 15 years involvement with running the CTC Oxfordshire website. Robert took on the role of webmaster from Ellen Lee in 1998 and was responsible for redesigning the site about 10 years ago. He has been effective and prompt in updating information when requested. The website has been a major asset for us over the last 10 years and we owe Robert our thanks for all of his efforts over this period.

Sue King has been ordering, selling and looking after our stock of CTC Oxfordshire-branded cycling tops for the last few years and she too wishes to hand the job on. Thanks to Sue for keeping us in the pink and purple.

## **Outlook for 2011**

CTC Oxfordshire is looking to organise 4 or 5 events in the coming year (both social and cycling) and the ambition is to organise one "blue riband" event each year. As yet we have not decided what this should be in 2011.

The following events/activities are already planned:

- Social darts evening – 7:30pm Wednesday 10 November, The Black Horse, Gozzards Ford
- Mince Pie Ride – 12 December (CTC Wantage event)
- Stratford weekend - 9-10 April: cycling out on Saturday, back on Sunday
- CTC Spring Rides – 14-21 May (organised at a local group level)

Other events potentially on the programme include a return of the Midsummer Ride to Avebury in June, a Pot Luck supper in July and a Weekend away in September. Dates for Bike Week in 2011 have yet to be announced.

If you have a great idea for a new or blue riband event, or would like to rerun an "old favourite" please let one of the new committee know.

Time and technology move on, not least in the world of IT and a revamp of the CTC Oxfordshire website and our means of email communications now appear to be timely. So as well as seeking a new webmaster, we would also like to set up a working party to manage this, hopefully with representatives from each group. I already have a couple of offers of help – if you would like to get involved, please see a member of the new committee.

## **Thank yous**

Finally, I must express my thanks to all those who have helped with the running of CTC Oxfordshire and the organisation and running of events throughout the last year. It has been a pleasure for me to act as secretary and to work with such a great group of people.

Steve Swanton, 30 October 2010

## **CTC Oxfordshire Treasurer's Report 2009—10**

I will start this report by thanking the group treasurers for submitting accurate accounts so quickly that I have been able to have the accounts audited, thank you Stephen, and submitted to National Office before this meeting. As you will all be able to see from the accounts, very little has happened during this year. The main change this year is that we have received the funds previously held by the old West Oxon section. The only outstanding bill that I am aware of is the cost of hiring the hall for this AGM, £20 I think. During the year there was no money spent or received by the City group, Wantage made a small loss due to expenditure on their excellent new web site and Mid-Week made a small profit on its Audax event. Needless to say, interest received was minimal. This year the major event that we organised was the Trivets and my thanks go to Eileen, Ellen, Eve and Helen for running it so efficiently that, as well as it being a superb day, there was also a small profit.

## **CTC Oxfordshire Registrar's Report for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

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Helen Beane

## **CTC Oxfordshire Right to Ride Report 2009-10**

It has been a fairly quiet front on the RTR front, with few schemes coming out to be consulted on.

After a long pause, a regular meeting between CTC/Cyclox/Sustrans and Oxfordshire County Council took place in September (no news on this as I was unable to make the meeting).

There has been consultation on the proposals for Frideswide Square ("The station junction") in Oxford. Likely final design will be 3 roundabouts, small diameter to keep speeds low,

creation of a pleasant square. As always, the devil will be in the final details. Don't hold your breath however, money is not likely to be available for some years.

The next stage of the local transport plan (LTP3) has come out for consultation, consultation closes in December or so. I have not looked at it in detail yet, but the word is that it reads as a wish list with no money to buy it.

Kevin Hickman has been busy in Witney, with some effort on trying to up the inadequate number of cycle parking spaces in the new shopping center, which apparently breach local planning rules (there being too few).

Kevin Lewis who volunteered as a new RTR rep at last year's AGM has also been busy on some schemes in the Cherwell DC area.

James Dawton

## **Secretary's Report to the Oxford City CTC Member Group AGM, 11th October 2010 at 140 Poplar Grove, Kennington.**

The section has maintained a regular programme throughout the last year with a healthy level of support. We have also had some new faces start with us during the year, welcome to you all.

**The Sunday rides** have had a healthy level of support. Thanks to Helen for compiling the rides list. Winter saw some rides cancelled due to excessive snow, and after one particularly slithery Sunday, we are more cautious about riding with a risk of ice.

We attended the Brompton World Championships at Bike Blenheim. We also met the Wantage and Witney groups on the joint rides, including leading the ride with Wantage and Witney to Eastleach Martin.

