**Huddersfield CTC**

**Annual Report from Secretary**

**October 2018**

At the end of my report last year I noted that it would be good if we could attract younger members to our Sunday Club runs. I am pleased to report that we now have one young regular rider from Huddersfield University which is a start.

At the Christmas ride out to Marsden regular riders took delivery of the new club jerseys. Other cyclists now know that it is team Huddersfield CTC that is overtaking them and at the Café stops they don’t need to ask where are we from!

We had two presentations in the winter programme. The first was from Colin Rose on cycling in the Czech Republic and the second one was on cycling from the bottom of Europe in Spain to the top in Norway by Andrew Sykes of Halifax. Both sessions were well attended and we will having further presentations this Winter.

In June we had another successful trip to Kettlewell Youth Hostel and 2 days of rides in the Yorkshire Dales led again by Steve Hall. Steve also led a 5 day trip from Vienna to Prague for a Huddersfield CTC group of five averaging over 70 miles a day.

**Ride Statistics**

Our record for this year began after the AGM in 2017. For the Sunday rides the number of riders was 5 and 13 up to June. The numbers then fell to 3’s 4’s and 5’s up to 7 October when the number went up to 9. Cycling has become ever more popular and new clubs have been established in our area recently. A couple of weeks ago we came across the Queensbury Queens at a Café Stop. They were a women only group from Queensbury. We of course cater for everyone and ideas on how more regular riders can be attracted to the Sunday runs would be welcome.

Saturday rides held once a month continue to attract regular attenders from 5 to 15 riders.

Tuesday rides held in Summer led be Alan Primm have continued to be popular with a regular crew turning out each week.

The Wednesday ride programme tends to be for those who have retired and this year the turnout has been between 6 and 9.

The first of 2 cycle maintenance classed by Trycycling was held last week and the second will be held this week. It has been reported that it was well worth the £5 contribution to the cost of the session.

In April next year a ride leader training course will be held. The cost of attendance will be met by Huddersfield CTC but attendees will be expected to lead 3 rides in the summer season and 3 in the winter, in the meantime if you have a favourite ride, mention it on Facebook and it could be included in the Summer 2019 programme.

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