

# CRANLEIGH

## Cycling Club

### *Chairman's Report*

*February 2016*

Good evening and welcome all,

I find myself catching myself as I can't believe that Cranleigh Cycling Club is only approaching its 3rd anniversary. It is a club that has matured and established itself with a welcoming warm and friendly culture of which we can all be proud. Thank you!

As you know this year after three years of term, I will be stepping down from the privilege of Chair and whilst a difficult decision I cannot say what personal joy and fulfillment they have brought me, to have your support, your energy and your commitment and, above all to see each and every one of you thrive and succeed in achieving and exceeding your personal goals, has honestly been such a privilege for me to be part of. I cannot thank you enough.

Cranleigh Cycling Club as it stands now - A few numbers to test yourselves later - Our growth has tended to stabilise over the last year and we stand at a 177 members at present. We represent a staggering 40 Local villages with only 57 members listing Cranleigh as an address. Of this overall membership, 40 members are female which represents 23 % of our number, 3% higher than last year. This compares favourably to the British Cycling average of just 16%.

Our age range spans the spectrum between 16 to 80+ with the vast majority of members between 40 and 60 so our challenge is to retain those members but to build the profile of our younger members.

This aspect was recognised by the creation of the Cranes youth section and through the dedicated work of a small core team, and help from parents, has become a feature of our club. Andy will elaborate more on this shortly.

This year was no exception in rising to meet many individual and club challenges. The Ride London 100 was extremely popular as have been many local, national and international races. We have had 3 members represent and compete at the Amateur World Championship in Denmark and many more now already in training for next years event.

2016 will see roles changing on the committee creating and a broader structure. So the hope of a new committee that will be shaped to be broader and have some new faces and some old, I am sure you will give them the same support as you have me.



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So what is else is planned for 2016?

The underlying message here is, members this is your club and yours to develop and evolve with your participation. You will hear from the treasurer that we now have funds in the club and we are looking for your suggestions to recirculate a portion this back for your development and enjoyment but, we need your ideas and support in making this happen so please contribute.

We are developing a more interactive CCC specific website thanks to both John and Chris who have put a tremendous amount of effort into making this happen behind the scenes. We will have events to focus on raising our bike skills and technique with on-going, on the bike tips and workshops. Allied to this we will be focussing on building on the success our young Cranes.

Having taken stock, a great deal has been achieved in a year but with collective input there is the potential of so much more to offer.

Our focus in 2016 very much remains to provide a platform for our members to enjoy their sport at their chosen level of competitiveness, to support and encourage responsible riding with a particular emphasis on increasing our profile for younger members.

On behalf of the Committee I thank you for your on-going support. I hope you continue to enjoy the ride in 2016 – we look forward to sharing it with you.

Thank you.



Steve Millier

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