

Road Captains Report

At the end of 4 years in the job I guess I am generally satisfied with how things have gone but I don't think the job is (or ever will be) done.

While the traditional Tuesday and Sunday road rides have survived rather than flourished it has been the Saturdays that seem to have the broadest appeal and the most support.

My original aim to create a calendar of regular activities that offers a pathway of steady progression for members still has a substantial hole between the 30 mile rides and the 60-70 milers. All the options I have come up with to fill it have had the potential to detract from the existing rides so I have shied away from launching them.

Is there space in the calendar and is there actually a demand? Also unresolved is the question of whether the clubs entry activities should be more accessible, a 10-15 mile ride maybe?

What strikes me now is that there are hardly any members who regularly take part in all of these rides and practically none who manage to fit in the seasonal training rides and chaingangs as well. The members who do road rides are still generally too male and too old for my liking but are far more diverse in cycling experience and aspirations than they were 4 years ago.

This leaves me thinking that this job is too big to expect any one member to be across all aspects of it. I have floated the idea of a road sub committee before but, being crap at delegation and even worse at organisation, it hasn't happened.

What I hope we can find at this AGM is a willing group with a range of interests and knowledge of the various road activities plus a capable manager to keep us all focussed. I am happy to carry on being a part of that but I am not best equipped to lead it and, at this time, don't have the spare time or energy to even give it a good go.

Over to you!

Don Muir