

## EXETER CTC

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026

St Thomas Church Hall, Church Road, St Thomas, Exeter EX2 9BQ

Wednesday 29th April 2026

7.30pm

#### Members attending:

Paul Ewings (Chair)	Richard Eales
Ian Grundberg (Secretary)	Ann Pollard
Di Parish	Mark Pollard
Rebecca Hoddinott	Veronica White
Glenis Weilding	Tony Collins
Tim Green	Ian Holding
Judy Green	Maggie Hunt
Chris Blasdale	Katya Romankevich
Martin Warren	Deborah Salisbury
Paul Mearns	Alex Dudgeon
Roger Spurr	Chris Brightman
Marilyn Spurr	Mike Chapman
Penny Cockram	Peter Robinson
Linda Luscombe	Trevor Bishop
Gary Ankin	Andy Smith
Tom Ingram	Roy Russell
Julie Weeks	Jenny Ingram

#### 1 Opening remarks from Chairman

Paul welcomed all the members attending and outlined the evening's proceedings.

#### 2 Apologies for absence:

Dave Martin	Anthony Cummings
David Bailey	Andrew Conibear
Jennie Sleeman	Susan Gameson
David Incoll	David Thompson
Tessa Fincher	Marian Titley
Mike Scott	

### **3 Approval of minutes of last AGM held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Proposed: Martin Warren

Seconded: Mark Pollard

The minutes were approved unanimously

### **4 Secretary's Report**

The regular programme of rides on Thursdays and Sundays has continued throughout the year. The Thursday BikeBus rides have been very well attended, frequently with up to 25 or 30 participants, sometimes even more. As always, we urge everyone to sign up on the club website even if they are riding directly to the venue, as this helps us to give accurate advance notice to them of the numbers to expect.

As far as the Sunday rides are concerned, the record is a little more varied. There is a core group of around 5 riders on the longer A-rides which have been running regularly throughout the year.

The B-rides on the other hand continue to be constrained by a lack of ride leaders, so if anyone feels the urge to step forward and lead an occasional Sunday ride, please do let anyone on the committee know. Plenty of advice and support would be available and you would most definitely be doing the club a great service.

Pete Draper continues to look out for new village halls for us to visit – many thanks to him for this. Speaking of venues, it's worth remembering that there is a very useful cafés list on our website. Thanks to the efforts of Richard Eales and Paul Norris, this list is regularly updated with ideas for coffee stops in our general area. The most recent update was just the other day, and there is lots of good information to be found.

Thanks also to Paul Ewings for managing the Thursday BikeBus rides and to Roy Russell for managing the East Devon BikeBus group. Also thanks to Roy Russell and Dave Martin for looking after their respective groups of Sunday rides. In Dave's absence, Rebecca Hoddinott and Maggie Hunt have ensured that the Sunday A-rides have continued to take place. Again, thanks to everyone concerned for their contributions.

The upgrade to the Cycling UK systems referred to in my report last year has not materialised as yet, and we do not currently have an estimate as to when it might take place. As mentioned before, the upgrades should not affect individual members directly, but it should (hopefully) make a difference to various admin tasks we as a committee have to deal with.

From time to time, members have reported that they are not receiving emails generated through the Cycling UK system used by the club. If anyone feels they are missing emails, please do let me know, as I can forward a copy of the message. (Note that this is a work-around, not a solution!)

However, it's also important to understand that as the club secretary, I don't have access to the email addresses of individual members. What each member can do is to go online and check their

own Cycling UK account to make sure that the correct email address is held and that the option to receive emails has been selected. Please also remember to check your spam or junk filters. Our emails sometimes go out to all members registered in our catchment area, (around 800 or so), which might trigger a junk mail filter.

Various events that took place during the past year:

In October, our annual Curry night took place here in this hall. Speakers: Roy Russell and Glenis Weilding spoke about their No-fly Cycling Tour of Europe and Amelia Bell and David Thompson talked about their recent Tour of Holland. Huge thanks to Judy and Tim Green for masterminding the catering, but of course also to everyone who so kindly brought so much delicious food for everyone to enjoy.

Christmas Lunch - the Thatched House, Exwick. About 40 members attended this very successful event on 11 December. Once again, many thanks to Paul Ewings who was in charge of the arrangements.

Bring and Share Mulled wine – Woodbury Salterton, - 21 December. Once again, thanks to Tim and Judy and Roy and Glenis for making the arrangements. This was well attended and the larger venue was helpful.

Bike Maintenance workshop at Rebecca Hoddinott's house – 18 April – 10 attending -- Paul Ewings and Chris Blasdale covered general maintenance topics.

Purchase of a projector – last year, the committee decided to buy a projector, which has now been used several times, including last year's curry night and of course our meeting here tonight

Lastly, a reminder about the ICE list: A comprehensive review of the ICE list took place last year. Many thanks to everyone who kindly confirmed the emergency contact details we hold. All our ride leaders are meant to carry a copy of the list of emergency contacts. Please do let me know if there are any changes to contact names or phone numbers, so that we can keep the list as up to date as possible.