**Short rides.** Isis rides on Saturdays continue to be a great success, a lot due to publicity round a few local big employers. A few Isis riders have started to come out on some of the City section rides.

**Bank holiday rides and further afield.** Camping at bank holiday weekends has taken a back seat this year, may be we'll get it together next year.

A few members went to the Samaine Federal in Verdun, where shock horror, something did not work according to plan (camp site showers), something does not normally happen! John put quite a few photos up on the web.

**New faces.** We have had some enquiries over the year. We have also had quite a few new faces out this year, a lot of whom look longer term hopefuls.

**The future.** Hopefully we can get camping back on the agenda in the next year. This year's joint YH weekend to Stratford on Avon with Wantage and Witney fell off the radar due to being squeezed off the agenda. It is hoped to run this weekend on 9/10<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

Finally a big thank you for all those who volunteer to lead rides, Helen for her work on the rides list, and Ellen and Amanda for their running of the Isis womens group.

James Dawton, Oxford City Secretary.

## **Isis Cyclists Annual Report**

This year saw us running train assisted rides for the first time. We enjoyed two such rides both ably organised and led by Clare Farley. In May a good group of women made their way by train, car and bicycle to Didcot station and enjoyed a ride along the Upton to Didcot Cycle track and up onto the Downs for coffee at Q gardens. In August a similar ride started from Tackley station. This too attracted a large number of riders of varying abilities. On both occasions Ellen Lee led out groups of Isis riders from Oxford. More such rides are planned for next year. The format is very flexible and can happily accommodate riders of all abilities because the distance ridden can be as little as 10 miles or as many as 45 miles. It also allows the riders who enjoy short rides to get out of Oxford and explore new countryside.

Other highlights of our year were our "welcome back Amanda" ride in July where over 20 riders took part in a ride to the canal side teashop at Kirtlington to welcome back our founder, Amanda Wrigley, who had been working in the US. In June, we organised two successful rides during National Bike Week and celebrated our 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday by eating "bicycle wheel" birthday cakes during a picnic in Grandpont park. In July we enjoyed an evening ride along the canal to watch a performance of "Pedal Power" put on by the Mikron Theatre Company at the Boat Inn at Thrupp. In the late summer, we took advantage of the long evenings with three mixed social evening rides out to local country pubs all of which were well attended and we finished our year off with a visit to Blenheim Palace for the Bike Blenheim event and the Brompton World Championship.

Over 100 women have ridden at least once with the group this year and the average attendance on the short rides has been 15 and the long rides 12. The group has been going from strength to strength and this is very much due to the hard work, enthusiasm and imagination of the nine regular rides leaders and informal committee members. A big thanks to all of them.

Ellen Lee

## **CTC Oxfordshire Midweek Group Secretary's Annual Report to the 2010 AGM**

This year as has been notable due long term illness and injury to quite a few of our members. Jo & Gerry, Jim, and of course Vera, who in June, was seriously injured when taken out by a motorist, who subsequently was prosecuted for drink driving. Vera is still not able cycle. All this has reflected in the numbers appearing on club rides. We are not a large group, so three or four missing on a regular basis becomes noticeable. Hopefully all will make a full recovery. At least it's given Phil, our Welfare Officer, some practice!

Reports of most of the Midweek rides have appeared in the Oxfordshire Cyclist, and hopefully most readers find them interesting and even possibly informative! An AGM is the ideal time to suggest any rides, especially something different for the coming year.

You will recall CTC HQ changed the way local CTC clubs were administered over the last year or so. This really hasn't gone down very well with a number of established (now ex) District Associations and their sections. They are trying to introduce more bureaucracy, and policies which may not directly affect riders but make difficulties for the club officials who arrange and run the club activities. As an old type section we now have the paperwork to fill in as the original District Associations. It appears that each member of a group has to ring CTC HQ (sorry NO!) and say which group they wish to be associated with, but only one can be group can be selected. I'm sure we haven't the last of this. As a group we have not put in many appearances with the rest of the other groups, but this may be that it is not practical as other events are mainly at weekends.

CTC NO are going to supply us with a copy of those who are on the 'official' ride leaders lists for insurance purposes; please make sure all your names are this when received.

Overall last year was still a good cycling year

John Bridgman, Midweek Secretary

## **Rides Secretary's Report 2010**

Rides Vera has said that she didn't feel up to writing the Rides See's Report as she has not been out enough, so I have prepared the following.

