

ANNUAL REPORT

**West London
District Association**



2007 - 2008

OVERVIEW 2007-2008

This year the DA and its sections have continued with their regular activities much the same as in previous years. The DA committee met four times during the year, with every section represented in all but one of the meetings.

WLDA member registrations appear almost static, with 1199 entries in early December 2007 and 1217 in October 2008, although this does reflect a halt in the continual downward trend we had seen over recent years and is higher than the 1140 members listed at the time of last years AGM. There still remain a few duplicate entries.

Analysis shows that about one third of the entries are people with a TW** postcode. Encouragingly, there seem to be about 30 more entries for those under the age of forty than last year. This may be due to having more data available for dates of birth. Of the 1200 or so entries, 75 are for those under the age of 18, 211 for ages 18-40, 328 for 40-60 and 150 for over the age of 60. No date of birth is entered for 450 (long-standing) members. 228 entries have joining dates within the past 12 months but it is unclear whether any of these are actually renewals.

Congratulations are extended to Helen Vetch, our Membership Secretary, who has been recently elected as a CTC National Councillor and takes up her place on the Council in January.

Membership around the sections has also remained more or less static. The Loiterers report that their ride attendance for the year was down about 10% although they continue to see good numbers out on their mid week rides. An increased recruitment campaign is being initiated. The group organised a number of successful excursions and other activities over the year, including trips to Streetly, Holmbury St Mary and Lea Valley Youth Hostels, Dorset, and Suffolk. The Loiterers have maintained their contact with the local council by having representation at the council meetings held every two months.

West Middlesex ride were also down this year. With a number of Sundays a complete wash out and others sufficiently rain-affected or with such poor forecasts to keep people at home, average ride numbers for the year dropped below five. The section have gained some new riders over the last months but are finding that many club members are riding less regularly, so this keeps the average numbers down. On finer days the section saw 6/8 riders out and the high spot was a Sunday in mid September when there were 14 riders - more surprisingly, this was made up of more ladies than men! Hopefully, the new website will help with publicity. The section had a presence at the "Bike-to-Work Breakfast and Party in the Park, two council run events and, in conjunction with the LCC and Sustrans, regular meetings are still taking place with Hillingdon Traffic Services to try and maintain some momentum with regard to schemes which benefit or effect cyclists. Club nights during the winter continued to be well attended, often with members of the Loiterers coming along.

Average ride numbers on the Edgware section Sunday runs have also decreased slightly this year to between 6 and 7, although they have recently been joined by two new riders. Welcome letters are now being sent to encourage new CTC members to come out. Attendance at club nights is variable but enough to be worth continuing with. Members have organised a number of activities during the year including trips to the Isle of Wight and Somerset and some of the members went to Semaine Federale in August. They also attended two CTC events, the South Bucks Golden Beeches Weekend and the White House Weekend.

A very successful DA joint ride was held on the 29th June. There was fine weather for the day and over 25 riders from all sections met up in Amersham and then went for lunch at the Red Lion in Little Missenden. Several of the group then rode onto Flauden Church for "home made" tea and cakes. An enjoyable day was had by all.

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The sections got together again for WLDA Freewheel Competition, which took place on 19 October this year. Organised by Rocco Richardson, it was, as in previous years, very well supported with 25 or so riders taking part in the competition. More on this can be found later in the report.

A number of the West London riders also attended the Big London Ride in September when, once again, some of Central London's streets were closed to motor vehicles, and bicycles ruled for the day. There were lots of different kinds of cyclists, families, an extraordinary variety of cycles, entertainment, food, Olympic celebrities and **NO** traffic. All in all, great fun.

There was also a good calendar of open events organized this year. With some fair weather at the start and towards the end of the season, there were some notably good numbers of people participating in some of the events. However, similarly to the club rides, many events were affected by bad weather forecasts and a soggy summer. A full overview of all events can be found later in this report. Huge thanks should go to all those members who organized and helped to make these so successful.

At the end of the year all the sections, as usually, had their AGMs, the Loiterers on the 8th October, the Edgware on the 9th October and the West Middlesex on the 17th October.

Revised CTC Policy Handbook for CTC Member Groups

Members who attended the last couple of West London DA AGM meetings will be aware of changes that CTC National Office wanted to implement as a result of the changing environment in which they are operating.

There are some key changes in the CTC Policy Handbook that has now been ratified and issued, setting out the requirements for all groups and the rules under which they must operate. One of the most notable changes is that the titles of District Association and Section will be replaced with what are to be known as Member Groups. All Member Groups are required to comply with the revised Policy Handbook, which may require committees to have some additional elected officers to cover the required roles as outlined in the policy handbook. There are also implications in respect of reporting procedures.

