

EVENT NEWS

RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE CYCLING WORLD



Batchelor's cup scoop

Mike Batchelor of West London won a close-fought CTC Tourist Competition for the second time in 2009, making it two victories in a row for him. Points are awarded in this event for completing touring events across the country, with up to 12 events counting.

Batchelor had a season-long struggle with Mark Beauchamp of North Hampshire, who had placed second and third in previous years, and the victory was decided by the competition's tie-break rule. In third and fourth place were Lee Jackson (Nottingham) and Bernard Hammond (Bristol), both of whom were new to

the event this year.

Shaun Gregory (North Lancs) was the Junior (boy) champion, while Heather Jones – one of our youngest competitors to date at just 10 years of age – was best-placed Junior (girl) after completing nine events. She also topped the junior list outright.

The Winner of the EF Butterworth (1st Lady) & Craven Vase (1st Lady Veteran) was Sue Ingold, who added her name to those of many other South Bucks riders on these trophies. Sue first won these two cups in 2007, when South Bucks also won the team event.

This year the team event was won by Chester and North Wales, as it was the previous year. This is the fifth time they have won the team award, almost equalling West Surrey's tally of six wins. Chester and North Wales' riders were Andy Polakowski, Lowri Evans, David Statham, Ifor Jones, Graham Payne and Vicky Payne. And finally, the award for the best placed male Scottish rider went to Ron Harrow of Tayside.

I'd like to thank again Mark Draper for the vital work he puts in maintaining the event website, and am pleased to report that Mark was awarded a CTC Certificate of Merit in 2009 in recognition of his work with the CTC Tourist Competition and with Chester & North Wales CTC.

To enter the 2010 CTC Tourist Competition you need only take part in a number of counting events, which are listed in Cycle magazine each issue. A full programme appears on the website www.ctc-competitions.org.uk. The national events for 2010 are: all CTC Cymru events, CTC Challenge Rides and Birthday Rides events.

Congratulations to all the trophy winners and certificate qualifiers.

Bob Kynaston, CTC Tourist Competition organiser

CTC BIRTHDAY RIDES GO WEST

This year's Birthday Rides, the week-long cycling celebration of CTC's founding, will take place near Falmouth in Cornwall from 19th-25th August. There will be 10-20 mile rides each day for families plus rides of up to 80 miles for experienced cyclists, all weaving through beautiful Cornish countryside, as well as social events and sightseeing. And there's a 10% discount for bookings made by 10th April.

You can choose between half-board or self-catering accommodation in three-star en suite flats at the Combined Universities of Cornwall, or camp nearby at Penryn. Rides are self-led, so you can choose when to leave and who to ride with, and

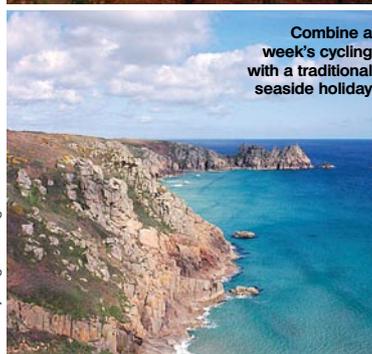
have detailed route sheets. Events laid on include a trip over the River Fal, a coach trip to the Eden Project, evening films, a hog roast, and the annual Birthday Tea, which will be at Pendennis Castle. There will also be three audax events of 200, 100 and (for families) 50km.

The Birthday Rides were first held in 1970, when CTC decided to run a week-long cycling holiday as a build up to the CTC Centenary in 1978. The event moves around the country each year and is an excellent opportunity to explore the favourite rides, scenery and tea stops of a CTC group from another part of the country.

For more details visit www.ctcbirthdayrides.org or call CTC Cycling Holidays on 0845 045 112.



Old engine houses, country houses and castles are on the rides agenda



Combine a week's cycling with a traditional seaside holiday

Photos by Roger Hollingworth

NEWS IN BRIEF

PHIL LIGGETT CHALLENGE MOVES

The date for the Phil Liggett Challenge Ride (formerly the Phil & Friends) has changed from 1st August to 8th August. More details in the feature starting on page 28.