A full programme of Wednesday rides were arranged for the year. Several were called off at the last minute due to the extremely bad weather conditions in the winter, but all others went according to plan, although many were poorly supported. The now standard pattern of planned, and led, with alternate impromptu rides continued, and is still popular and successful. There have been many excellent rides. Besides just cycling in great company, we have visited places of interest, churches, National Trust properties, and numerous different attractive villages; and of course numerous cafes and pubs. Our Midweek Audax was successful although lower entries, but still showed a healthy surplus Glancing through the OC the "year" started with a ride to the Lord Carrington's Lyde Gardens at Bledlow, followed by the AGM at Jo's house in Charlbury, many thanks Jo (& Gerry). In December. Jo led an interesting ride, having used her farming contacts, to cycle through Wood Farm as well as Ditchley Estate: we also had the Christmas Lunch for the second year at The Fox Sutton, a good attendance and a very good lunch. February we had a look at the Oxford Conduit at Hinksey. Bebe had her baptism of fire in March leading her first ride, lunching at Cheersley, Peter led us into the Goring area in June, later that month we lunched at Wellesbourne Airfield. The Midweek Audax took place in July. In August Bebe led a ride from her house to Brill, and on the way back visited Boarstall Tower. A first for most of us. For the record you can see we travelled far and wide, and with culture thrown in for free! It would be nice to think next year will be even better

John Bridgman

# **CTC Wantage Reports**

## **Chairman's Report for the Year**

### **General News**

This has been another very good and encouraging year for CTC Wantage. We now have more active members than ever before, we offer more rides than ever before and those rides cater for a wider spread of experience and fitness levels than ever before. I have to say that we are not entirely sure why we are seeing such good growth - maybe the demographics and geography of the local area lend themselves to what we do, maybe a „trickle down effect“ from sporting success at the Beijing Olympics and Tour de France (is there a „Victoria /Chris /Bradley /Cav“ credibility thing going on?), maybe our publicity works particularly well? In any event, we certainly see cycling thriving in this neck of the woods.

### **Ride Definitions and Organisation**

This time last year, we were talking about a new way of classifying the various rides we offer - our star rating system. This is now well established and seems to have become second nature. In fact, we are seeing a few other groups locally copying the idea! One potential issue we need to be aware of is that the groups can become a bit separate („I am a 2\* person, etc) and we have run a few „cross-over“ events to mix things up a bit. However, overall this is definitely working well and has been very helpful in setting expectations.

The other issue which is worth commenting on (as last year) is the increasing number of riders attending on Tuesday evenings. We have sometimes seen as many as 40 riders turning out over the summer! This has enabled us to split the rides and we have normally been offering three different levels of ride each week, again from beginners to advanced. We have improved the management of these rides and on some weeks ran split groups. This is working well.

### **Encouragements**

One of the things that makes this role a great privilege is receiving positive feedback on the club. Just a couple of examples:

“I want to convey my thanks and appreciation for the support you all gave me on the ride”.

“I only joined this year and have enjoyed very much the few rides I managed to get to. The Wantage Group seems to be very well run and I am appreciative, as I am sure are other members, of the work put in by committee members”.

We also have the idea suggested to host some rides for the Argentan Club de Velo from Normandy next summer and we will plan to do this.

### **Some Thank-You's**

Finally I'd like to pass on some thank-you's.

Firstly, a big thank-you to all our ride leaders who've worked really hard over the summer to ensure we've had a varied and comprehensive rides programme. I mentioned last year that "something for everyone" is an accurate motto for us and this remains true. We have seen

some great off-road rides (featuring inspired routes from Sorrel, Chris and Geoff), an excellent variety of weekend rides and of course the hugely successful Tuesday evenings. Special “awayday” rides have also featured this year, with the Tour de Isle of Wight day ride led and arranged by John Talbot, and the Brecon Beacons weekend organised by Angela. Both events were a real success.

This wouldn't have been possible without Chris putting together a great programme, and Angela diligently publicising it - well done and thanks to you all. Angela steps down at this meeting as Publicity Officer and we thank her for all her hard work over the year.

Thank you also to John Talbot for his expertise and commitment to building the new club website from scratch. The website has provided a great shop window, and a useful administration tool for the club. Thanks also to Chris for his big input in helping to develop the site.

Thank you also to all the committee members for their valuable input and hard work in the running of the club this year.

### **Awards**

This year it was decided to introduce and award two new awards in the form of two brilliantly imaginative (cycle themed) trophies created by Sue Walters. Many thanks Sue and Chris.

Clubman of the year Trophy- Presented to John Talbot for volunteering many hours of his free time and knowledge to create and develop the fabulous new club website.

Rider of the year Trophy- Presented as a family trophy to Robert, Paul, Richard, and David Ryan for continued development as club riders, and for providing valuable support to each other throughout the season.