We were previously told existing sections and DAs would be able to retain the relationship they have within their current structure, but currently, the reporting lines in this circumstance are still not fully clear to the DA committee.

If sections have not tabled motions at their AGMs about what they wish to do, it is likely that each of the sections will need to have an extraordinary meeting to decide and vote on what type of group they wish to become. All members are encouraged to make their views known.

On a positive note, the new policy includes a key change that members of the WLDA have been eager to see implemented. CTC members to be able to choose to be listed as a "member" with whichever group they ride or are in other ways actively involved with, their affiliation to a group no longer being based on their postal code address alone. Where subsidiary member groups are aligned to another "parent" member group [possibly a former DA] the member will have voting rights at both their chosen member group and the parent member group to which it is aligned.

The Secretary is continuing to try and clarify a number of points in respect of the revised policy and establish the various implications attached to becoming a Subsidiary Member Group e.g. the reporting requirements and committee requirements. Any information received from national office will be circulated as and when it is available and communicated to sections through the section representatives on the West London committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT and SUMMARY ACCOUNTS

The following are the un-audited summary accounts for the West London DA for the year ending 30 September 2008.

BALANCE SHEET

Fixed assets		
At cost (badge die, trophies)	16.00	
Accumulated depreciation	0.00	
Net book value		16.00
 Variable assets		
<i>Stock of certificates</i>	150.00	
<i>Stock of medals</i>	170.00	
 Cash and Bank		
Cash in hand	0.00	
Bank accounts	1623.15	
Total cash and bank		1623.15
 Total assets (excluding variable assets)	1639.15	
made up of		
Reserves b/f 30.9.2006	1713.34	
Loss for year	(74.19)	
Reserves c/f 30.9.2007		1639.15

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Expenditure		Income	
2007 AGM expenses (including engraving medals)	88.19	Surplus - road events	75.00
Administrative/other expenses	66.00	Donations	5.00
		Total	80.00
Total	154.19		
NET PROFIT / LOSS			(74.19)

W R Hawes
Honorary Treasurer

November 2008

EVENTS REPORT - 2008 SEASON



CHILTON OFF ROAD..... BLUEBELL..... WEST LONDON 1/4..... HERTS & LUTON..... WEST LONDON 2/4...
 WEST LONDON EXTRA WEDNESDAY WANDER..... WEST LONDON 3/4..... HILLY CHILTONS.....
 SURBURBAN BREAKOUT..... MUSWELL HILLS..... WEST LONDON 4/4 AUTUMN ASSORTMENT.....

Some fine weather both early and later in the season encouraged riders to turn out in good numbers but unfortunately, just as we saw last year, many rides were affected by bad weather forecasts [that didn't always come to fruition] and the summer months were definitely wetter than everybody would have liked.

At the start of the season there were 18 open rides listed in the calendar. Following a low advance entry (nine) the 300K event was cancelled and the October off road rides were also later cancelled. An overview of those events that were run can be found below.

As always, a very big thank you goes out to those who organise rides and help on the day, without them there would be no events for all who take part in them to enjoy.

Awards are made under the West London TC Badge Points Scheme if riders achieve the following:

- Gold Award - complete 5 events which must include a 300k, a 200k, 1 event of at least 150k, plus 2 other eligible events [1 of which must be a longer off road event or the Hilly Chilterns]
- Silver Award - complete 4 events which must include a 200k, 1 other event of at least 150k, plus 2 other eligible events [1 of which must be a longer off road event or the Hilly Chilterns]
- Bronze Award - complete any 3 eligible events.

Non Eligible Rides - 50k road, 30k off road rides and the Freewheeling competition are not eligible for TC Badge points [or the Terry Johnson Memorial Cup and the Chapman Trophy].

A medal is awarded to any junior completing any WLDA event riding solo or tandem.








Certificates are issued to all successful WLDA riders in all WLDA events.

