

WHAT'S ON

CTC'S CALENDAR OF NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND LOCAL EVENTS FOR ALL CYCLISTS IN THE UK

WHAT'S ON KEY

Red text	CTC national events	BEGIN	Beginners
Blue text	DATC events	MEET	Meeting
m	Miles	START	Lists place (sometimes with OS Grid Reference), time, and (if applicable) entry fee
k	Kilometres	DATC EVENT CODES	
AUK	Event validated by Audax UK. See www.audaxuk.net	(a)	25-79 (40-127km)
BP	Brevet Populaire (audax, usually under 200km)	(b)	80-119 miles (128-192km)
BR	Brevet Randonnée (audax of 200km and above)	(c)	120-199 miles (193-320km)
COMP	Competitive event	(d)	200 miles-plus (321km+)
SOCL	Social event	(e)	Map readings, tourist competitions, sports days, treasure hunts, hill climbs, freewheeling competition.
OFF-ROAD	Mountain bike/roughstuff	(f)	Off-road/roughstuff

CTC members organise more bike rides than any other cycling organisation anywhere. From Sunday section club runs to large scale national events, they're all there for you to ride. No matter what level of cycling you enjoy, you'll have no trouble finding events to suit your abilities and preferences. The vast majority are organised by CTC's local groups on a voluntary basis.

Whether you look for an event in *Cycle* or via the 'event search tool' on the CTC website, you should find all the information you need. It's always a good idea to contact the organiser to check if it's okay just to turn up on the day. If it's a more organised type of event, you may need to enter up to a couple of weeks prior to the event. Some local rides will be listed only by your CTC local group, so if you can't find an event near you here, do check your local group's website – or phone the secretary, who will be happy to help. Local group contacts are on p80.

To submit an event for What's On listings in *Cycle* and to the CTC website, send details to: Bob Kynaston (Events Co-ordinator), 14 Orchard Close, The Rutts, Bushey Heath, Herts WD23 1LW, tel/fax: 020 8950 2082, e: westerley@westerley.plus.com. Forms and advice are available on the website www.ctc.org.uk (follow the links: CTC Resources > Event Organisers > Getting your event listed by CTC) or from the CTC Helpline: 0870 873 0060.

Events require completion of a CTC standard entry form (audax form for events under AUK rules). Under 18s

must have their entry form signed by a parent or guardian. Contact the event organiser for an entry form.

DECEMBER

Sunday 2nd

200k South Bucks Winter Warmer BR AUK, South Buckinghamshire DA. Start: Great Kingshill, 08.00, GR 165/876979, £4.00. Contact: John Capell, 9 New Road, Great Kingshill, Bucks, HP15 6DR, t: 01494 715636, e: john.capell@btinternet.com.

Friday 7th

MEET Central London DA AGM, Central London DA. Start: 13/13 Tavistock Place London WC1H 9SH, 19.00. Contact: Nick Bloom, 32 Fortis Green Ave, London, N2 9NA, t: 020 8365 3806, e: secretary@centrallondonctc.org.uk, www.centrallondonctc.org.uk.

Saturday 8th

57k Mulled Wine & Mince Pie Ride BP AUK & 100k More Mulled Wine & Mince Pies Ride BP AUK, Communicare. Start: Denmead Community Centre School Lane, 10.00 & 09.00, £5.00. Contact: Pam Pilbeam, The Nest, Hambledon Road, Denmead, PO7 6QF, t: 023 9226 7095.

Sunday 9th

SOCL Cyclists' Carol Service, Bristol DA. Start: St Georges Church Upper Cam Glos, 14.30, GR ST757994. Contact: Ted Berryman, 2 Riveredge, Upper Framilode, Gloucester, GL2 7LH, t: 01452 740531.

SOCL DA Carol Service, Leicestershire and Rutland DA. Start: Holt Trinity Church, Church Street, Barrow on Soar, 13.30, GR SK575175. Contact: Ray Clay, 109 Holywell Drive, Loughborough,

Leics, LE11 3JX, t: 01509 261068, e: Rayjohn@clayr.freeserve.co.uk.

