**Secretary’s Report 2021**

The year started under Covid restrictions that began in March 2020 and from early January riding in groups of 6 had to stop due to the increased restrictions that limited outdoor exercise to a maximum of 2 people from different households and the winter ride programme was suspended. At the end of March riding in groups of six was allowed again. Cafes were still closed so packed lunches were required unless you could find a takeaway. The start of the Tuesday evening ride programme is a gentle ride out to Compo’s for fish and chips. This year the weather was kind to us and we enjoyed a takeaway sat outside the closed café. All committee meetings were held over Zoom until July when committee meetings were resumed in the Sportsman Inn.

The 2021 ride programme therefore began from the end of March and started with shorter rides since many of us had done far fewer miles since the start of lockdown. Ride numbers varied from 4 to 12. We had just two ride cancellations due to inclement weather, one in August and one in November. The monthly Saturday easy rides began again in September and they became as popular as before with at least 8 riders and often 12 and over under the leadership of John Lewis.

The popular summer Tuesday evening rides do not have a café stop and so continued as normal from mid - April until mid- September throughout 2021. Chairman Steve Randerson led almost all the rides. Each week between 5 – 12 riders turned up for the 2 – 2.5 hour hilly rides.

We offered a discount on club jerseys of 25% late in the year and 5 people took up the offer. The smart Club jerseys do promote the Club and we encourage members to wear them when riding with us.

We had our annual awards and dinner evening in February this year after missing out last year because of Covid restrictions.

**From a past AGM – 50 years ago**

I found the name of Renee Summergill a number of times on our trophies when I got them ready for inscribing with this year’s winners. She was very active in the 60’s and 70’s. I decided to look up the name on the internet. I found out that she died aged 94 in June 2021. Renee was the minutes secretary in the late sixties and early seventies. At the 1971 AGM of the Huddersfield Section is was noted that the spirit of friendship within the District Association had disappeared and Halifax was the main culprit. It was agreed that Huddersfield would withdraw from further participation unless the DA could engender a better spirit of co-operation. Mel Gibson (Secretary) will write to the DA and an extra ordinary general meeting will be held when we have an answer.