

Sixth win for Chester & N Wales



Chester & North Wales's winning team from 2009. They did it again in 2010

 The CTC Tourist Competition, in which cyclists earn points for completing touring, audax, off-road and other events across the country, this year saw a sixth win in the team category by Chester and North Wales CTC, equalling the record set by West Surrey CTC. Team members for 2010 were Lowri Evans, Andy Polakowski, Alan Mort, Dave Statham, Darryl Porrino and Ifor Jones.

Team leader Lowri Evans was also the fourth highest scoring solo rider, which enabled her to take back the Ladies' Trophy from Sue Ingold (South Bucks CTC). Sue

does, however, retain the 1st Lady Veteran Trophy for the third time in four years.

The top three places in the solo rider category were occupied by the same cyclists as last year, albeit in a different order. Lee Jackson (Nottingham) is the clear winner of the Shaftsbury Trophy and Arthur Moss Medal, having ridden a total of 30 qualifying events. Lee also topped the Mille Miglia table with a tremendous 3,874 miles (6,235km).

Mike Batchelor (West London) and Mark Beauchamp (North Hampshire) tied for the second place so the tie-break rule was

applied. Mike came out on top. Mike keeps the PH Catt Memorial Trophy (1st Veteran) for the third year in a row.

Ben Walker (Hertfordshire) won the Junior Trophy for the first time, after coming third last year. The Brooks Trophy for the Best Junior Girl stays with Heather Jones of Leicestershire CTC for 2010.

The best-placed (male) Scottish rider award was a tie between David Husband (Tayside) and David Stark (Glasgow).

The 2010 season was complicated by issues with the new member group list: there were many changes, some errors, and some competitors were unsure which group they belonged to. I hope that these problems will be resolved or the future of the competition is in doubt. Special thanks, then, to Mark Draper for his help in a difficult year.

CTC Tourist Competition events are listed in Cycle magazine from February to October. For the full programme, see the website ctc-competitions.org.uk.

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EVENTS NEWS IN BRIEF

TRI IT OUT

Book now for a discounted ticket to the Triathlon, Cycling & Running Show, which is at Sandown Park from 11-13 February. It will showcase the latest kit, bikes, clothing, nutrition and training products and services. There are presentations from top coaches and athletes, and the chance to take part in the Indoor Cycle Time Trial competition. Visit tcshow.com for details or to book or call 0845 680 6818. Adult tickets are £9 in advance, £12 on the door.

SPRING INTO ACTION

This May, CTC will be encouraging cyclists across the country to have a go at riding in events run by CTC member groups, Cycle Champions and Bike Club officers. The Spring Rides with CTC Groups programme starts on Saturday 14 May to coincide with CTC's AGM, and finishes on Sunday 22 May to coincide with the 90th anniversary of the Meriden Rally. To find out about putting on an event or taking part, email groups@ctc.org.uk.

HAPPY CAMPERS

Anyone camping at the CTC York Cycle Show can save money on pitch fees this year by booking early. Rally campers who book by post by the end of May will benefit from a £2 (lightweight) & £3 (motorist) per person discount. Turn to page 78 for the camp booking form. The CTC York Cycle Show is on the weekend of 25-26 June. Visit yorkcycleshow.co.uk or call 0844 736 8456.

AGMS AHEAD

The AGM of the CTC Yorkshire and Humber Region is at 1pm on 19th February at 9 The Crescent, Stamford Bridge, York, YO41 1BU. Contact Colin Clarke 01759 373045. The Cardiff & South Wales AGM is at 8pm on 20th April. Contact Owen Rook: owen.rook@btinternet.com

Countdown to AGM & Dinner

 Tickets are still available for the CTC National Dinner in Weymouth on the 14th May, the same day as the AGM. It takes place that evening at the same venue as the AGM: the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, the spectacular base for the sailing events of the 2012 Olympics.

The Dinner is a high point of CTC's social calendar and is a chance to meet other members and to celebrate their achievements: prizes such as the Volunteer of the Year Awards are presented there. Views from the dining room take in the whole of Weymouth Bay, with the Jurassic Coast stretching into the distance to Lulworth Cove and beyond.

CTC Wessex celebrates its centenary in 2011 and the CTC Dinner and AGM will be part of this. On Sunday 15th May, members of CTC Wessex will be leading rides for all abilities. The road rides will start from Weymouth and take in the village of



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Durdle Door is close to the AGM venue

Abbotsbury. Those game for a hard climb can visit Hardy's Monument, which offers views on a clear day to Poole Harbour, the Isle of Wight, Devon and Somerset. Mountain bike rides will explore Portland, on terrain as technically demanding or as easy as you want.

For a booking form, see the last issue of Cycle, visit ctc.org.uk/aggm or contact **Sue Cherry on 01483 238302**.



Cycle-touring stronghold



The 2011 CTC Birthday Rides will be held this summer in Suffolk for the first time in the event's history. It's a great opportunity to explore the country lanes and B-roads of this picturesque part of East Anglia, whose market towns dot a low-lying landscape with grand horizons.

The week of rides runs from 14th-20th August and will be based in the Norman town of Framlingham. The venue is the Victorian Gothic splendour of Framlingham College, which is set in landscaped grounds opposite a medieval castle (pictured).

Each day there will be four rides, from 20-85 miles long, with route cards provided. Destinations will include the harbour town of Woodbridge; the Anglo-Saxon burial site of Sutton Hoo; Southwold, a medieval town and Victorian seaside resort; and Dunwich – or rather, its outskirts as it's a lost town under the sea. Other rides go inland into Constable Country, the village of Lavenham and the market town of Sudbury.

Accommodation is half-board in single or twin rooms at the college, or camping on site on beautifully level pitches. Accompanied children camp free. Facilities are excellent and include a fully-staffed pool available free each day. The programme of social events includes talks, slide shows, a bike clinic, quiz, and barn dance.

Package deals are available from only £95 per person. Further info from birthdayrides.org or call 01748 821343.



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