30m Mince Pie Ride to White Horse Hill, Oxfordshire DA. Start: Market Place Wantage Oxon or NT car park White Horse Hill, 10.00, GR SU398879. Entry fee: none, but proceeds to Whizz Kidz. Contact: Steve Swanton, 6 Edington Place, Grove, Wantage, OX12 0BX, t: 01235 764257,

e: steveswanton@easynet.co.uk, www.wantagectc.org.uk.

SOCL Cyclists' and Walkers' Carol Service, South West London DA. Meet: St Peter's Church, Walton on the Hill, Surrey, 14.30. Contact: Mike Morley, 26 Meadow Walk, Walton on the Hill, Surrey KT20 7UG, t: 01737 816160, e: mmorley@toucansurf.com.

Wednesday 19th

Santa's Cycles, Hertfordshire DA. Fancy dress and decorated bikes encouraged. Start: nr war memorial, old Stevenage (SG1 3EJ), 19.15. Lights (lots?) essential. Contact: Jim Brown, t: 0793 968 7509, e: jim.brown@2ctc.freeserve.co.uk, www.stevenagectc.org.uk.

Sunday 23th

SOCL Loughborough Section Mince Pie Run, Leicestershire and Rutland DA. Start: Belton Village Hall near Shepshed, 10.30, GR SK445205. Contact: Brian Hinners, 45 Manor Farm Meadow, East Leake, Leics, LE12 6LL, t: 01509 853038, e: brian@hinners.co.uk.

200k Winter Solstice BR AUK, Manchester DA. Start: Bredbury near Stockport, 10.00, GR SJ 930 915, £3.00. Contact: Mike Wigley, Higher Grange Farm, Millcroft Lane, Delph, OL3 5UX, t: 01457 870421, e: mike@PeakAudax.co.uk.

Christmas Day

50k Xmas BP AUK, Manchester DA. Start: York Youth Hostel, 09.30, GR SE 590 530, £3.00. Contact: Sheila Simpson, 33 Hawk Green Road, Hawk Green, Marple, Cheshire, SK6 7HR, t: 0161 449 9309, e: sheila@PeakAudax.co.uk.

Boxing Day

100k Boxing Day BP AUK, Manchester DA. Start: York Youth Hostel, 09.30, GR SE 590 530, £3.00. Contact: Sheila Simpson, 33 Hawk Green Road, Hawk Green, Marple, Cheshire, SK6 7HR, t: 0161 449 9309, e: sheila@PeakAudax.co.uk.

Boxing Day Bash, Hertfordshire DA. Start: nr war memorial, old Stevenage (SG1 3EJ), 10.30. Contact: Jim Brown t: 0793 968 7509, e: jim.brown@2ctc.freeserve.co.uk, www.stevenagectc.org.uk

JANUARY

New Year's Day

The Resolution Ride, Hertfordshire DA. Start: Costello's Cafe, Fairlands Valley Park, Stevenage (SG2 0BL), 10.30. Contact: Jim Brown, t: 0793 968 7509, e: jim.brown@2ctc.freeserve.co.uk, www.stevenagectc.org.uk.

SOCL New Year's Day Lunch, Chester & N Wales DA. Start: Mcleans Pub, Pentre, 12.00, GR SJ323678. Contact: Arthur Miller, 10 Hawthorn Ave, Connahs Quay, Deeside CH5 4TF, t: 01244 831361

SOCL New Year's Day Lunch, Chester & N Wales DA. Start: The Carden Arms Hotel, Tilston, 12.00, GR SJ458514. Contact: Dave Hill, 8 Park Road, West Curzon Park, Chester CH64 8BQ, t: 01244 681625

Sunday 6th

35m New Year Ride, Leicestershire and Rutland DA. Start: Coop car park, Broughton Astley, 09:15. Contact: Gill Lord, 37 Doctor's Field, Earl Shilton, Leics, t: 01455 456708, e: gilord@ntlworld.com.

