



Peak Audax CTC Annual General Meeting 2025

Sunday 6th April 2025, Bijou Café, Massie Street, Cheadle at 10:30

Present (28 members): Nephi Alty, Eddie Brooks, Steve Butterworth, Lisa Carter, Janine Day, Jenny Day, Bob Dews, Claire Dwyer, Martin Flowers, Peter Hammond, Rick Heath, Neil Hepburn, John Jackson, Chris Keeling-Roberts, Kath Kirton, Fliss Mathews, Graeme McCulloch, John Mooney, Darryl Nolan, Damien O'Dowd, Ian Ross, Mavis Ross, Richard Venes, David Wheeler, Darrell Whittle, Mike Wigley, Nathan Willett, Nigel Sinfield

MINUTE'S SILENCE FOR MEMBERS DECEASED SINCE OUR LAST AGM IN MAY 2024

We had lost Brian Winstanley, who had ridden a couple of our non-Audax CTC rides.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (9 MEMBERS): Peter Bond, Kath Collins, Stuart Day, Paul Gallagher, Paul Anders Johnson, Steve Rainton, Alex Roberts, Mike Roberts, David Trippier.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM AND MATTER ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting and were approved

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND GROUPS

Secretary

Mike presented his final report (see Appendix) having indicated his intention to stand down.

Events Secretary

Fliss reported that we have a packed ride schedule attracting good numbers of riders. We've added Steve Butterworth, Claire Dwyer and Janine Day to our team of Organisers, but we are always looking for new Event Organisers and Volunteers.

We need to review how the Beard Cup fits within an Audax club. We had 45 entries in 2024, but Kath was wary that this needed a lot of effort to sign up participants.

Claire spoke about the Hermie 50 running alongside Chirk 200, Budworths 100 and Millmeece 50 for a second year, all of which were a great success, with a special internet mention from Daddy Dee, keeper of the British Cycling Quest.

33 entries were received for the Hermie 50 with only 3 DNS, no DNFs. We had a junior rider, a tandem, a rider who had been an AUK member since 1983, six non-AUK members and more ladies than gents (and a dog too if you count the route check ride).

The 50km events seem a great way of attracting new faces (or bums-on seats!), and to hopefully encourage back some stalwarts of AUK.

The surplus after administrative costs from this event was £157.40. The surplus funds have been sent to Fliss towards the cost of venue hire, food, and badges (which were purchased by Fliss prior to last year's event).

A stand-alone, new 50km event (if badges are provided) would likely need a small contribution to break even. The amount required would depend on venue costs and whether instant validation is available to the organiser. To encourage the less confident riders, a venue should be provided.

Fliss indicated that she might take on the Llanfair 400 and Kirtons 600 next year, and Peter Hammond volunteered to run the Corby Glen overnight control and Kath to provide the catering for this year's event. There is scope for a "Closing the Kirtons" event so that we can have a manned finish control on the Sunday.

Mike added that all events must be registered with the Events Secretary to qualify for CUK insurance. The events will be included on the CUK Events List. Although all Organisers must be members of AUK and CUK, existing policy at Peak Audax has been to list events of non-Member in Mike's name, but the new Secretary will review that. Mike's suggestion is that Organisers should include the CUK subscription in their considerations when setting event fees. We might also want to consider whether Peak Audax pays an Organisers' initial subscription.

Mike also reminded us that the E-Brevet admin system is now integrated into the AUK Organisers' screens. Riders can customise their Perms through the Choose a Ride option of www.audax.uk. Unfortunately, any previously customised eBrevets need to be set up again.

Peak Audax Round the Year

Claire had circulated her PARTY report (see appendix), the potentially controversial doggy rule was approved. No-one volunteered to take over the award administration. Mike confirmed that he had seen an appreciable increase in interest in PARTY Perm rides

Membership Secretary

John reported that we have 114 members on the email list. Please invite all event riders to give their name via membership@PeakAudax.co.uk. Claire confirmed that riders must be Audax UK members to qualify for the PARTY award.

