

# **The Cyclists' Touring Club**

## **CTC West Sussex Annual General Meeting**

10.30 am 8 November 2015 at Pulborough Village Hall

19 members attended.

### **Election of Chairman**

Chair of CTC West Sussex, Barbara Nicol, presided.

### **Election of Minutes Secretary**

Colin Bloomfield Proposed by Edwin Jones, Seconded by Barbara Nicol.

### **Apologies for Absence**

Tiny Nicols, Graham Clarke

### **Approval of Minutes of 2014 AGM**

Approved: Proposed Edwin Jones Seconded Ken Taylor

### **Matters Arising**

None.

### **DA Secretary's Report – Year to 30 September 2015**

After a lot of worry over the year I am pleased to report that a volunteer, Mike Murray from Arun Adur, came forward to replace Peter Wilson as DA Treasurer. Peter had volunteered as a temporary replacement until this November after Neil Graham resigned. I would take the opportunity to thank Peter for stepping in and also simplifying the job.

There was fairly good support over the last year for many DA and Section Events.

There were 5 DA Events this year. The first was on the 12 April on a good sunny day and was the Freewheel Competition which was well supported with 14 taking part. The second event was the I Spy Competition on 31<sup>st</sup> May. It rained all day and rather than attempt to answer clues on soggy pieces of paper the Event was cancelled with the points going to the 9 who turned up. 14 members from all Sections met at Wisborough Green for the Two Weald Ride on 5 July. Early light rain gave way to dry and occasionally sunny weather by the start. There was the usual excellent organisation from Horsham Section. On the 2nd August 16 met for the DA Picnic at Wisborough Green on a pleasant sunny day. On the 7th September 7 attended on the Arun Crossings Ride.

Horsham Crawley were the winners of the DA Events Sections competition with 220 points with Arun Adur second on 170 and Bognor Chichester 3<sup>rd</sup> with 120. Bob Moore won the individual competition and Corinne Pitts won Best Lady.

The winner of the Phil Turner Memorial Trophy for attendance on all Sunday Rides in the DA from 12th April to 7<sup>th</sup> September was Bob Moore with 18 attendances. There was a 3 way tie for second on 16 attendances with Sam Roberts, Paul Price and Edwin Jones. An especially bright spot for admin next year is that it should be very easy to get the cups together for engraving as all of them go to Horsham Crawley.

Overall my feeling is that the DA Events were again well supported this year. DA Events for next year will be discussed further later on the Agenda but will probably be similar to this year.

There were 4 DA Committee Meetings during the year. Three of the year's meetings have been held by Skype Conference Call which with Committee members being a long way apart has proved very successful. With most events organised through the Sections the main activity of the DA was publication of the Pedaller magazine and the all Sections Rides Lists. Special thanks are due to Dave Galle for editing *The Pedaller* for 13 years including bringing in colour until he retired early this year. Dave kept going despite a serious accident in 2009 and consequent disability. Further thanks are due to John Maxim for stepping in as Editor since the Spring Issue. We have all enjoyed the quality of the magazine over this last year.

A reminder that you can find the DA website at [www.ctcwestsussex.org.uk](http://www.ctcwestsussex.org.uk), there are links on it to the Section Websites. The objective of the Website is to deal with DA matters and serve as an introduction to the area with links to the various Section websites. The website includes the DA Runs List, Section and DA contacts, details about the Pedaller and DA Events including the latest Points table. Note that you can download a complete copy of the DA Rides List from the Website if you need a spare Rides List.

As the nights draw in it is a good time to look forward to a varied selection of Rides and Events for next year and hopefully a good Spring and Summer.

Edwin Jones

Approved: Proposed Bob Moore Seconded Barbara Nicol

### **DA Treasurer's Report - Year Ended 30/09/2015**

This year we had the hand over from John Wickens to the new treasurer Neil Graham. Unfortunately Neil had to give up the position due to work load and finding the bank was taking up an incredible amount of his time and not doing the work agreed. I reluctantly took on the role as treasurer as the alternative was to lose our reserves, funding and possibly our members. I confirm the large amount of time that was needed to set up the bank account.

The format of the accounts is presented in a slightly different way so the headings are now the same as the required reporting to the CTC. The money from the savings account is now in the current account as having two accounts caused more work and led to only five pence in interest.

This year was the first full year of *The Pedaller* being produced in colour and the sales being through the Member Groups (Sections). This led to a few learning experiences of internet banking. In some cases we had the money but did not know what it was for and it was time consuming resolving the puzzle. Initially I formed a budget but with so many changes it was difficult to keep it current and so I gave up, but it did show some of the problems.

The accounts show a full year of the increased costs of *The Pedaller*, the increased revenue for the colour advertisements and a significant grant from the CTC.

We are solvent, we have increased our bank balance but the next year's accounts will be more realistic when we have a greater understanding of the system and we have the new treasurer, Michael Murray.

Peter Wilson

Approved: Proposed Ken Taylor Seconded Jeff Lander

Edwin Jones confirmed the CTC grant will reduce to £200 per year but did not define the date.