Tuesday 8th

SOCL Transylvania Slideshow, Birmingham & Midland DA. Meet: Carrs Lane Church Centre, Central Birmingham, 19.30, £2. Contact: Reg Elliott, 114 Wychwood Av, Knowle, Solihull B93 9DH. T: 01564 779625.

Saturday 12th

MEET CTC Cymru AGM, National Cycle Museum, Llandrindod Wells, 11.00. With CTC's new 5 year plan published CTC Cymru wants to talk to its members about the national view of cycling within Wales, relations with the Wales Assembly Government and its plans for the Welsh Cycling Festival 2008. Please make every effort to support your national cyclist's organisation in Wales. Free entrance to the museum when you produce your CTC membership card at the AGM. Contact: Dave Twiddy, t: 01544 370666, e: dmtw.llan@btinternet.com

Sunday 13th

100km Watership Down BP AUK, South Hampshire DA. Start: Kingsworthy, Winchester, GR SU492323, 09.30, £5.00 CTC/AUK (others £6.50). Contact: Sue Coles, 7 Ruffield Close, Winchester, Hants SO22 5JL, t: 01962 864479, e: winchester@southhampshirectc.org.uk

Saturday 26th

SOCL Annual Awards Evening, North Yorkshire DA. Meet: Beechwood Close Hotel, York, 19.30 for 20.00. Contact: Yvonne Skelton, e: yvoneskelton_dasec@hotmail.co.uk

SMALL ADS

HOW TO ADVERTISE IN CYCLE

- Small ads cost 50p per word. Send your advert and cheque (to 'Mongoose Media') to: CTC Small Ads, Mongoose Media Ltd, Mongoose House, 2 Lonsdale Rd, London, NW6 6RD.
- The deadline for the Feb-Mar issue is 1st January
- Free advertising is available online: <http://forum.ctc.org.uk/>

CYCLES

BOB JACKSON. Circa 1970s Bob Jackson Lightweight, 22.5in frame, silver, all original, excellent condition, £150. Len Jackson t: 01604 870479 (Northants), e: lenjackson14@tiscali.co.uk

CLAUD BUTLER TANDEM 1983, 18 gears, hub brakes and cantilevers £250. Tel: 01329 661474 (Hants)

ORBIT CARAWAY EXPEDITION XT 21in. Iberian rear panniers. £250 Tel: 01942 711361 evenings (Warrington).

PASHLEY TRI-1 TRIKE. 22" wheels, folding frame, 7-spd derailleur, absolutely as new, ridden 5 miles. Cost £645, sell £350. Tel: 01492 513071 (Colwyn Bay)

PINARELLO ROAD BIKE. Veloce and Open Pro wheels. Helmet, shoes, gloves, clothing, turbo included. £240. Tel: 01952 541187

ROBERTS EQ24 AUDAX SUPER COMPACT. New, unused. Met blue 27-spd Shimano/Campag, guards, rack, £795. Tel: 0118 9586819

VERY LARGE COLLECTION OF BICYCLES, and components, books and magazines. Two sheds' full and much more. Antique or classic roadster and lightweight cycles plus many components: gears (hub and derailleur), old lamps, frames, rims, tyres and wheels, etc. Mainly 1930s to 1950s, some earlier. Also boxes of books and early magazines. Would suit dealers, restorers or syndicate of enthusiasts. Can be seen Loch Lomond area, near Glasgow,

Scotland, UK. To view and for details contact John Gleave, tel: 01360 660475

BITS

1978 RE-ISSUE OF ORIGINAL CTC FILIGREE BADGES in original boxes. Silver (no 403) £50.00. Gold (no 71) £125.00. Offers considered. Walthall, 113a Windsor Road, Oldham, OL8 1RQ, te: 0161 284768