Treasurer

Claire circulated her report (see appendix) which was accepted by the meeting.

We appointed Martin Flowers as auditor.

We agreed to apply for the annual CUK grant (currently £250) to cover our admin and promotion of CUK activities.

Web Design

Thanks to John Jackson we are now **HTTPS** compliant, but further work is required to get the format more phone friendly. We would aim to allow Organisers to update their own event pages.

Team Kit

Janine asked if we were happy with our kit. She will consider the merits of other kit suppliers, 2-way zips, T-shirts or tabards for event volunteers. She is going to review the buff design.

Wherehouse

Peter urged us to keep him advised of the whereabouts of our event kit. We have added toasters, egg boilers, rice cookers thanks to from donations by Organisers. We would like to have the kit listed on the website.

Safeguarding

Kath had nothing to report. We have welcome female riders, visually impaired riders and are mindful of food intolerances.

Manchester CTC

Mike reported that we had started the CUK Saturday Social Rides for those who might not want Audax rides. We usually have at least 2, sometimes as many as 12 on our monthly rides. Peter Bond and John Mooney have been included in my list of Ride Leaders. He is happy to continue.

West Manchester CTC

Ian said that the group hardly exists, with a monthly social ride but no club runs. He was not sure what to do with the various trophies they have.

Rochdale CTC

Dave had given his apologies for absence and Darryl presented his report (see Appendix)

PROPOSAL: TO DISCONTINUE BURY CTC AS AN INFORMAL GROUP

The proposal was formally accepted unanimously.

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The proposal was formally accepted unanimously. Rochdale CTC will cease to be one of our informal groups and become a Member Group of Cycling UK responsible for postcode areas OL1, OL2, OL3, OL10, OL11, OL12, OL13, OL14, OL15, OL16, M24.

ELECTION OF OFFICIALS

Presidents: We appointed Ian and Mavis as Joint Honorary Presidents. Eileen Green of Oldham & Tameside CTC has been a Vice President of Manchester & District CTC for many years but has now moved away from the area. Ian and Mavis Ross have been President and Vice President (respectively) of Manchester & District CTC for many years.

Chair: We appointed Darrell Whittle to succeed Ian Ross, our Chair since 2012

Secretary: Fliss Mathews was accepted as Mike's successor

Events Secretary: Darrel Whittle was accepted as Fliss's successor

Webmaster: John Jackson was accepted as a successor for Paul Anders Johnson

We accepted the following who were prepared to continue in their roles

Treasurer: Claire Dwyer

Welfare Officer: Kath Kirton

Membership: John Mooney

Social media: Janine Day

Volunteering Coordinator: Fliss Mathews

Whereabouts Manager: Peter Hammond

Team Kit: Janine Day

Our Event Organisers are de facto committee members and have been invited to our committee meetings. Other members invited to our meetings have been Stuart Day, Terry Hodges, Damien O'Dowd, Peter Bond, Martin Flowers.

The new triumvirate of Chair/Secretary/Treasurer will review our committee structure.

FUTURE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

LEL – please sign up to help at Hesse. Bring your bike as you have Tuesday off

Plains 300 12th April – help required for control at Dinky's Dina. Meet us at Poynton Church 11pm

Kirtons 600 5th July, help required at overnight control in Corby Glen. Kath agreed to look after the catering.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Terry and Mike agreed to run the un-supported riders in the National 24-hour Time Trial with particular care for any Peak Audax rides.

Mike mentioned that 2026 is AUK's 50th anniversary and there will be a reunion weekend in March which was recommended. We will consider whether and how Peak Audax should mark the anniversary.

Mike was presented with a trophy commemorating his service for over 20 years.

Mike invited all at the meeting to ride either the **MW47 Rising in Styal** or **MW46 Over the Rainow**. Entry Forms were available to accept the amended Terms & Conditions.

APPENDICES

Secretary Report (Mike Wigley)

In making my last Secretary's Report, I've been looking back over the history of Peak Audax.

