

MAKE IT AN EVENTFUL YEAR

CTC is looking for volunteers to help out with several rides and festivals this summer. If you're prepared to marshal, fix participants' bikes, or help with enquiries, you'll be rewarded with things like event entry, a goody bag, free food and drink – and, of course, the thanks of everyone taking part. Here's a run down of some of the upcoming events you can get involved with. Visit ctc.org.uk/support-ctc/volunteer to put your name down to help for any of them – or use the event-specific links below.



Want to volunteer for CTC? Scan this with your phone or tablet

L'EROICA BRITANNIA

WHEN: 20-22 JUNE

WHERE: DERBYSHIRE

Two weeks before the Tour de France comes to the UK, a three-day cycling festival takes place in Bakewell in the Peak District. The high point comes on 22 June, when there will be three rides – of 30, 55 and 100 miles – for riders of 'heroic' bicycles. That means road racing bikes built before 1987, either with down tube gear levers or pre-1980 bar-end shifters. It's based on the original L'Eroica, which takes place on the gravel roads of Tuscany in Italy.

Route marshals and festival support volunteers are required. Full training will be given, and all volunteers will receive free entry to the L'Eroica festival, camping accommodation, food and drink, a goody bag, an entry into a draw to win a guaranteed entry to next year's event. For more details, or to volunteer, see ctc.org.uk/eroicabritannia

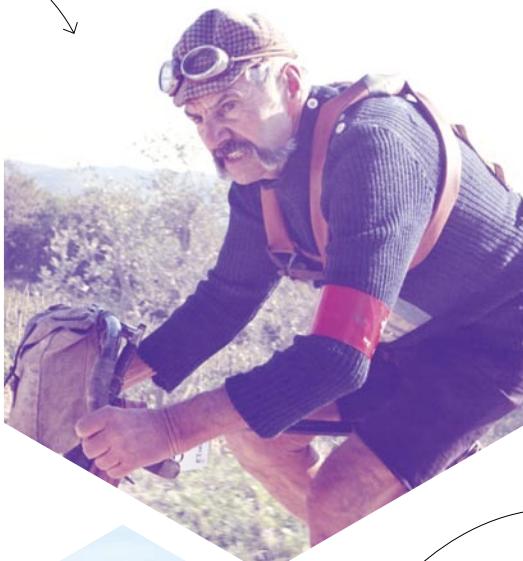
NSPCC TOUR OF ENGLAND

WHEN: 7-8 JUNE

& 19-20 JULY

WHERE: SOUTH EAST ENGLAND & YORKSHIRE

Qualified bike mechanics are needed to service participants' bikes in the NSPCC Tour of England, a series of multi-stage sportives. The first two events in the series are the NSPCC Tour of the South East (7-8 June), and the NSPCC Tour of Yorkshire (19-20 July). If you want to ride either of these events, visit the NSPCC Tour of England website: tourofengland.co.uk. To volunteer as a mechanic for CTC, visit ctc.org.uk/nspctour



MEMBERSHIP

Get five years' CTC membership for the price of four. Details on P86

ORBITAL CYCLING FESTIVAL

WHEN: 26-27 JULY

WHERE: GOODWOOD MOTOR CIRCUIT, CHICHESTER

Orbital is a diverse summer cycling festival, with stands for bicycle and clothing manufacturers, and the chance to take part in events ranging from rides into the West Sussex countryside to the Brompton World Championships. Volunteers will have the chance to explore the festival, and will be provided with free bike or car parking, camping accommodation, refreshments, and a goody bag. All volunteers will be entered into a draw to win a guaranteed entry to the 2015 Orbital Cycling Festival.

If you would rather take part in the celebrations, CTC, as charity partner for the event, has negotiated a specially discounted entry fee for selected events for people who choose to fundraise for CTC.

For more details, go online to ctc.org.uk/orbitalfestival

PRUDENTIAL RIDE LONDON

WHEN: 9-10 AUGUST

WHERE: LONDON & SURREY

Prudential RideLondon is the largest mass-participation cycling festival in the UK, with over 75,000 cyclists taking part across four separate events. Marshals and Dr Bike volunteers are thus in high demand. Anyone can be a CTC RideLondon marshal, and you can choose from a list of iconic locations along the 100-mile route. You'll receive training, food and drink, T-shirt, cap, and a goody bag. All volunteers will also be entered into a draw to win a guaranteed entry to the 2015 Prudential RideLondon Surrey-London 100. For more details about the RideLondon events, see ctc.org.uk/ridelondon



CTC VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

Glynis Francis was named CTC Volunteer of the Year for 2013 at the CTC National Dinner on 10 May at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Glasgow. She was unable to collect the Moss Medallion in person from Alison Johnstone MSP.