CAMPAGNOLO NUOVO record F & R mechs with control levers, £50 p/p, tel: 01398 323782
LOWLIFT TANDEM or 2 solo roofrack fits any roof bars £105, tel: 01384 377362

CLUBS

CYCLIST'S CAMPING CLUB. The Fell Club has quiet friendly fixtures without cars or children. All abilities. Simple magazine. www.fellclub.org.uk Subscriptions £4.50, payable to 'Fell Club', 9 Park View, Highley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6LA
ROUGH-STUFF FELLOWSHIP For cyclists who enjoy riding byways and tracks. Regular rides and events covering the best of off-road Britain. For a free sample of our magazine send A5 SAE to Richard Harries, 15 Bank Road, Dawley, Telford TF4 2AZ or visit our website www.rsforum.org.uk.

WANTED

COLLECTOR REQUIRES lightweight racing/touring cycles, frames and any components dating from 1935 to 1960, any condition, everything considered. Cash paid, will collect. Tel: 01952 883513

MEET CTC East Midlands Region ARM. Meet: International Community Centre, 61b Mansfield Road, Nottingham, 13.30. Contact: Ray Clay, t: 01509 261068, e: rayjohn@clay.freeserve.co.uk

FEBRUARY

Sat 23rd-Sun 24th

Local Groups Conference, After the

success of the previous conference in autumn 2006, CTC will host a 2-day event in February for representatives from all of CTC's member and groups. Topics will include the local group policy handbook, new group formation and equality and diversity issues. A full programme and booking details will be published at www.ctc.org.uk and sent to member groups.

PRIZE DRAW WIN!



A FREE TRIP WITH EUROPEAN BIKE EXPRESS

European Bike Express is a luxury coach-and-trailer service that transports cyclists and their fully-assembled bikes to destinations throughout France and into Spain. It's comfortable and convenient, and you can mix and match from 23 continental drop-off and pick-up points to plot the tour you want to do.

There's no 'baggage handler lottery': bikes are carried securely and safely in custom trailers and you can take any cycle with you – even tandems, recumbents and trikes. CTC members already get £10 discount on fares, but thanks to European Bike Express we've got one return trip for next summer – worth up to £212! – to give away. (See rules below for dates.)

EBE was set up in cooperation with CTC in 1993 and has served thousands of cyclists since, with lots of repeat bookings. All EBE coaches have: seat-belted club class seats that recline 45 degrees and have leg supports; extra leg room; air conditioning; no smoking; table seats for dining; toilet facilities; headphones and screens for watching films or listening to music; telephone; a courier and hostess service, even cooking facilities! The trailers carry up to 52 cycles, and you need only remove panniers and waterbottles and turn the handlebars 90 degrees for you bike to be safely loaded. For cyclists, it's the easiest way to travel into Europe.

For further information or a brochure, visit www.bike-express.co.uk, tel: 01430 422111 or email info@bike-express.co.uk.

HOW TO ENTER

Complete the coupon below, or a photocopy, and send it to: EBE Prize Draw, CTC, Parklands, Railton Road, Guildford, GU2 9JX.

Name:

Membership no.:

Address:

Daytime telephone:

Email address:

I do not wish to receive information or offers from European Bike Express.

I do not wish my details to be passed on to any third party.

CTC PRIZE DRAW RULES

1. This is a prize draw open to CTC members only. One entry per person.
2. Entries must be received by 31st December 2007.
3. The draw will be made on 8th January 2008.
4. The winner will be notified by post or telephone and may be required to take part in publicity.
5. There is one prize as described, donated by European Bike Express. There are no cash alternatives. The winner will be notified by phone or email.
6. The free trip must be booked between 21st June and 16th August 2008.
7. Employees of CTC, James Pembroke Publishing, European Bike Express, and their agents cannot enter.
8. Entry coupons will become property of the European Bike Express after the draw, unless indicated otherwise on the coupon.

YOU WIN!

Congratulations to John Rawson of Atherton, Manchester, who wins a Pinnacle Espelands road bike.