



Chairman's Report for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

Our Club year now ends on 31 March, due to a Cycling UK requirement that we comply with a change in 2021 to their financial year. Going forward, CLCTC AGMs will be in April or May.

Teamwork

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 have all done a superb job over a difficult period.

At the AGM you will be asked to elect new Committee members for the role of Chair (Paul Foster is standing), the 4-star Rides Co-ordinator (Karim Ahamed is standing). All other Committee members are offering themselves for re-election. Linus Rees is standing for re-election as the 1-star Rides Coordinator, with responsibility for finding leaders for 1-star rides. Linus does not wish to be a member of the Committee and will not attend Committee meetings. You will also be asked to elect a new Committee member for the role of [Diversity and Inclusion Champion](#) (Kelly Perry is standing). Anyone who wishes to stand for election for a particular role can make this known at the AGM, or (preferably) contact [the Secretary](#) before the meeting.

Rides

I am hugely grateful to the Co-ordinators and leaders for providing day rides. Over the 12 months from 1 April 2021 to the end of the new Club year of 31 March 2022 there has been a total of 1723 riders on 243 Central London CTC rides. The top male in terms of the number of rides was Colin Hartridge-Price with 118 rides, and the top female was Christine Johnson with 62 rides.

As well as weekend rides we have day rides at a 2-star level every Monday and Thursday. Everyone in this relatively small group takes a turn in finding a route and leading a ride. These mid-week rides have become a major part of our rides program due to the efforts of Nick Bloom in finding ride leaders.

Keep an eye on the [website](#) for information on rides and tours. Currently we are following the guidance from our governing body, Cycling UK, to limit day rides to a maximum of 15 riders, but the ride leader can choose to apply a lower limit. Thanks to Richard Philpott we have a booking system for rides, and this works very well. Whilst ride numbers remain limited, please keep late cancellations and no-shows to a minimum and well in advance so that you do not prevent someone else from booking on the ride.

It would be great to have some new ride leaders. Please don't hold back. Every assistance will be given in selecting a route, and on the ride itself. There are loads of route maps on our website and a search facility that will find rides from years ago – just put in the search dates.

We would also like to encourage leaders for “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 have been a number of such rides to date and we would like to keep this up.

If you have a smart phone, I would encourage you to go to the App Store and download the “what3words” app that you can use to inform emergency services of your location – very useful if you are at a location that is difficult to describe.

Tours

Lockdown restrictions meant that nearly all our tours in 2020 and 2021 had to be cancelled. Organising a tour is a huge responsibility and a lot of work. Check out the Central London CTC [website](#)) for upcoming tours - South-eastern Netherlands 26 April to 4 May; UK West Country 16 to 22 May with optional extension to 25 May; CycloMontagnarde Vosges 2 to 3 July. Many thanks to Tom James, Simon Binning, David Kurtz for organising these tours and for others involved in the organisation – Jenny Hung; Marcella. Sorry if I have missed anyone out here.

If anyone has an idea for a tour, do get in touch after the AGM with [Jenny Hung](#).

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/Twitter

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. He also developed the booking system we are now using for rides. Richard’s dedication to the Club is truly amazing.

We are on Facebook (@centrallondonctc), and our website has a [Forum](#) where you can find (and post) reports of 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.

Thanks to Linus we have a [Twitter account](#).

Zoom videoconference meetings

Many thanks to Jenny Hung, and more recently to Tom James, for facilitating these meetings at 20.00 on the first Tuesday of every month. Anyone who is not already receiving a reminder just before each monthly meeting can [contact me](#)) to go on my list, or at the time of the meeting just click on the [Zoom link](#). We talk about all sorts of things (not just cycling) and the chat is usually quite lively. These chats were previously weekly and have very much enabled people to keep in touch during a difficult period.

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. Many thanks also to David Kurtz for assisting in the delivery of the club clothing.

Diversity

Linus Rees is taking the lead in setting up a working group to consider how we might encourage new riders from diverse groups that currently seem poorly represented on our rides. As stated above, there is a new Committee role to be filled at the AGM of “Diversity and Inclusion Champion”.

Club Social

The annual Club Social, where all the rides on a Sunday converge on the same lunch venue, will take place on 24 July depending on the Covid situation nearer the time.