Glynis, who was also the regional winner for the North West, was nominated for getting women cycling. She is a world champion track cyclist, a grandma, and an inspiration to hundreds of Manchester women. Her ground-breaking cycling network for women, Team Glow, attracted a steady stream of women – some of whom had not cycled for decades – and turned them into accomplished cyclists.

Colin Waters (pictured above) was runner-up as Volunteer of the Year and regional winner for the South East. He was nominated for leading rides in Hampshire, and for his input into the successful Fleet bike path.

Graham Farrington (South West) was third. He is the driving force behind Taunton Bike Club, which is for 8-16 year-olds. The other regional winners were Bill Telfer (Scotland) and Jackie Cooper (East of England).

Stevenage and North Herts CTC were again named CTC Voluntary Group of the Year for their hugely successful rides programme.

The Gordon Selway Memorial Award for the CTC Campaigning Achievement of the Year was awarded, in absentia, to Sue Coles (South East), who in 2013 campaigned to keep a cycle path through junction 9 of the M3. Elizabeth Reather of Yorkshire & the Humber was the runner-up.

For details, visit ctc.org.uk/volunteeroftheyear



WELSH FESTIVAL OF CYCLING

LATE JULY sees the Welsh Festival of Cycling return to Llandovery in mid Wales. It takes place from 24-29 July, with four full days of cycling. It's based at Llandovery Rugby Club, where pitches for tents, caravans and motorhomes will be available from 4pm on Thursday 24 July.

All participants will receive a list of rides on arrival at the festival site. This will cover four rides per day, from short family rides to more arduous 70-mile rides into the surrounding hills, including audax rides and Tourist Competition events. Those wishing to explore off-road are also catered for.

The routes are primarily on lanes with very little traffic. They're scenic too: both the Brecon Beacons and Cambrian mountains are within easy cycling distance of Llandovery.

Registration costs £15 per adult and £2 per child under 16 or student under 21. Five nights' camping costs £30 for a tent pitch and £35 for a caravan or motorhome, plus £16/£20 for each adult beyond the first. Registered children camp free with an accompanying adult.

For details or to book, visit ctc.org.uk/event/welsh-festival-of-cycling-in-llandovery or contact Emrys Jones: tel 01952 257522, demrys2jones@hotmail.co.uk

NEWS IN BRIEF

• CTC BIRTHDAY RIDES

There's still time to sign up for the CTC Birthday Rides in York from 13-19 August: bookings close 27 June – or sooner if maximum numbers are reached. You'll stay at Askham Bryan College, just outside York and within cycling range of the Yorkshire Wolds and the North York Moors. There will be four rides each day, plus evening entertainment. For details, visit birthdayrides.org, email birthdayrides2014@btopenworld.com, or phone Peter Mathison on 07733 700529.

• TOUR DE FRANCE WORKSHOPS

CTC has teamed up with Welcome to Yorkshire and Cycle Yorkshire to help ensure the Tour de France legacy is substantive. CTC is running Roadside and Advanced Maintenance courses in Yorkshire, with funding support from the Skills Enhancement Fund. If you are running a small business or are employed in the region – for example, you offer cycle touring rides, holidays, after-school clubs or you're a B&B provider for cyclists – you could benefit from a 75% cost reduction on these cycle maintenance courses. See bit.ly/1nOn7sv for more information.

• XCALIBRE WITHDRAWN

Xcalibre, the seven-stage mountain bike event due to take place in Wales and the West Country from 16-23 August, has been postponed. It's due to take place now in summer 2015. See xcalibremtb.co.uk

• CTC GRAMPIAN IS 25

42 CTC members gathered in March to mark the 25th anniversary of the inaugural meeting of the Grampian District Association of the Cyclists' Touring Club – now CTC Grampian. Albert Brydon spoke about the early days of the club, with informal rides prior to 1989 organised by Richard Nicholl, the founder members present at the meeting, and the subsequent growth of the club and its activities, from a membership of 156 in 1989 to 450 at present. This was followed by a presentation to Irene Melrose for her special contribution to the club, in particular in recognition of her organisation of that inaugural meeting and subsequent involvement as secretary and ride leader. ctcgrampian.org.uk

• GOWER CYCLING FESTIVAL

The Gower Cycling Festival runs from 9-16 August, offering 22 rides for all. Two are also Swansea and West Wales Member Group rides. See gowercyclingfestival.org