### **Remembrance**

The Chair held a 2 minutes silence at 11.00 am.

### **Reports from Section Secretaries**

## **Arun Adur**

The Arun Adur CTC consists of 35 contributing members and enjoys family members, visitors from other sections, unattached CTC members and non-members. As The Pedaller is now sold through the member groups the number of members has increased from the 30 last year

The committee and rides leaders have continued to encourage members to join rides, whether this is for the full day or part of the ride. They have assisted this by organising rides starting near railway stations. There were up to 13 cyclists on Tuesday rides, and up to 11 on Sunday rides. The group continues to support a monthly charity coffee morning and this year it is Sussex Snowdrop Trust. The trust provides nursing care at home for local children who have a life-threatening illness or who may be terminally ill. Unfortunately Tony Nicolls has been ill and after 15 years he no longer leads and coordinates Tuesday and Saturday easy rides. I am pleased to report that Gerry McGeehan is now co-ordinating the Tuesday Rides.

The Saturday off road and Sunday rides were organised by Richard Boulton. These rides now have a standard group and a slower group led by Jo Savage and this has encouraged other riders to join this group.

The committee are all active members and participate in the club activities. We had three committee meetings. There were approximately 110 extremely interesting rides. There were no uninteresting rides. There were 10 club nights where the talks, films and slides were organised by Tony Nicols. Joanna Savage remained the social secretary and arranged a Tuesday Christmas lunch at Shoreham Airport for 26 members, a barbecue at her home in Angmering for 12 members and film evenings. One of the film evenings was held at her home showing Lance Armstrong as not being so strong. There were 10 monthly dinner meetings and 6 evening rides to a pub for dinner. This year many of the rides had the cyclists being washed by the rain and Ivan even got us washed by the waves on the under cliff path.

Members made many tours in the UK and abroad and formed groups from across the West Sussex region.

Although we are a small group we have a few members that do a lot of work and a lot of members who do some work. This has led to a very wide range of events in the Arun Adur group; it has also led to a high level of participation. I continue to try to reduce bureaucracy by reducing committee meetings and minutes to a minimum, but to ensure the committee's accountability as part of a charity. After many years of Dave Galle running our web site, and Anthony Cartmell hosting it, Arun Adur is due to have a new site and is obtaining advice from the CTC.

I would like to thank all those that helped me directly as secretary including Tony Nicols, the chairman, Richard Boulton, the treasurer, Joanna Savage as social secretary, Ivan Mills and Ernie Yerrell, and for Janet acting as auditor. I would also like to thank the rides leaders for organising such interesting routes, and to participants that make the rides more interesting physically, visually and socially.

Peter Wilson

## **Bognor & Chichester**

Perhaps not before time after 30 years I decided to cut down the scope of the work I do as Secretary. This amounted to

- 1) Secretary
- 2) Rides List Secretary
- 3) Webmaster
- 4) Registrar, maintaining and updating the Membership List.

Last month I gave a years notice to resign the posts of Rides List Secretary and doing the Membership list. By the AGM Russell Sopp had volunteered as Rides List Secretary and Graeme Hodge a newcomer had volunteered to deal with the Membership List. As well as reducing my workload it will be healthier for the Club which will not have one person doing too many jobs.

Membership including couples this year is a well up at 83 compared with 73 last year and 69 the previous year. This was up to September when the members list was prepared.

Numbers out on rides has varied but has generally been good. Average numbers out on long Sunday Rides was about 5 with an average of 8 on the short rides. The half day short Sunday rides introduced this year once a month were very well supported. Wednesdays was about 5 on average. Numbers out on evening rides have been higher than last year from Felpham with as many as 18 on some evenings. The Chichester Evening Rides with members converging on members houses for coffee and biscuits proved a success with good numbers on some nights. The fortnightly Saturday rides have been consistently well supported with numbers of 12 to 15 on average and have been a good success in attracting newcomers. This year the Saturday Rides increased from monthly to fortnightly.

Graham Crouch has helped a lot with a *Facebook* page called *Cycle Bognor* for the Saturday and Evening rides and by putting some of the rides on the *Sky Rides* website.

Over the year there were many successful social events including Club Nights, the Christmas Dinner and the Skittles Evening. The Barbecue hosted by Philippa and William was a great success again.

Social events to look forward to this year include Sunday 3 December when we hold our Christmas lunch at The Walnut Tree, Runcton. The Mince Pie ride next year will again be hosted by Philippa and William in Bracklesham.

Our online form on the Club Website to join or renew which we started this year worked well. We also had the option of paying by *PayPal* and both these innovations cut down the workload of the Treasurer and quite possibly helped with the considerable increase in members this year.

Edwin Jones

## **Horsham & Crawley**

It's been another great year for our club which now has an amazing 26 members. Judging from the comments posted on *Facebook* and *Meetup* the rides have been most enjoyable, thanks to the leaders and cyclists taking part.

Runs list meetings have been held quarterly at Gordon's. These have helped Bob with the runs program, as he can be confident that it truly reflects what people want. Those who don't attend the meetings, but who have an interest in a particular ride can email Bob and he includes these too. We've had more off road rides than in previous years and these have proved very popular with some riders. Otherwise we have stayed true to tradition and held our regular annual events. We've also continued our regular easy rides for beginners and I'm happy to report that at least one rider, Sandra has also been on a regular club ride recently.