Number of WLDA amongst the finishers








CHILTON OFF ROAD	60Km	Sunday 13 th April	Organized by Jenny Strickland
Numbers were half those of last year with only 23 registered riders, three of whom did not start, one did not finish and two missed a control. Of the 17 valid finishers, two were women and one a veteran. Dick Nuttall was the only West London rider to complete. Despite gloomy forecasts the weather was not too bad and they all said they enjoyed themselves. Even the marshals did not complain too much - many thanks to both Edgware and West Middlesex riders for your help - you know it wouldn't happen without you. Sadly, due to an over-optimistic card order and enthusiastic catering we made a loss of 51p.		23 entries 3 did not start 1 did not finish 17 Valid Finishers	

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WEST LONDON 1/4	100Km	Wednesday 16 th April	Organized by Rocco Richardson
A reasonable day with 33 starters and 32 finishers, including 6 West London riders. Building works around the finish café made socialising difficult afterwards.			33 entries 32 Finished 
WLDA / WILLESDEN CC BLUEBELL RIDE	100Km	Sunday 27 th April	Organized by Liz Creese
The bluebells were out again this year. There was a big advance entry and the fair weather forecast on the day caused brought in a further 41 on the line entries. This meant a lot of hard work at the start for Liz Creese and Rocco Richardson as they tried to get all the entries booked in and everybody fed and watered. Most managed to find their way around even if they didn't all register at the finish.			56 entries in advance 85 starters in total on the day 69 registered at the finish 
WEST LONDON EXTRA	120Km	Wednesday 11 th June	Organized by Rocco Richardson
Another reasonable day. Unfortunately, as we left the start, we were told that the café would shut at 2pm - so again no socialising at the finish as they all disappeared with no tea or cake!			27 starters 26 Finishers 
WEDNESDAY WANDER	200Km	Wednesday 18 th June	Organized by Liz Creese
Last year the event had 23 finishers but the threat of torrential rain probably put people off and only 8 started. It was disappointing as, in fact, nobody got really wet at all.			14 advanced entries but only 8 starters 7 Finished 
WEST LONDON 2/4	100Km	Wednesday 2 nd July	Organized by Rocco Richardson
Another small field of riders, after 25 entries last year.			5 entries 5 Finished 
THE MUSWELL HILLS	200Km	Sunday 27 th July	Organized by Nick Bloom 
SUBURBAN BREAKOUT	100Km		
Suburban Breakout is proving to be a popular event with 67 riders completing it this year, including 2 from West London. 24 riders completed the the Muswell Hills, including 2 West London. It is currently looking like this event may not be run 2009.			
WLDA HILLY CHILTERNES	100Km	Sunday 3 rd August	Organized by Jim Swan
Although the most challenging 100K ride in the calendar, there was an even larger entry than in 2007 for this popular event. Unfortunately, one entrant broke her arm coming off at high speed because of poor road surface. Jim has written to the appropriate council drawing their attention to this. It had been decided to raise the entry fee for the event as a trial - it did not appear to have effected the numbers and a good profit was made.			59 entries - 7 did not start 33 registered at the finished 

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WEST LONDON 3/4	150Km	Wednesday 27 th August	Organized by Rocco Richardson
With only 5 in advance it was difficult to decide whether to run the event.		14 entries 13 Finished	
WLDA LUTON & HERTS	155Km	Sunday 31 st August	Organized by Simon Trott
Many entrants did not start, probably because of the gloomy forecast. The day started fine but heavy rain began soon after the start and continued for a couple of hours. Fortunately everybody had dried out by the last control at Great Munden and were quite cheerful. The slower riders were unlucky and got caught by a late downpour on the way back. Only one rider (Malcolm Edwards) dropped out en route and only because he was hit by a car (knee damaged, forks wrecked). No West London entries.		29 entries 12 Finished	
WEST LONDON 4/4	100Km	Wednesday 17 th Sept	Organized by Rocco Richardson
Yet again, the forecast was a lot worse than the weather actually turned out to be, so a disappointing entry on the line.		13 entries 12 Finished	
AUTUMN ASSORTMENT [3 events]		Sunday 28 th September	Organized by Liz Creese
<p>With a reasonably fair forecast, another busy day booking riders in on the line.</p> <p>100k had 25 advance entries, 32 on the line, 3 DNS. 50 finished, including 11 West London</p> <p>50k had 1 advance entries, 2 on the line. All 3 finished, including 1 West London.</p> <p>Liz is currently considering what, if any of these three popular events to run next year. It is proving increasing difficult to find controls/refreshment stops, particularly for the 200K. And with the cost of hall hire having risen to £97 and advance entries falling for events this does raise concerns about covering the costs.</p>		<p>200Km 27 entries - 4 did not start 26 finished</p> <p>100Km 57 entries - 32 entries on the line 3 did not start 50 finished</p> <p>* 50Km had 3 entries all finished</p>	  
WLDA FREEWHEEL COMPETITION		Sunday 19 th October	Organized by Rocco Richardson
A good day and, as in previous years, the event was well supported with 25 or so riders taking part in the competition. Riders from the Central London met up with West London DA members at Amersham and Rocco then led everybody to where the freewheeling competition was to take place. To find out who won, have a look at the Awards and Competitions Section.....			