Audax UK was created in 1976. In those days, Doncaster was the beating heart of AUK, with Noel and Sheila Simpson on the committee. Sheila and Francis subsequently moved to Marple to form Peak Audax.

I ride Sheila's Cut Gate Rough Stuff 50km Audax in October 1993, possibly our first Peak Audax event. Peak Audax was a 'section' within Manchester District Association of CTC so we could run events under the CTC name without having to do much CTC admin.

Sheila persuaded me to take over as Peak Audax Secretary in 2002, and with it the RRTY award, which had been created by Peak Audax.

I took over as Secretary of Manchester DA in 2007 when CTC rebranded itself as Cycling UK and Manchester DA was renamed Manchester & District CTC, with Peak Audax as an informal group. The previous Secretary, Karen Sutton, went to set up South Manchester CTC.

I converted Peak Audax into a Formal Member Group answerable directly to Cycling UK in 2023, when M&D was in danger of folding for lack of interest and younger members.

I leave Peak Audax in good condition. We have lots of keen and eager event organisers, we habitually win the award as most active Cycling UK club within Audax UK, we are attracting lots of increasingly diverse riders, and we are having a PARTY. I am grateful to

- Claire for bringing a professional approach to our accounts, and for creating our badges and for setting up the PARTY award (as you know, this is for riding at least one Peak Audax event in each of any consecutive 12 months)
- Janine for setting up our club jerseys
- Bob for the use of his Bijou Café as our unofficial club house, and for hospitality at our meetings
- all our Organisers for putting on some really great rides – David Darricott, Oliver Wright, Phil Scott, Fliss Mathews, Peter Hammond, Darrell Whittle, John Mooney, Bob Dewes, Nephi Alti, James Rees, Chris Keeling Roberts, Paul Anders Johnson, Kath Kirton, Janine Day
- Damo for test-riding a lot of our routes
- I do hope I haven't missed anyone out.

This year, we had 2 committee meetings here at Bijou. I've wanted to keep our meetings to the bare minimum, but the increased activity at Peak Audax probably suggests we should have a regular schedule of meetings

Treasurer's Report (Claire Dwyer)

Our financial year is 1 April to 31 March to align with that of Cycling UK. We are required to send the audited accounts to Cycling UK in early May. The accounts presented at this AGM are preliminary as they are yet to be audited. Once the accounts are accepted by this meeting they will be sent to the honorary auditor along with the documentation in the Cycling UK format as required.

[The Treasurer's Report was accepted]

An honorary auditor will need to be appointed later on at this meeting. The honorary auditor is required by Cycling UK to be a person who is not an officer or member of the committee, but who is a member of Cycling UK.

[Martin Flowers was appointed by those present]

Transactions in the Financial Year

As advised at the last AGM, Peak Audax CTC commenced the year with a stock of caps, buffs and badges and a cash at bank balance of less than £10.

We now have a healthy bank balance of £1,963.05 and a small stock of caps.

Our income has been in the main sales of stock and donations from organisers. Sales totalled £1,019, being £866 from caps and buffs and £153 from badges.

Donations from organisers totalled £788.51. Our most generous benefactor (in addition to the excellent hospitality he has provided free of charge) is Bob and I would like to say a particular thank you for his generosity.

At the last AGM it was voted that a voluntary donation of £25 per calendar event date be made to Peak Audax. This has been received from the majority of organisers, with Bob, Terry and John considerably exceeding the suggested donation.

A compensation payment of £200 was received from Natwest for their failures to set up the online banking access for the Treasurer after considerable effort by Mike. This access has still not been obtained and will need to be sorted as soon as practicable.

A payment of £250, being the annual subscription allowance, was received from Cycling UK. We will need to vote on whether this should be applied for this year. The subscription should be spent helping organise events, publicity and to cover the administrative costs of running the club. An explanation for how the funds have been utilised is required by Cycling UK. *[The meeting agreed to apply for this grant]*

Stock held has a book value of £228.96 being twelve caps.

Informal Groups (subsidiaries)

At the beginning of the financial year, Peak Audax had the following informal groups: Bury CTC, Rochdale CTC, West Manchester CTC and Manchester CTC.