Last year's Christmas dinner was great, but we wondered if we should try something different this year, so we shall go for a curry.

Next in the calendar was the I-Spy ride. Unfortunately, this year the weather seems to have put people off so Pete's hard work was in vain, as the few attendees decided to just do a short ride instead. However, Pete has kept the secrets of his proposed route and I hope he will have another go at running it next year, as it is always such a fun day out.

The Crawley Family Bike Ride was beautifully set up, with a really efficient marshalling system, but unfortunately most of the attendees were not our target audience. Let's hope it works out better next year.

The Two Weald ride was the usual quality event, with good support from West Sussex CTC members.

The yearly 100 miler was attended by a few willing cyclists who were somewhat frustrated by mechanical issues, but who still managed to complete respectable mileages.

Some people say it's not about the winning; it's about the taking part. However, I'm pleased to say, that Horsham and Crawley should all feel proud that although we have the smallest number of members in West Sussex we are the winning section again this year with 220 points.

Bob Moore has won the most points for an individual and Corinne Pitts has won the best lady award.

This year's AGM was a quiet affair, with very few attendees. The committee remains the same with Peter Eyre as treasurer, Bob Moore as runs list coordinator and chairman and me as secretary.

### **Report from CTC Right to Ride Representative**

Richards Bates, CTC Councillor SE region, gave an impromptu report in the absence of a Right to Ride representative:

- West Sussex County Council was still thinking about their plan for cycling.
- The HQ network of Right to Representatives was quiescent.

Edwin Jones reported the Barnham – Walberton cycle path had been completed to a high standard – wide and smooth tarmac. It was funded by the South Downs National Park and West Sussex County Council as part of the “access to the National Park” programme.

A cycle path was approved for the Middleton (east side of Bognor Regis) to Littlehampton, work to begin before the end of March 2016.

The northern extension of the Centurion Way to West Dean had not been opened owing to access issues at West Dean. A new planning application is required for the redesigned exit.

### **Election of West Sussex CTC Group officers (also known as DA)**

	<b>Elected</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
Chair	Barbara Nicol	Edwin Jones	Peter Wilson
Secretary	Edwin Jones	Barbara Nicol	Peter Wilson
Treasurer	Michael Murray	Peter Wilson	Barbara Nicol
Auditor	Richard Carlisle	Edwin Jones	Richard Boulton
Registrar	Dave Galle	Edwin Jones	Colin Bloomfield
Publicity Officer	Edwin Jones	Barbara Nicol	Mike Gimber
Welfare Officer	Peter Wilson	Barbara Nicol	Edwin Jones
Editor of Pedaller	John Maxim	Edwin Jones	Barbara Nicol

### **Presentation of Cups for the 2015 DA Events, Attendance Cup and Best Article Cup.**

Best Section for Attendance on Sunday Rides at DA Events: Horsham & Crawley Section.

Phil Turner Memorial Trophy for attendance on all Sunday Rides in the DA: Bob Moore

Best Individual Ladies Attendance: Corinne Pitts.

Best Article: Colin Bloomfield for “Cycling Catalogues” Edition 125.

### **Consider DA Events 2016**

Free wheel	Richard Boulton	April
I Spy	Pete Eyre	May
Two Weald	Horsham & Crawley	July
Picnic	Bognor Chichester	August
Arun Crossings	Colin Bloomfield	September

The picnic venue to be held on the coast, possibly at the Witterings or Fort Nelson.

## The Pedaller Magazine

The editor currently is well supplied with articles. He welcomes product reviews.

### Any other Business

Richard Bates noted that all 3 groups had increased membership but only approximately 150 CTC members were listed in the group memberships out of a potential 1000 CTC members in the region; what actions can be taken to involve these people? Discussion elicited

- Direct mail-shots to the non-involved had previously yielded no new members.
- Some increased group membership may be due to subscribers to *The Pedaller* now subscribing through the group.
- Probably some of the 1000 members simply joined for the 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance (more expensive than British Cycling but greater level of coverage).
- Horsham & Crawley had found advertising the rides list on *Meetup* was beneficial and had also begun using *Facebook*.
- Bognor & Chichester had 300 “Likes” on *Facebook* for the short Saturday and evening rides. The *Cycle Bognor* page on *Facebook*, organised by a Graham Crouch, a CTC member often had over 1000 viewers.
- *Skyrides* could be used for advertising easy rides.

Arun Adur members were irritated by *Bricycles* emailing CTC members in some of Arun Adur post codes.

The meeting closed at 11.59.

Members present: Peter Wilson, John Maxim, Colin Bloomfield, Barbara Nicol, Edwin Jones, Richard Boulton, Ray Savage, Joanna Savage, Bob Moore, Norman Handy, Ken Taylor, Michael Gimber, Michael Murray, Jeff Lander, Dave Fox, Richard Bates, Roger Cline, Sue Howe, Brian Howe,