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Come early to the AGM and learn about insurance, welfare, and promoting rides

AGM: added group meeting

CTC IS HOSTING a special networking event for CTC volunteers, Member Groups and affiliated clubs just before the AGM in Guisborough, North Yorkshire, on 11 May 2013. Meet up with your fellow cycling activity organisers, find out more about issues that affect your club or group, and discover some fresh ideas to inspire more people to come out on your rides.

There will be a programme of informal workshops to attend: insurance; safeguarding children and vulnerable adults; the role of the welfare officer; how to encourage new riders; and campaigning at a local level. There will also be the chance to meet CTC Councillors. Tea, coffee and lunch will be provided. The event is only open to CTC members, Member Groups and affiliated clubs. It's free, although places must be booked. **Contact Sue Cherry on 01483 238302 or email sue.cherry@ctc.org.uk.**

All CTC members are welcome at the AGM itself, which takes place at 2pm that afternoon. You don't need to book for that but you do need a valid CTC membership card, other proof of membership, or a completed proxy voting form from a CTC member. Details of the motions are on page 18, and there's a proxy voting form supplied with this issue of Cycle.

If you wish to attend the CTC National Dinner on the Saturday evening, tickets are £31 each and must be booked in advance. See the booking form in the Dec-Jan issue

of Cycle or online: <http://ctc.org.uk/about-ctc/ctc-national-council/agm-and-awards-dinner>. For any queries about the dinner, contact Sue Cherry (details above).

Hosts Teesside CTC are running rides on the Sunday morning, open to all CTC members. There will be a 20-mile round trip to Saltburn and a longer ride through Kildale on the North York Moors. Some members will also be riding down to nearby Coxwold for the 87th annual church service. Members extending their stay are welcome to join Teesside CTC on their weekly rides. More details are available at <https://sites.google.com/site/ctcteessidegroup/>.

This issue of Cycle doesn't contain the CTC Annual Report, which is always published prior to the AGM. At the AGM held in May 2012, a special resolution was passed to amend our Articles to reflect the preference of many members to receive CTC information by email and to view documents on the website. Therefore this year, the Annual Report and Financial Statements will be available to download from the AGM section of the CTC website. Those members who have informed us that they wish to receive notices in printed hard copy will be sent copies directly.

EVENTS LISTINGS NOW ONLINE
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Tri Vets events are century rides open to all CTC members aged 50 or more



TRI VETS 2013

SEVENTEEN CTC Member Groups are running Tri Vets rides this June. The rides occur every three years and are open to CTC members who are aged 50 years or over. The aim is to complete a 100-mile circuit inside 12 hours. Certificates are awarded to all finishers and commemorative badges are available to order.

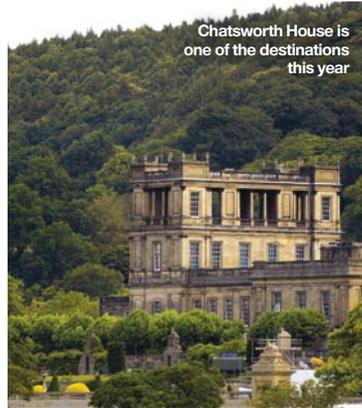
TRI VETS CONTACTS:

- **1 JUNE** CTC Devon: Roy Russell, royrussell@blueyonder.co.uk
 - **2 JUNE** CTC Northamptonshire & Milton Keynes: Max Scott **01536 712 507**, maxscott@trivelo.freeserve.co.uk
 - **2 JUNE** Coventry CTC: George Riches **02476 452 437**, secretary@coventryctc.org.uk
 - **9 JUNE** Leicestershire & Rutland CTC: John Allen **01530 243 384**, ivyallen@btinternet.com
 - **9 JUNE** CTC Cornwall: Jim Wilkinson **01822 860 261**, jim@wilkinet.demon.co.uk
 - **9 JUNE** CTC Scotland: Peter Hawkins **0131 443 6712**, peterhawk@phonecoop.coop
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 - **9 JUNE** CTC West: Jane Chapman **0117 962 9766**, jane.chapman@blueyonder.co.uk
 - **12 JUNE** Alfreton CTC: Tom Fox **01773 833593**, tomandsuefox@yahoo.co.uk
 - **16 JUNE** West Kent CTC: Rob Seall **01732 850 664**, r.seall@gmail.com
 - **16 JUNE** Teesside CTC: Brian Turnbull **01642 588 768**, Bernice.turnbull@btinternet.com
 - **16 JUNE** Huddersfield & District CTC: John Radford **01484 851 480** or radfordjt@gmail.com
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 - **23 JUNE** Essex CTC: John Davis **01787 474 224**, jldavis_123@talktalk.net
 - **23 JUNE** Swansea & West Wales CTC: Martin Brain martinctcswansea@googlemail.com, t: Colin Birch **07749 704 898**
 - **7 JULY** Chester and North Wales CTC: David Ackerley **01829 770 224**, vega27@btinternet.com
- The full list of events is online: ctc.org.uk/event/triennial-veterans-rides-2013. For more information about the Tri Vets events, contact Andy Hawes at CTC on **01483 238 306** or andrew.hawes@ctc.org.uk.

