

Groups set for Glasgow

AHEAD OF the AGM in Glasgow on 10 May, CTC is holding a networking event for CTC volunteers, Member Groups and affiliated clubs. It will take place in the morning at the same venue, Glasgow's Radisson Blu Hotel, and will follow the popular format of previous years.

The morning will start with a seminar – 'An introduction on how to influence Parliament' – followed by a series of informal round-table sessions on PR, social media, working with volunteers, and engaging with new members. CTC Councillors will be attending. This is a free event open to CTC members, although you will need to book a place. Contact Sue Cherry on 01483 238302 or email sue.cherry@ctc.org.uk.

All CTC members are welcome to attend the AGM that afternoon. Proof of membership is required. If you wish to vote on the motions at the AGM but will not be there in person, see the separate address sheet that came with this issue of Cycle. For details of the AGM Agenda, turn to page 16.

The CTC National Dinner is also at the Radisson Blu Hotel, and takes place that



evening. Tickets are £30 each and must be booked in advance. See the booking form in the Dec-Jan issue or get a copy online: ctc.org.uk/event/ctc-agm-dinner. For queries about the dinner, contact Sue Cherry (as above).

On Sunday 11 May, there will be a range of guided rides from and around Glasgow. Turn to page 44 for more information.

This issue of Cycle doesn't contain the CTC Annual Report, which is always published prior to the AGM. This follows a special resolution at the AGM in 2012 on

the subject of digital communication. Those members who have told CTC that they wish to receive printed copies will be sent them.

The Annual Report and Financial Statements can be download here: tinyurl.com/qjuhfhx



Scan this with your phone or tablet to view the Annual Report

FIRST WORLD WAR: 100 YEARS ON



CTC IS COMMEMORATING the centenary of the First World War with a special podcast. Speaking to the author of 'The Bicycle in Wartime', Jim Fitzpatrick, we take a look at the contributions made by cyclists in the Great War. The half-hour podcast also delves into the articles and letters of the CTC Gazette during that time, and we learn about the life of CTC member and WWI war baby, Bert Catchpole, who is 100. Go to the podcast section of iTunes and search for 'CTC, the national cycling charity'.

The CTC Heart of England Meriden Cycling Rally is staging a special programme of commemorative events. The village green of Meriden, the centre of England (situated between Coventry and Birmingham), is home to the National War Memorial

dedicated to cyclists. Both audax and leisure rides are on the programme for Saturday 17 May. In the evening, there's supper and a screening of Alan Bennett's BBC production of 'A Day Out' – a story set in the years leading up to the war. The centennial memorial service is on Sunday 18 May at 11am, followed by tea and cake at the Village Hall, where cycling memorabilia will be displayed. For more details, visit: ctc-heartofengland.org.uk.

We'd love to hear from you if anyone in your family served in one of the cyclist battalions. We're also looking for help with research into CTC members serving in the Great War. There's no need to be based near CTC in Guildford, but volunteers will need to have web access. Email therese.bjorn@ctc.org.uk



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Tourist season starts



Photo: Jim Brown

Stevenage's Start of Summertime Specials are on 30 March

THE WINTER BREAK is over: the 2014 CTC Tourist Competition began again in March. Hundreds of CTC members will compete in events across the country to get their first points in this eight-month long competition.

If you haven't entered before, there is something for everyone. The 2014 Tourist Competition calendar boasts 150 events nationwide, so you can easily find rides close to you. The CTC website will let you track your progress – and your competitors' – as you earn points through the season, with live league tables for every class and category, plus event reports, updates, photos and more.

There are competitions for juniors (under 18 on 1st March), women (aged 18-50 on 1st March), men (ditto), and veterans (over 50 on 1st March). And there are six categories of event. Category A rides are 25-79 miles, B rides 80-119 miles, C rides 120-185 miles, and D rides 186 miles and over. There are also special events such as map-reading, treasure hunts, freewheeling competitions, and hill climbs, which all fall under category E. And there are off-road events: category F.

Historically this competition was organised by Bob Kynaston and Mark Draper, but after Bob sadly passed away in 2013, Mark also decided it was time to step down. New organisers Luke Peters and Daniel Moore, our young Volunteer of the Year winners for 2012, have taken over. They have worked on improving the website features and making preparations for the 2014 competition, as well

as compiling the provisional results for 2013.

Chester & North Wales dominated again. Peter Dilworth retained overall first place, just in front of fellow Chester & North Wales competitors Lowri Evans and Andy Polakowski. Peter managed the triple too, winning the team trophy and men's veteran class as well. Lowri Evans won the women's and women's veteran classes. Laura Higham of Stevenage & North Herts CTC retained her junior champion title, after putting in a great all-round performance. Her brother Kieran Higham was the best-placed junior boy.

The winners will receive their awards at the

CTC National Dinner in Glasgow (see p12). The full listing of 2013 results is online: ctc.org.uk/ctc-tourist-competition. You can find details of Tourist Competition rides there too.