NATIONAL BIKE WEEK

Team Green Britain Bike Week will run from 19th-27th June this year and will challenge people to rethink their everyday journeys and switch to cycling as the most convenient way to get around. If you'd like to organise your own event, register and download your Event Organiser Guide now at www.bikeweek.org.uk or call 0845 612 0661. There are five different guides, each packed with ideas and inspiration for organising and promoting events, with a comprehensive checklist.

TOURING FOR BEGINNERS

The Cycle Champions project in Swindon is going one step further than encouraging people to get on their bikes: it's giving them a chance to try touring. Swindon's Cycle Orienteering event takes place on Sunday 25th April and is aimed at family cyclists and beginners. Participants will be able to choose between one, two and three-hour rides. They will collect orienteering points along the way and hand cards in at the checkpoints, with prizes for the three highest scores in each time category. The rides all start at Coate Water Country Park, Marlborough Road, Swindon, SN3 6AA. Entry is free

Tri-Vets update



Two more 100-mile 'century rides', in Leicester and Stockton on Tees, have been added to the list of CTC Triennial Veterans' Rides, which take place this June and July. They're exclusively for cyclists aged 50-plus and each has a time limit of 12 hours. As rider numbers are limited, early registration is advised.

For information on all of the events, or to download an entry form, visit www.ctc.org.uk/trivets. Alternatively, phone 0844 736 8450 for information.



The events are:

- 1 Eden Valley, Cumbria: **16th June**, contact Mike Barron, mikebarron23@yahoo.com
- 2 Huddersfield: **13th June**, contact John Radford johnradford@talktalk.net
- 3 Chester & North Wales: **4th July**, contact David Ackerley 01829 770224.
- 4 Coventry & Warwickshire: **13th June**, contact Bob Tinley 02476 542676, bob@coventryctc.org.uk
- 5 Northants & Milton Keynes: **12th June**, contact Max Scott maxscott@trivelo.freeserve.co.uk
- 6 Essex: **20th June**, contact Chris Mills millsy@cyclists.co.uk
- 7 Oxford: **13th June**, contact Eve Thornton 01235 527628, mussieve@btinternet.com
- 8 Bristol & West: **6th June**, contact Dave Amesbury 01275 891675, daveonbike@btinternet.com
- 9 West Kent: **13th June**, contact Rob Seall, 01732 850664, r.seall@googlemail.com
- 10 Exeter, Devon: **12th June**, contact Roy Russell 07801 319697
- 11 Cornwall: **13th June**, contact Jim Wilkinson, 01822 860261, jim@wilkinet.demon.co.uk
- 12 Stirling, Scotland: **20th June**, contact George Pennel 0131 332 3889
- 13 Swansea & West Wales: **20th June**, contact Jan Garvey 07861 684722, janvgarvey@btinternet.com
- 14 Slingsby, North Yorkshire: **12th June**, contact Keith Buck, bucksawpit@btinternet.com
- 15 Stockton-on-Tees: **13th June**, contact Brian Turnbull bernice.turnbull@btinternet.com
- 16 Leicester: **19th June**, contact Bob Perrett, bob_perrett@hotmail.com

CTC National Dinner & Prizegiving



The AGM isn't the only reason to go to Loughborough on 15th May: it's also the highlight of CTC's social calendar that evening, the National Dinner.

It's a great chance to relax after the official business of the day. And it's like the Oscars too – the nominees for CTC's Volunteer of the Year Awards will be wondering who will be putting the silverware in their saddlebag on the way home. There are ten regional winners, one of whom will be awarded the prestigious Moss Medallion. The following morning three

different rides from 20-70 miles will set off to explore the varied countryside around Loughborough. There's the Leicestershire Wolds to the east and Bradgate Deer Park, where Lady Jane Grey once lived, closer to home.

To attend the dinner, complete the booking form that appeared in the last issue of Cycle; you can also find it on the CTC website, or obtain it from CTC Membership Dept (tel: 0844 736 8451).

If you have any queries about the Dinner, contact Sue Cherry, tel: 01483 238302.



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