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Accommodation ranges from camping to en suite rooms



Chatsworth House is one of the destinations this year

BIRTHDAY RIDES BOOKING FAST

THIS YEAR'S CTC Birthday Rides in Staffordshire from 18-24 August are filling up fast. Half the places were taken less than two weeks after bookings opened. You can still take advantage of an early-bird discount, so long as you make your booking before 14 April. Details are on the CTC Cycling Holidays and Tours website, cyclingholidays.org.

The Rides are based at Yarnfield Park Conference Centre in Stone, with a choice of accommodation on site: camping, costing from £122 per

adult; and en suite rooms, from £360 per adult. Some of the rooms have disabled facilities. Anyone organising their own accommodation can register for the Birthday Rides for £80.

There will be rides every day for all abilities, ranging into the gentle lanes around Yarnfield and further afield to the more rugged terrain of the nearby Peak District. Coach trips will go to Chatsworth House, which includes a tour, and to the museum in Stoke on Trent to view the Staffordshire Hoard, the largest find of Anglo-Saxon

gold, and the Gladstone Pottery Museum.

There will be a photo competition for amateurs. The usual freewheeling and hill-climb competitions are planned, and possibly a 10-mile time trial. Evening entertainment at the centre will include a quiz, barn dance, a choir and a jazz band. There is a licensed bar on site as well.

This event is organised by CTC Cycling Holidays & Tours, which is run entirely by unpaid volunteers, with local riders providing essential help.

RideLondon needs you

CTC IS looking for volunteer marshals for the Prudential RideLondon cycling festival on 3-4 August 2013, which is expected to attract over 70,000 cyclists and many more visitors. There will be four events: Freecycle, an 8-mile ride for all abilities through the capital on closed roads; Grand Prix criterium racing; the London-Surrey 100 charity sportive; and the London-Surrey Classic, a one-day race for 150 professional cyclists

CTC is recruiting volunteer Route Safety Marshals for the Prudential London-Surrey 100 and London-Surrey Classic on 4 August. Starting in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, the routes pass many of London's iconic landmarks before cutting through Richmond Park and out into the stunning Surrey Hills, including the testing climbs and undulating terrain of Box Hill and Leith Hill. They then return to finish on The Mall, like the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic events that they're hoping to build on in terms of raising the profile of cycling.

As a Road Safety Marshal, you'll be



Both of the London-Surrey rides will tackle Box Hill

supporting the participants and will also get a chance to see pro cycling at first hand. Event details are at: prudentialridelondon.co.uk.

To register your interest as a volunteer, go online to ctc.org.uk/support-ctc/volunteer/ridelondon

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EVENTS NEWS IN BRIEF

› ORBITAL FESTIVAL

Goodwood Motor Circuit will host the inaugural 2013 Orbital Cycling Festival on 26-28 July, a long weekend of racing, relaxing rides, cycling displays and exhibitions. CTC is one of the Charity Partners for the event. So as well as celebrating all things cycling, the festival will help CTC to work with people, councils and the government to get the UK cycling. Visit orbitalfestival.com.

› CTC NEW FOREST WEEK

Around 200 cyclists are expected at CTC's New Forest Cycling Week this year, which runs from 26 July to 2 August. It's based at the Avon Tyrell Manor Outdoor Centre, where there are camping and caravanning pitches, lots of facilities, and easy access to forest trails. See the website, newforestrallycc.org.uk, or contact rally secretary John Capell: 01494 715636.

› EAST MIDLANDS RALLY

CTC East Midlands Region is again arranging a cycle camping rally in the grounds of Beaumanor Hall near Loughborough over the Spring Bank Holiday, 24-28 May. The programme includes a variety of led rides along quiet lanes in rolling countryside, a slide show and a film show. For details or a booking form, contact Ray Clay, 01509 261068, or visit ctceastmidlands.co.uk

› UK HANDMADE BIKE SHOW

The UK handmade bicycle show is in Brunel's Old Station at Bristol Temple Meads from 12-14 April. If all those beautiful machines weren't enticement enough, CTC members receive two-for-the-price-of-one tickets on the door. You'll need your membership card. For a preview and for all the other details, take a look at the website bespoked.cc.

› DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

● **25-30 July:** The Welsh Festival of Cycling at Ruthin. See ctc-wales.org.uk

● **18-19 May:** The CTC Heart of England Rally at Meriden in the West Midlands. See ctc-heartofengland.org.uk

● **24-27 May:** Kirkpatrick MacMillan Rally, Dumfries. See ctcscotland.org.uk/km/

● **27 May:** Guildford CTC Challenge Ride. See ctc.org.uk/events.