

## CTC Two Mills (Wirral)

### Secretary's report to be presented at AGM held 21st October, 2014, Memorial Hall on the Green, Willaston CH64 2XR

CTC Two Mills (Wirral) is a recognised member group. Our postcode areas cover the whole of Wirral including Neston, Ellesmere Port and parts of Chester. We do have individual members outside of those boundaries.

Highlights of the year:

- Your rides committee met twice during the year (in November and May) to draft the weekly rides programme. We welcomed newcomers to the daunting role of ride leader. Thanks too to the regulars!
- Our women's group, the Bicycle Belles, have cycled every month and numbers are growing. Again, we are very grateful for the volunteers who help lead and backmark.
- Tuesday Evening Cyclists enjoyed another very successful season of weekly rides from early May until the end of August. They operate as a separate group, affiliated to CTC.
- The Early Season Tourist Trial is the main riding event that this group organises. This year, we used a new HQ venue, tweaked the route, and, introduced electronic system of registration and payment. It all worked well. Two Mills have given notice to Chester and North Wales that next year we will run the event for ourselves.
- Our annual picnic ride was rescued by old hands, Margaret and Graham, assisted by Barbara and John. It was held the last Sunday of August. The venue returned to Tile Farm which shone given our excellent summer weather. Thanks as ever to Peter and Andy for leading 20+ guests.
- Barbara also organised a successful evening meal in March at the Hooton Arms.
- Two Mills members have joined-in: Cheshire Cycleway Rides; Chester and North Wales 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rides; CTC Birthday Rides held at Askham Bryan college near York; Wild Wales Challenge ride; Bert Bailey Vets 100; Merseyside CTC Tourist Trial; local audax rides from Eureka café at Two Mills, Old Ma's in Gatesheath, and Corwen; Presidents ride from Walk Mill to Tilston; Hill Climb and Freewheel competition.
- Brian has attended Chester and North Wales committee meetings on Two Mills behalf. Unfortunately, the conduct of business has become so difficult that your committee reached a decision in September not to take our place at the table.
- I am one of two CTC National Councillors for the North West which requires regular travel to London for meetings. Much of the debate has been about how CTC can best modernise and grow. During the summer, we welcomed a

new CEO, Paul Tuohy. I will attend the meetings of other member groups during this AGM season.

- I continue to represent Two Mills at CTC Member Group advisory group which has met in London once during the year.
- Volunteers from this group have helped me to promote cycling and CTC at a variety of local events: Wirral Bikeathon, Liverpool Chester bike ride, West Kirby Eco Fest, Egremont Festival and Neston Bike Fair to name but a few!
- Peter attends meetings of Chester Cycle Campaign. He also represents you at the quarterly Cycle Forum organised by Wirral Council. A dominant theme has been to encourage everyone to 'share with care' our hard won local cycle paths such as Neston to Deeside Greenway.
- Our group's financial situation is healthy. Andy will report in more detail at our AGM.

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