Follow the CTC Tourist Competition on Facebook and Twitter: #ridehard



Scan this to go to the Tourist Competition page on the CTC site

2013 TOURIST COMPETITION WINNERS

Shaftesbury Trophy and Arthur Moss medal	Overall winner: Peter Dilworth (Chester & North Wales) Second place overall: Lowri Evans (Chester & North Wales) Third place overall: Andy Polakowski (Chester & North Wales)
E.F. Butterworth Trophy	Winner of the Ladies' competition: Lowri Evans (Chester & North Wales)
Brooks Trophy	Winner of the Girls' (junior) competition: Lauren Higham (Stevenage & North Herts)
Junior Trophy	Winner of the Boys' (junior) competition: Kieran Higham (Stevenage & North Herts)
P.H. Catt Memorial Trophy	Winner of the Male Veterans' competition: Peter Dilworth (Chester & North Wales)
Craven Vase	Winner of the Female Veterans' competition: Lowri Evans (Chester & North Wales)
Team Trophy	Winner of the Team Competition: Chester & North Wales (Peter Dilworth, Lowri Evans, Andy Polakowski and Dave Statham)

Birthday Rides in York

THIS YEAR'S CTC Birthday Rides will be based just outside York, from 13-19 August. Accommodation is at Askham Bryan College, an easy ride from the city centre and within reach of the Yorkshire Wolds and North York Moors.

There will be a choice of four rides each day, with optional coach trips to Richmond on the Friday and Goathland and Whitby on the Sunday. Entertainment will be provided each evening.

All the rooms at the college are singles, some suitable for wheelchair users. Camping for tents, caravans, motorhomes and campervans will be on the grassed area close to the accommodation blocks. Camping is on a self-catering basis.

Bookings close on 27 June, or sooner if maximum numbers are reached. If you book before 14 April, there's a discount on accommodation. En-suite rooms cost £365 rather than £405 for an adult, standard rooms £330 rather than



£370. Rooms for under-16s, who must be accompanied on the holiday by a parent or guardian, are all £30 lower. And there are discounts if you book multiple rooms. Prices are for six nights half-board.

Camping pitches are £110 per adult for six nights if booked by 14 April,

£125 otherwise. Under-16s sharing a pitch with parent or guardian go free. Registration only, for locals or those arranging their own accommodation, is £75.

Visit birthdayrides.org, email birthdayrides2014@btopenworld.com, or phone Peter Mathison 07733 700529

NEW FOREST'S 40TH

THE CTC NEW FOREST Cycling Week celebrates its 40th consecutive year in 2014, having been founded in 1975. To mark the occasion, there will be a marquee so that visitors can gather to enjoy a 40th birthday cake, along with cheese and wine (soft drinks available).

Around 200 campers attend the rally each year. It's an informal event aimed at families, small groups of cyclists, and individuals, based

at the UK Youth Activity Centre at Avon Tyrrell Manor near Burley. This year it runs from 25 July-2 August.

The New Forest has many minor roads and tracks, so cycling is enjoyable and safe for all. As well as rides each day, there are adventure facilities on site, and activities will include a children's time trial, swimming, and a barbecue. Visitors can attend for the whole duration or for just a day or two. Camping fees are £8.50 per night per adult, £3.50 per night for children aged 5-17, and it's free for under-5s. Adult campers travelling by cycle and pitching in the lightweight camping area will be charged £7.00 per night.

For details, visit newforestrallycc.org.uk



Photo: Dan & Janice Montgomerie

EVENTS IN BRIEF

› YORK SHOW CANCELLED

Following cancellation of the 2013 York Cycle Show, the York Cycle Show Committee has been dissolved by CTC Council. Volunteers from the northern cycling community are encouraged to come forward with ideas for a new event. CTC's National Office team can provide advice on strategies, business cases and budgets. Mutually agreeable governance policies will be required, as outlined in Appendix 1 of the CTC Member Groups Policy Handbook.

› VELOFEST TOUR FESTIVAL

CTC members can take advantage of a 10% discount when booking for VéloFest, a four-day camping, cycling and music festival that coincides with the first two stages of the 2014 Tour de France in Yorkshire. The 60-acre site at Kilnsey Park Estate is ideally positioned along Stage 1 of the Tour, as it passes through the Yorkshire Dales. There will be viewing platforms and giant screens showing the race live. Prices start at £150 for a car plus tent for three nights, with caravans and campervans £190. For details, visit velofest.co.uk. Use the code CTC10 when booking.

› RALLYING ROUND

The inaugural Lothians and Borders Rally takes place from 23-26 May at Mortonhall Caravan and Camping Park on the southern outskirts of Edinburgh. There will be 20, 40 and 60 mile rides, with leaders and route sheets. For details, tel: 0131 334 1786 or email vtt@ctclothians.org.uk.

The Beaumanor Hall Camping Rally, held by CTC East Midlands, is at Beaumanor Hall, Woodhouse, near Loughborough, from 23-27 May. There are rides each day. For details, contact Ray Clay (01509 261068, ray.j.clay@googlemail.com) or visit ctceastmidlands.co.uk.

› NEW CTC MEMBER GROUPS

A meeting to form new Member Group 'Redditch & Bromsgrove CTC' will take place at Webheath Village Hall, Heathfield Road, Redditch, B97 5SQ, on Saturday 21 June at 3.30pm.

A meeting to form new Member Group 'Fleet Cycling' will take place at The Wills Hall, Sandy Lane, Church Crookham, Hants, GU52 8LD, on 20 April at 11am.