WLDA BADGE POINT AWARD SCHEME

		CTC Tourist Competition West London Badge Award Scheme 2008														BADGE AWARDED						
		Ruislip Randonnee 300k	Chilterns OffRoad 60k	West London 1/4 100k	Bluebell 100k	West London Extra 120k	Wednesday Wander 200k	West London 2/4 100k	Muswell Hills 200k	Suburban Breakout 100k	Hilly Chilterns 100k	West London 3/4 150k	Luton & Herts 155k	West London 4/4 100k	Autumn Assortment 200k	Autumn Assortment 100k	Autumn Assortment 50k	October Offroad 50k	October Offroad 30k			
RIDERS	LOCAL GROUP	5/4	13/4	16/4	27/4	11/6	18/6	2/7	27/7	27/7	3/8	27/8	31/8	17/9	28/9	28/9	28/9	12/10	12/10			
Julie Anderson	NA																					
Steve Ayres (1 of 2)	WM																					
Sean Bannister	NA																					
Mike Batchelor	NA																					Bronze
John Beer	NA																					
Ian Birch	NA																					Bronze
Annie Birch	NA																					Bronze
Adrian Camm	WM																					
Bill Carnaby	NA																					
Sophie Carnaby	NA																					
Malcolm Edwards	E																					
Keith Hales	WM																					
John Hare	UL																					
John Hutchins	WM																					
Sarah James	WM																					
Bob Kynaston	E																					
Wendy Kynaston	E																					
Gillian Lambley	WM																					
Martin Lucas	NA																					
Andrew Lynham	E																					Bronze
Nick Manthorpe	UL																					
Dick Mason	NA																					
Brian Moon	NA																					Bronze
John Morrish	NA																					
Dick Nuttall	NA																					Bronze
John Richardson	WM																					Bronze
Maria Ryan																						Bronze
Richard Simon	NA																					
Jenny Strickland	E																					
Judith Swallow	NA																					
Jim Swan	WM																					
Simon Trott	E																					
Peter Turnbull																						
Ayman Wahab																						
John White	E																					
Sue White	E																					
Ian Why																						
Paul Wilding	WM																					
Graham Williams	WM																					
Tony Willis	NA																					
Total West London Finishers		0	1	6	10	5	1	3	2	2	2	5	0	3	4	11	1	0	0			

KEY - Type of Ride/Distance: 100K (Yellow), 150K (Purple), 200K (Blue), 300K (Pink), Off Road (Red), No badge points (Green)

KEY - Local Group: E = Edgware, UL = Uxbridge Loiterers, WM = West Middlesex, NA = Not Affiliated

Criteria for Badge Awards:

GOLD - 5 events, must include a 300Km, a 200Km, 1 other event of at least 150Km, plus 2 other eligible events [1 of which must be a longer off road event or Hilly Chilterns]

SILVER - 4 events, must include a 200Km, 1 other event of at least 150Km, plus 2 other eligible events [1 of which must be a longer off road event or Hilly Chilterns]

BRONZE - Complete any 3 eligible events

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2009

Planning for next year's CTC West London Touring Competition [TC] events and other events is already under way. However, there are less advance entries being received with riders tending to turn up on the day depending on the weather forecast. This, alongside the rising cost of the venues used to start and finish events and the lack of refreshments stops that can be used as marshalling points for some events is putting pressure on organisers, who in cases are then unsure if the costs will be covered.

The committee are already aware that Liz will not be running a 300K event in 2009 which means that there may need to be changes to the DA badge award scheme to reflect this.

In addition, after many years of running the Hilly Chiltern event, Jim Swan has decided it is time to step down. The WLDA thanks him greatly for his hard work over the years in running this very successful event. There have been many comments from cyclists expressing their disappointment at the possibility of losing the "Hilly" and Jim has let it be known that he is happy to "mentor" his successor if somebody can be found to take over.

So, if there is anybody out there who would like to get involved in organising this, or another event, please let Jim or the Events Secretary know. These events bring in a modest income which helps to fund your DA.