It was understood that Bury would be disbanded and Rochdale would become a full member group in the financial year. This has now been delayed to the 2025/2026 financial year (commencing 1st April 2025) although Cycling UK have agreed that Rochdale report their transactions independently of Peak Audax for the year ended 31st March 2025. A vote that Bury be disbanded will be required. I am advised this does not hold any assets or funds but have not been provided a contact to confirm this. *[The meeting agreed to disband both Bury and Rochdale CTC]*

West Manchester CTC have advised they have a balance at bank of £111.41 and cash of £28.24 and there have been no transactions within the year. Cycling UK's position is that informal groups should not hold bank accounts so this will need to be addressed by the new club officials once appointed.

Manchester CTC was created, I understand, to hold the Beard Cup. The cup was transferred to Manchester from Manchester & District (prior to its dissolution) with a nominal value of £500. The Beard Cup has been successfully run by Saddleworth Clarion for the past two years, with them taking on full organisation of the event and with neither the event fees nor the costs being transacted via Peak Audax or Manchester CTC.

Future Expenditure

There has been little expenditure in the year, being just a purchase of Peak Audax branded stamps for events, a first aid kit donated by Janine and web hosting fees being donated by Mike. Consideration should be given to future purchases that will benefit the club, such as advertising banners, catering equipment and PARTY and any other communal award badges.

The full accounts workings including copy invoices and bank statements for Peak Audax are with me for review should you wish to do so following the meeting.

PARTY! Report (Claire Dwyer)

The introduction of Peak Audax Round the Year ('PARTY') on 1 January 2025 appears to have been very well received. Hopefully organisers of both Calendar and Permanent events will have noticed a positive impact on rider numbers.

The award seems to have particularly piqued interest in distances below 200km, but I suspect this may change once the summer comes along.

A badge design has already been approved, these will be ordered in plenty of time for December. As with RRTY you can start your Party in any month of the year so if you wish to partake and have yet to, the details are on the Peak Audax website.

There is one exception to the rules as stated. A dog can achieve the award without having to have had their ride verified by AUK, so long as their co-rider has met all the conditions, and the party pooch was present on the qualifying rides. *[This rule change was approved]*

I think I am currently in the hot seat for administration of the award but happy to pass this on (and/or discuss any other potential awards) should someone wish to take this over.

Rochdale Report (David Trippier)

Rochdale had a steady 2024/5 ticking over in most areas.

Membership numbers maintained their recent level at about 50 people.

We programmed a full year's club runs in 2024 for Saturdays and Sundays, which are all included on the club website. The Saturday rides are still the most popular with new members and Vets undertaking rides of 30 to 40 miles with the usual café stop. Sunday rides are longer but less popular, however there is a group of younger newer members who favour Sunday rides, and it is hoped these will progress and increase in rider numbers through 2025.

Throughout the year we still run our Best All Rounder competitions for Men, Women, under 16's and Vets over 65. These include our Reliability rides of 50 m, 100m, 150m, 250m and 7,000ft plus the end of season "funnum" comprising Hill Climb, Freewheel and Slow Bike.

An increasing feature has been overseas holidays for a week's cycling. Spring tends to be the Canaries and Autumn to Majorca where rider numbers have increased to 18 people.

The Club has a social programme which includes the season opening "Presidents Ride" where our prize winners received their trophies at the café lunch stop, then there is a summer BBQ and finally the Riders Dinner in December to close of the year.

Rochdale CTC are a section of the CTC with a long history traceable back to the 1920's and currently they are an "informal group" in Cycling UK, however they are to apply for Member Group status commencing 1st April 2025.

We would also like to extend our thanks to Mike for being the Manchester & District CTC Secretary. If you've held that role for 20 years you've earned a well-deserved rest to enjoy more Audaxes!

Finally, with regard to your note about standing down as Peak Audax Secretary. I've found it almost impossible to get our riders together for a club run, so trying to get different groups in Manchester to get together is an impossible job. To stick at it for 20 yrs is a credit to you and well done.