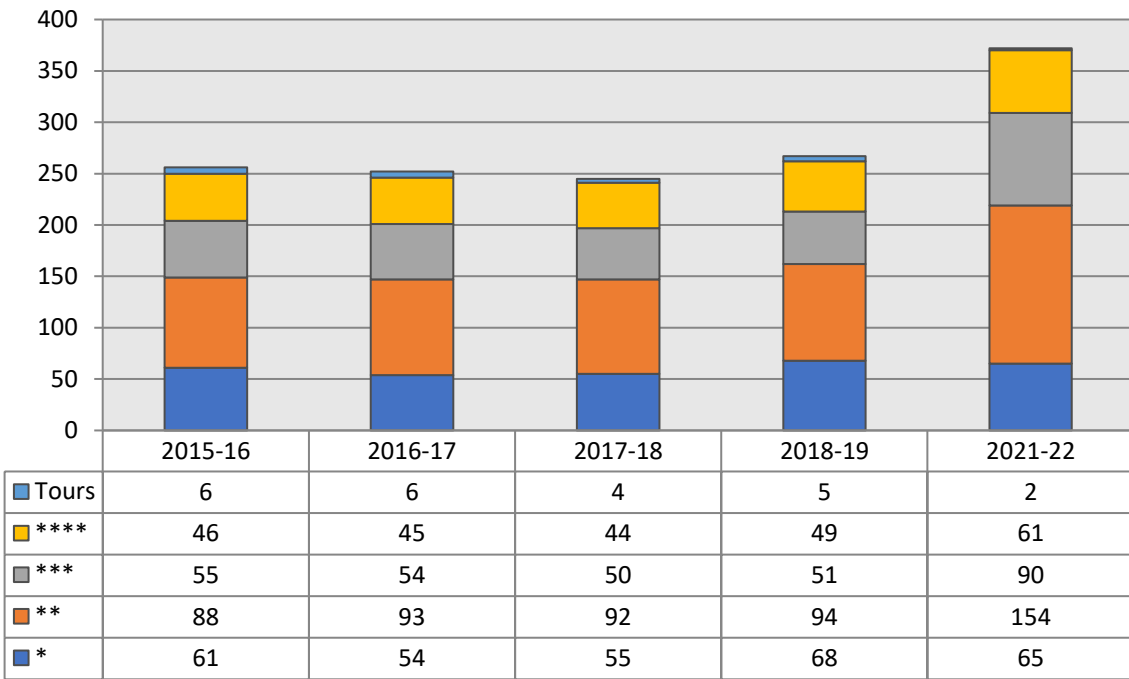
Finally

Although I am standing down at the AGM as Chair, I look forward to another enjoyable year of day rides, tours and good company. Ride safe and do your best to ensure you and others remain in good health.

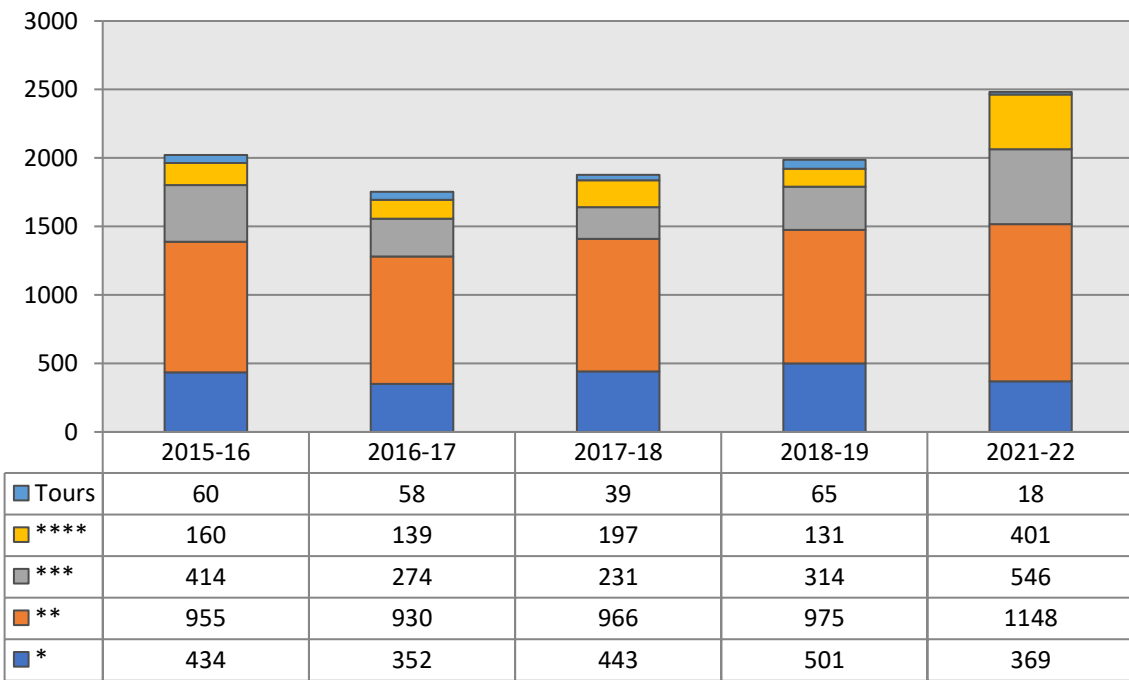
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Chair, Central London CTC