## **5 Treasurer's Report**

Once again, apologies for not being able to attend the AGM.

As you can see from the handout, an amount of £3776 was carried forward from last year.

Our income for this year was solely the £250 grant from head office

Our expenditure was £70 each for hall hire for the "curry night" and the AGM, £59 for hall hire and refreshments for the "mulled wine ride" and we purchased a projector and "pointer" at a cost of £112 and £20 respectively.

This has resulted in a net deficit for the year of £120 leaving a total of £3670 in club funds.

Last year there was a petty cash amount of £14, seeing as we don't seem to use cash for anything now, I have returned this cash to the bank account.

The club bank account was also used for the collection of £1224 from the 40 members who attended the Christmas meal at the Thatch, the exact same amount was then paid to the Thatch.

These accounts have been audited by Richard Eales and forwarded to head office.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your evening, look forward to seeing you soon,

Best Wishes,

Dave

## **6 Approval of Treasurer's report and accounts:**

Proposed: Roy Russell

Seconded: Martin Warren

The report was approved unanimously

## SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS FOR CTC EXETER PERIOD ENDING 31/03/2026

2025/26

2024/25

BANK BALANCE	3670		3776
PETTY CASH	0		14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3670</b>		<b>3790</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
GRANT CTC HQ	250		250
FIRST AID COURSE - 20 PARTICIPANTS @ £10 EACH			200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>250</b>		<b>450</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
HALL HIRE AGM	70		70
HALL HIRE CURRY NIGHT	70		70
MULLED WINE RIDE HALL AND FOOD	59		24
ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION TO "WHEN AVAILABLE"	39		39
HIRE OF HALL FOR FIRST AID COURSE			175
FIRST AID COURSE (REALLY GOOD SUPPLIES LTD>)			350
PROJECTOR PURCHASE	112		
"POINTER" PURCHASE	20		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>370</b>		<b>728</b>
<b>SUMMARY</b>			
INCOME	250		450
EXPENDITURE	370		728
SURPLUS	(120)		(278)
C/F 2025	3790	C/F 2024	4067
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3670</b>		<b>3790</b>

## **7 Election of committee for 2026/2027**

Two committee members, Roy Russell and Tessa Fincher, have decided to stand down this year. All the remaining committee members are willing to stand again in their current roles. Marian Titley and David Thompson are nominated as replacement committee members. Richard Eales is also willing to continue as our Honorary Auditor.

Paul Ewings thanked Tessa and Roy for their contributions and in particular highlighted Roy's 20 years of Committee membership, including five years as Chairman, four years as Secretary, plus roles as Sunday Rides Coordinator, Rights of Way Officer, COVID Officer, Publicity Officer and Registration Officer.

### **Nominations**

Committee:

Chair	Paul Ewings
Secretary	Ian Grundberg
Treasurer	Dave Martin
Membership Secretary	Ian Grundberg
Safeguarding Officer	Ian Holding
Sunday A Rides co-ordinator	Dave Martin
Publicity Officer	Martin Warren
Committee Member	Rebecca Hoddinott Marian Titley David Thompson

Non – Committee roles:

Sunday B Rides co-ordinator	Roy Russell
Bike Bus co-ordinators	Paul Ewings, Roy Russell
Honorary Auditor	Richard Eales
Website	Paul Norris, Richard Eales
Rights of Way Officer	Roy Russell

Proposed: Glenis Weilding

Seconded: Penny Cockram

The election of the committee was unanimously approved

## 8 Discussion about the Sunday rides programme

Paul Ewings opened a discussion about what members would like to see for the style of future Sunday A and B rides.

The general response seemed to favour following the popular format of the popular Thursday BikeBus rides i.e shorter morning rides. However, this was balanced by a desire to maintain longer day rides as well.

Ultimately the success of Sunday rides is inextricably linked to ride leaders coming forward to arrange and lead rides.

The meeting concluded that the format of Sunday rides should be entirely flexible to allow potential leaders to develop whatever rides they would like to lead subject to the concept approval of the relevant A or B Rides Coordinator.

## 9 Any other business

Marilyn Spurr spoke about the dangers of the Stoke Hill roundabout. There is to be a Critical Mass Ride on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 10 am to highlight the issue and to campaign for safety improvements.

Heather Baker (Saddles and Paddles) spoke about a Cycling UK campaign for a tightening of the laws on dangerous driving as it relates to injuries to cyclists. A consultation in view of amendments to the Highways Code has been launched. (Since our meeting, a link to the consultation has been sent out via the BikeBus WhatsApp group.)

The formal meeting was closed at 20.12 and was followed by excellent talks from two invited guests:

**Heather Baker**, the owner of Saddles and Paddles, talked about the challenges of running a cycling business

**Julie Weeks** spoke about her recent cycling adventures.