The following are those events that are in the planning stage but dates still to be confirmed:

Event	Date	Organizer
* West London Off Road 60k	Sunday in April	Jenny Strickland 020 8440 8462
* West London 1/4 100k	Wednesday in April	Rocco Richardson 020 8841 7495
* Bluebell 100k	Sunday in April	Liz Creese 020 8841 7495
* West London Extra 122k	Wednesday in June	Rocco Richardson
* Wednesday Wander 200k	Wednesday in June	Liz Creese
* West London 2/4 100k	Wednesday in June/ July	Rocco Richardson
* The Muswell Hills 200k	TBC	Nick Bloom 020 8365 3806
* Suburban Breakout 100k	TBC	Nick Bloom
* West London 3/4 150k	Wednesday in August	Rocco Richardson
* West London Luton & Herts 155k	Sunday in August	Simon Trott 020 8866 0404
* West London 4/4 100k	Wednesday 17 September	Rocco Richardson
Autumn Assortment *100k, 50k 200K still under review	Sunday in September	Liz Creese
* WLDA October Offroad *50k, 30k	Sunday in October	Dick Nuttall
West London Freewheel	Sunday in October	Rocco Richardson

Events marked * are eligible for *CTC West London TC Badge points*, the *Terry Johnson Memorial Cup* and the *Chapman Trophy*.

Please contact the organizer if you require further information or if you can help with checking the route, refreshments, marshalling and signing riders on/off on the day please let them know - volunteers are always welcome.

AWARDS AND COMPETITIONS

WLDA Badge Awards Scheme

Of the fifteen rides that took place as part of the badge award scheme, WLDA riders finished in all of them with the exception of the Luton and Herts 150K event, which was blighted by foul weather at the start of the day.

Members will remember from the last annual report that, being PBP year, there was a big entry for Liz's 300Km Ruislip Randonnee in 2007. This year however, Liz couldn't justify running the event with only an advance entry of 9 riders (and none from the WLDA), so sadly it had to be cancelled. This means we won't be issuing any gold awards this year.

However, we will be issuing eight medals this year, one more than in 2007. Congratulations to the following West London DA members who have each achieved a bronze medal:

Ian and Annie Birch	Mike Batchelor	Andrew Lynham	Brian Moon
Dick Nuttall	Maria Ryan	John Richardson (Rocco)	

Chapman Trophy

The trophy is awarded to the section which, proportional to the size of the section, fields the largest number of riders in those DA and other events listed as contributing to the DA badge award scheme during the year. The following formula is used to calculate the result for each section:

$$\frac{\text{Accumulated number of finishers from the section in the events listed}}{\text{The average number of riders out on section rides per week over the 12 month period}}$$

Buoyed up by the large number of rides undertaken by a single member of the West Middlesex section, the trophy is retained by them for a further year.

Terry Johnson Memorial Cup

The cup is awarded to the WLDA member who is highest placed in the DATC competition. At the time of writing this report the Secretary has not had confirmation of who this will be, but it would be a brave to bet against Mike Bachelor, once again securing the trophy.

Dave Barnet Trophy [Freewheel Competition]

There was a good turnout on the 19th October for the WLDA Freewheel competition where riders from across the West London and Central London DA took part and stopped pedalling. After fierce competition to "go the extra inch" the event was eventually won by John Snuggs. Thanks go, once again, to Rocco for organizing what was a most enjoyable day.

2007 AGM Photography Competition

As in previous years there were 4 categories and the winners were:

Texture: Colin Acreman with a photo of cranberries in a lake at Kew

Colour: Simon Trott with a photo of a purple flower.

Perspective: Jill Kieran with a photo of the Edgware Section looking over the Welsh Hills

Nostalgia: Carole Peck with a photo of the old Dell at Burnham Beeches

Our thanks, once again, go to Simon Trott for his organisation on the day

Group Committees for 2008 - 2009

The following were those people duly elected at the Section AGMs

Loiterers Section	
Chairperson	Carole Peck
Secretary	Don Rycroft
Treasurer	Les Johns
B Rides Representative	Peter Stewart
DA Representatives	Bill Hawes Don Rycroft
Publicity Secretary	John Male
Auditor	Unknown at time of writing
AGM Attendance - unknown	

West Middlesex Section	
Secretary	Steve Ayres
Treasurer	Matthew Allen
DA Representatives	Jim Swan Sarah James
Ordinary Committee Members	Rocco Richardson
Webmaster	Adrian Camm
Auditor	Colin Acreman
AGM Attendance - 9	

Edgware Section	
President	Bob Kynaston
Secretary	Margaret Sutherland
Treasurer	Bob Kynaston
Runs Secretary	Andy Lynham
DA Representatives	Wendy Kynaston Helen Vecht
Ordinary Committee Members	Simon Trott Jenny Strickland
Club Room	Helen Vecht
Auditor	Keith Brown
AGM Attendance - 13	

Due to holidays and other commitments, the West Middx AGM narrowly failed to achieve a quorum [10 members], although otherwise properly constituted. In such circumstances the meeting, and any decisions taken, will be validated and subject to ratification by the DA Committee.

