

# Portsmouth CTC Annual Report

1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Ride type	No of rides	Average no of riders	No of different riders	Points winner
Saturday rides	49 (52)	9.9 (11.4)	105 (114)	Gilbert Wheelwright
Wednesday rides	51 (52)	26.4 (25.7)	118 (123)	Robert Sebley
Easy rides	12 (12)	13.8 (12.7)	53 (55)	
Faster Sunday rides	51 (50)	7.1 (7.6)	26 (28)	Jackie Bailey
Sunday morning rides	22 (24)	10.5 (8.4)	53 (52)	Vicki Lord
Thursday pub rides	23 (26)	6.5 (5.3)	27 (25)	Mark Page
Tuesday rides	14 (12)	5.8 (5.7)	17 (23)	
Friday rides	20 (7)	7.9 (8.0)	40 (22)	
Cathedral challenge rides	12 (16)	20.1 (15.6)	53 (65)	
Waterlooville CCC rides	6 (-)	6.7 (-)	21 (-)	
	260 (251)	12.6 (12.8)	242 (250)	

Figures in brackets are from last year

Thanks to our statistician: Alan Brooks, and to Dave Lambert.

Once again, we have seen a healthy number of enquiries and new riders this year - mostly via the web site. From them we have gained a good number of new members.

We've managed to organise an average of five rides per week! Further, we usually split rides on Wednesdays – our largest was 49 riders on 18<sup>th</sup> July – that wouldn't be possible without ride leaders to whom we are indebted.

Our rides increase in diversity as we seek to accommodate a very broad range of experience and ability. I'm pleased to report that we continue to be known as a club that welcomes all-comers.

The Cathedral Challenge rides built on the success of last two years. We had more registered riders (12.3 average per ride up from 9.4 last year and 6.6 the year before last) and – following my appeal last year – the rides were well supported with leaders. We used a shorter programme of 12 rides which worked well.

The Friday and Tuesday rides have prospered – each demonstrating a need for both demanding and less-demanding rides. We expect the Tuesday rides to continue to do well, but Sarah and Martin will be unable to lead Friday rides next year. Pete Doughty has led the recent rides and is looking to keep them going in the new year.

Roger Paddey continues to get support for leading the Sunday morning rides, which remain popular, and help us cater for riders still in work.

This year Mike Ashton created the Waterlooville Community Cycling Club as an 'Informal member group' – a group set up as part of our member group in accordance with Cycling UK policies. That's in stark contrast to other CCC's that Cycling UK has set up locally without our involvement. After a successful initial programme, Mike has set up a second sequence of rides starting later this month. He is struggling, however, with the 'three ride limit' that doesn't fit well with the CCC concept.

It continues to be difficult to create a pre-planned programme of Wednesday and Saturday rides. It seems unlikely that will change in future. The inclusion of suggested destinations in the schedule by Mike Edwards and Gilbert Wheelwright have been very helpful to ensuring rides continue to run.

We are getting used to organising large rides, using a range of techniques. We are looking for more opportunities to help with leading large rides and ensuring riders get the most out of them.

Pete Doughty and Phil Hebblethwaite became ride leaders this year.

In addition to the regular, organised rides, we've done a great deal this year (with apologies for all that I've missed):

- Portsmouth CTC events:
  - President's ride
  - Christmas lunch
  - Prize-giving lunch
  - The club night programme including: photography competition and quiz night
  - Hill climb and freewheel competition
- Events organised by individual members for the club:
  - Slindon weekend
  - Winter windedown (this year we had two alternatives to the event previously organised by Barry King-Smith); David Giffard is planning a 2019 event
  - Barn dance
  - Memorial rides and the new solstice ride
  - Old fools' trips
  - Tandem group rides
  - Presentation to John and Lin Withey
- Support for events organised by others, including:
  - Tandem club
  - Numerous Audax events
  - Wheels in the Community
  - Breeze cycling
  - CTC Holidays: notably, of course, the holidays run by Dave and Pam Pilbeam
  - Paris to Hayling cycle ride
  - New Forest cycling week
  - Isle of Wight Randonnée
  - Hayling Island donkey derby, three churches fête, Waterlooville summer fête, and the Emsworth show
  - Cycling UK's birthday rides
- Campaigning for better cycle paths and infrastructure with:
  - The South Downs National Park Authority
  - Hampshire Cycling
  - Hampshire County Council
  - East Hants District Council
  - Havant Borough Council
  - District Road Safety Council
  - Portsmouth Cycle Forum
  - Cycle Hayling (including joint promotional material)
  - Havant Sports Council
  - PO9 & PO11 newspaper (via Mike Skiffins' regular column)
  - Hayling Islander (via Wilf Forrow's regular column)
- Creation, publication and distribution of the Pedal magazine
- Switch to online banking for the club's accounts
- Continued development of the PortsmouthCTC.org.uk web site including: new services for members; several improvements including more information to members as required by the new EU General Protection Regulation (GDPR); refresh of the underlying software; and better SSL encryption.

We have made representations to Cycling UK about:

- Access to member information. A change in policy meant we were no longer able to check membership of people with access to the members' area of the web site. We now have that access.
- Proposed changes to Cycling UK GDPR implementation which sought to severely and unnecessarily restrict our use of members' personal data. As yet, those changes have not been implemented.

Cycling UK has announced it intends to audit our accounts for last year. We don't anticipate a problem.

Andy Henderson,  
Secretary