

Edgware CTC Secretary's Annual Report 2008/2009

There have been two Committee Meetings in the past year. Both were well attended and in line with my predecessor's policy, Minutes are available if anyone wishes to read them.

Attendance

The Attendance Trophy: lady's trophy won yet again by Wendy Kynaston with 71 points and gentleman's by Bob Kynaston with 66 points.

Sunday runs – average attendance 7.50 compared to 7.00 last year.

Usual suspects continue to attend club night and all seem in favour of continuing.

Helen Vecht has agreed to continue organising events at club night which as owner of the digital projector seems practical and for which we are very grateful.

Holidays:

Castleton 14th-16th November 2008. Good attendance, people made own accommodation bookings. Buffet supper Saturday night at Nag's Head which worked really well.

Easter Presteigne 10th-14th April. Good crowd of about 35 people. John had booked Radnorshire Arms which excellent. Very good cycling, some of it pretty testing in the Welsh border hills, but a few of us had very gentle ride through charming villages led by Jenny on Monday. Very lucky with the weather which mostly gorgeous.

May Bank Holiday Kimbolton 2nd-4th May. John lead group to Kimbolton on Saturday where Geoff Edler joined us by car. Geoff and Margaret stayed with friends' of John, rest of group stayed at B&B. Lovely area and again lucky with the weather.

Spring Bank Holiday Isle of Wight 22nd-25th May. John, Sue and Andy cycled to East Meon, 90 miles. Rode the Round the Island randonee route, though the randonee had of course taken place at the first May bank holiday weekend.

Welsh Cycling Weekend Ryhader 24th-27th July. Good attendance, most camped but John and Sue in B&B, frightful weather, camp site waterlogged so people returned home early Sunday.

Semaine Federal St. Omer 2nd-9th August. Bob led group of 8 who cycled to St Omer from ferry at Calais. Getting to campsite hindered by fact that signposts were designed for car drivers, not cyclists. But good holiday when we got there. Andy drove and kindly took all the tents etc. Staying at camp site with others including Bernice Edwards and her family. Again very lucky with the weather.

Birthday Rides Oundle 9th-15th August. Only Bob and Wendy went from Edgware section. Some problems with route instructions but good cycling on the whole.

August Bank Holiday Wimbish Green 29th-31st August. Margaret lead group of 8 through the lanes of Hertfordshire and Essex. Caroline and Duncan came by car. Delightful farm house where scones and cream laid on for our arrival,

but pub for eating was 2 mile walk and they opened especially for us on Sunday evening otherwise we might have been a bit hungry. Swimming pool permitted synchronised swimming by the ladies. Again lucky with the weather.

Edgware Social Events

Christmas lunch 2008 14th December, the Plough, Belsize. 16 people attended. Decent enough meal, but we had to move out of the dining room so pub could sit another sitting which not very satisfactory.

New Year's Day Walk. Margaret lead walk round Rickmansworth lakes. Well attended by all ages, including pushchairs and dogs.

West London CTC/AUK events organised

Chilterns Offroad 60K 17th May: approx 30 starters. Section made a profit
Herts and Luton 150K 23rd August: more than 40 entrants thought several did not start. Pity because lovely day, if trifle windy for the home leg from Great Munden. 32 finishers including one teenager who beat his father to the hut. Tony Barnard from our section was amongst the finishers. Again section made a profit.

West London CTC events ridden

Freewheeling Competition 19th October 2008 Penn Bottom Hill one by John Shuggs
Bluebell Ride 26th April: nobody rode this as we were away at the White Horse weekend.

Joint West London Ride was the ride to Benson Rally.

Autumn Assortment 20th September: Six started the 100K but Simon had to retire at Chipperfield, not feeling well. Bob steered the rest of the flock round the remainder of the course.

CTC events attended

South Bucks Golden Beeches Weekend Stokenchurch 25th-26th October . Some stayed for the weekend, other just for one day.

White Horse Weekend Tewkesbury: good attendance by Edgware also joined by Angela Feaviour her friend Margaret, John and Wendy David and Cath and Mick Coles. . Historic old hotel just by the abbey. Sadly we won the White Horse painting again awarded to the group who came from furthest distance x number of attendees.

York Rally 20th-21st June. No one from Edgware attended.

Benson Rally 5th July. Rally a mere shadow of its former self. Although it was on the runs list only Bob, Wendy and Margaret attended. Met others from West London at lunch

Other Cycling Events

Marin off-road Kington: 13th-15th June. Simon attended and had good, if painful, time on very tough ride.

Sky Ride, London formerly the Big London Ride: 20th September. Tony Barnard went with his daughter and grandchild but not with bikes although they had a good time.

WLDA AGM 2008

Simon Legg from CTC National Council attended to try explain the proposed membership structure. One reason being that some sections did not get on well with their DAs. Fortunately that does not seem to apply to West London and each section has elected to remain as a subsidiary member group within the West London Member Group. Photo completion: Spring – Mike Batchelor with photo of Wisteria: Summer – Carol Peck with photo of Flatford Mill: Autumn – Carol Peck with photo of Burnham Beeches: Winter – Carol Peck with photo of Denham Church in Snow. Well done Carol Peck.

Enquiries/new riders

There have been 18 enquiries via email or phone. 11 of the riders came on runs. The Edgware group is listed on sports sites run by Watford NHS are and Harrow NHS.