John Tranter, Chairman, CTC Wantage

### **Ride Secretary's Report 2009-2010**

Overall, a very solid year, almost identical to last year in terms of ride participation. CTC Wantage members rode 45,813km on club rides, which is 1.14 times around the equator, broken down approximately into 66% on 3\* rides, 28% on 2\* ride and 6% on 1\*. We had to cancel or merge eight rides this year due to bad weather.

The new website has made it easier to plan and communicate our rides, and also to record ride reports including photos and routes.

Tuesday evenings are still our most popular activity, covering about 33% of our ride distance, on 54 separate rides, averaging 4.7 1\* riders, 10.9 2\* riders and 10.5 3\* riders each evening. Attendance was pretty solid on 3\* rides, but the 1\* “Ten Mile Club” and 2\* rides tailed off slightly on attendance as the season progressed.

We put on 24 turbo sessions with 11 different attendees averaging 6.7 people per session.

We also did 48 weekend rides over the year, mainly 2\* and 3\*.

Pleasingly, we had 22 leaders for our rides this year, compared with 18 last year, but the spread of work is still pretty poor, especially on Tuesdays – my plea is for more ride leaders

to come forwards and existing ride leaders to volunteer to lead one or two more rides next year. We all owe gratitude to the ride leaders who have given their time and prepared and lead rides this year – thank you!

Sunday rides show a slight increase in attendance which is pleasing considering the concern we've had over the last couple of years – they are consistently hard to get leaders for though....

Rides outside the regular calendar have been variably attended – some offroad rides were arranged, some “specials”, and a bike maintenance afternoon which was very poorly attended – is there demand for such events in the future?

Next year we should focus on spreading the load for leaders on Tuesday evenings and, following up on rider feedback, getting some variation in Tuesday evening rides and leaders at all grades.

Something that we need to address and cater for better is that the gap in physical ability between the different grades of riders is widening. We are clear as a committee (I think this reflects the sentiment in the club, but please comment if this is not the case) that 4\* is not a category that sits well with our club, but there is constant pressure at 3\* to do faster and faster rides, and on Tuesdays at least the numbers of riders at this pace are growing. Of the most concern though, it is hard for riders to make the jump from 1\* to 2\* and 2\* to 3\* - I would welcome any input and ideas as to how we can give people a progressive route if they wish to take it, without compromising too much the riders already cycling at that grade.

Chris Walters, Rides Secretary, CTC Wantage.

## **CTC Witney Report 2009-10**

The Witney group remains active with 3 organised rides per month and attendance remains at usual levels of 2 to 8 riders. In response to group feedback, we are being more flexible with ride leaders in that we don't insist that all rides have a leader allocated in advance. People volunteer to lead some rides and others are by group agreement of those that attend on the day. This seems to work well for us.

We have attracted a small number of new riders who have come more than once. However, there are no new ride leaders.

The Google group remains as our vehicle for sharing information, diary dates and ride reports. This has also attracted some new members but these folk do not always come out on rides.

Jon Gammage

29 October 2010

### **Appendix 3: CTC Oxfordshire Volunteers for 2010/11**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Voluntary activity</b>
Helen Beane	Event Organiser and Ride Leader
James Dawton	Event Organiser and Ride Leader
Pat Hurt	Event Organiser and Ride Leader
John Holding	Event Organiser and Ride Leader
Ellen Lee	Event Organiser and Ride Leader
Mavis Rose	Event Organiser and Ride Leader
Steve Swanton	Event Organiser and Ride Leader
Eileen Johnson	Event Organiser
Eve Thornton	Event Organiser
Rex Belcher	Ride Leader
Robert Bley	Ride Leader
John Bridgman	Ride Leader
Heike Gramberg	Ride Leader
Peter Hallowell	Event Organiser and Ride Leader
Ros Hallowell	Ride Leader
Bridget Lambert	Ride Leader
Stephen Lee	Ride Leader
Neill Warner	Ride Leader
Phil Wray	Event Organiser and Ride Leader
Jane Pearson	Volunteer

### **CTC Witney (informal group) Volunteers 2010/11**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Voluntary activity</b>
Brigitte Hickman	Group Organiser, Event Organiser and Ride Leader
Kevin Hickman	Group Organiser, Event Organiser and Ride Leader
Jon Gammage	Group Organiser and Ride Leader
Kevin Arnold	Ride Leader
Derek Boutle	Ride Leader
Richard Ford	Ride Leader
Chris Hopton	Ride Leader
Steve Rogers	Ride Leader
Paul Speare	Ride Leader
Neil Tigwell	Ride Leader
Jerry Williams	Ride Leader