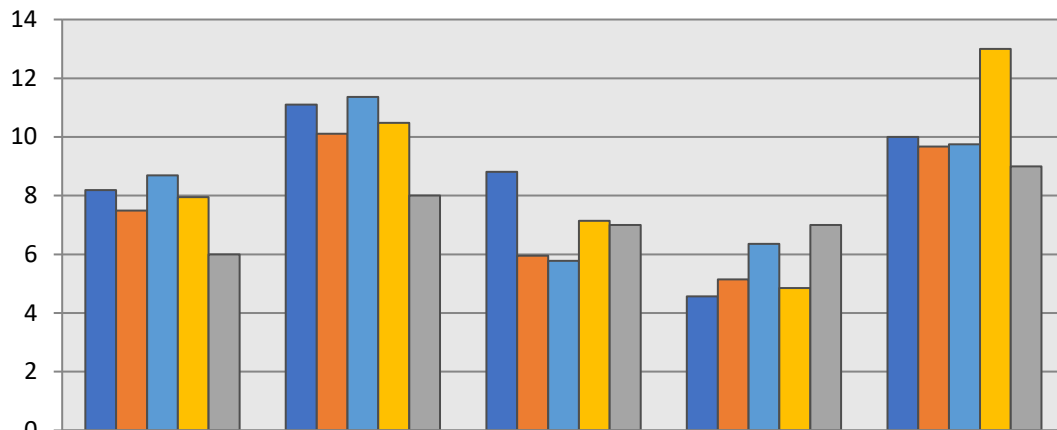
Rides



Ride Attendances

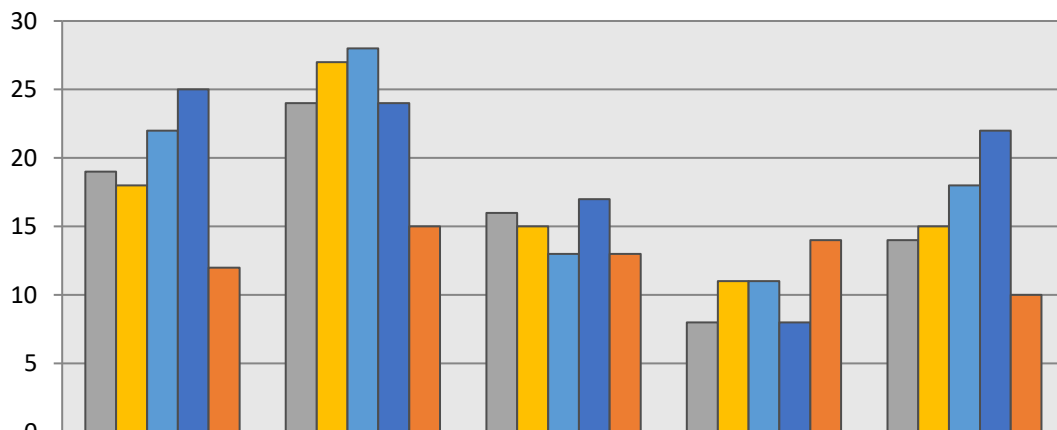


Average Attendance



	*	**	***	****	Tours
■ 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
■ 2021-22	6	8	7	7	9

Maximum Attendance



	*	**	***	****	Tours
■ 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
■ 2021-22	12	15	13	14	10

Breakdown by day of week (last three years)

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

2021-22

	Rides	Riders	Max	Average
* Saturday	14	80	11	5.7
* Sunday	45	249	12	5.8
** Sunday	56	472	15	8.6
** Weekday	97	673	12	7.0
Regents Park	31	249	9	8.3

Top Riders 2021-22

Colin Hartridge-Price	118
Richard Drew	81
David Kurtz	71
Richard Philpott	71
Mick O'Rorke	62
Christine Johnson	62
Desmond Forde	56
Nick Bloom	51
Phil Cordingley	50
Naomi Wolf	49
Keith Butcher	48
Gianluca Pisano	46
Javier Carmona	45
Julianne Dickson	41
Ken Peters	37
Allen Hutcheson	35
Hiroshi Sakai	34
Julia Moye	32
Pat Wheeler	31
Thomas James	30
Angus Ogle	30
Imogen Ramm	29
Martin Hayman	29
Simon Slater	29
Anna Bagi	28
Heike Grimm	27
Stephen Taylor	25
John Rosbottom	25
Bill Todd	25