

Moor to do at AGM

NEXT YEAR'S CTC AGM is on Saturday 11 May at Guisborough Hall on the northern edge of the North York Moors. As well as the Annual General Meeting and the National Dinner, there will be led rides into the Moors on the Sunday and a new feature for the Saturday morning, ahead of the AGM: a volunteer networking workshop.

CTC Member Groups, affiliated clubs and individual CTC members will have the opportunity to take part in a series of informal workshops exploring various aspects of organising cycling activities. Topics to be discussed include: insurance; publicity and marketing; running an event; finance; and encouraging new riders. Other subjects may be added as requested. A free buffet lunch will be provided for all participants. Travel expenses will not be covered by CTC but Member Groups may use their own funds for this purpose. To express an interest in attending the event, or to suggest a topic, contact Sue Cherry (see below).

The AGM itself will start at 1.30pm on the Saturday. All CTC members are welcome to attend. Members wishing to propose a motion for the agenda should send it in writing to CTC Chief Executive Gordon Seabright at CTC National Office by 1 February 2013. The motion should be proposed and seconded by two members. CTC Council strongly recommends that members wishing

to propose a motion contact their CTC Councillor or Gordon Seabright well before the deadline for a discussion about it. It is important, for proxy voters in particular, that the purpose of motions on the agenda is clear.

The CTC National Dinner takes place that evening at the same venue, which is a four-star hotel on Whitby Lane, Guisborough. Please fill in and return the form below – or a photocopy of it – if you wish to attend.

On Sunday, CTC Teesside will lead rides into the hilly North York Moors and out towards the coast. Mountain bikers can take advantage of the trails in Guisborough Forest next to the hotel.

For any questions about the CTC National Dinner or the Member Group Workshop, contact Sue Cherry: sue.cherry@ctc.org.uk

Next year, the AGM will be preceded by a workshop about networking for CTC Member Groups and affiliated clubs



EVENTS NEWS IN BRIEF

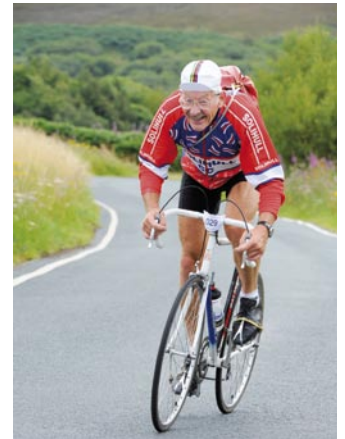


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► TRI-VETS' RIDES 2013

The CTC Triennial Veterans' events are 100 mile 'century' rides organised by CTC Member Groups or affiliated clubs every three years. They're specifically for club veterans aged 50-plus. Camaraderie runs high, as does the determination to complete the ride whatever the odds. While they're not races, each event must be completed within 12 hours. All events must be held between 1 June and 30 June 2013. Badges are supplied at the end of the series to all finishers. To hold a Tri-Vets' event next year, all you have to do is register your interest and an organiser's pack will be sent out to you. Email john.storms@ctc.org.uk

► 1,000 RIDERS AT 20TH GRIDIRON

A total of 1,006 cyclists took part in the 20th edition of CTC Wessex's 100km randonnée around the New Forest on 14 October. The Gridiron, which is named for the large number of cattle grids it crosses, is by far the largest CTC Tourist Competition event. The popularity of the event was helped by online entry, introduced this year: more than half of the entrants signed up that way. The youngest solo rider was just nine years old, while a five-year old completed it on a trailer cycle. Event organiser John Jackson said: 'The special thing about the Gridiron is the volunteers, the majority of whom are CTC members. Thank you for giving up your time and making it happen. The growth in numbers riding the Gridiron means that we will need more volunteers in future – so put 13 October 2013 in your diaries now.'

For more about CTC Tourist Competition events, see ctc-competitions.org.uk

CTC NATIONAL DINNER BOOKING FORM



Please send me _____ tickets @ £31 each for the CTC National Dinner on Saturday 11 May 2013. Cheques should be made out to 'CTC' and sent with this form to:

CTC Membership, PO Box 416, Twickenham, TW1 9GD.

Names of those attending (use another sheet if necessary). Please put a letter V in brackets, like this (V), after the name of any vegetarians.

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Name and address

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Tel

Email

I would like details of local accommodation Yes No

I will be taking part in the Sunday rides Yes No



EVENTS LISTINGS NOW ONLINE

Whatever sort of cyclist you are, go to ctc.org.uk/events for a full list of CTC events.

- 1 CTC's Ellerburn Training Trail has three grades
- 2 Feedback was positive from the skills taster sessions
- 3 Some of the exhibitors at Dalby 13

DALBY OPEN DAY SUCCESS

MORE THAN a thousand people visited Dalby 13, an open day and mini cycling exhibition on 13 October to mark the official opening of Dalby Bike Barn, the new shop, bike hire facility, and CTC Centre of Excellence in Dalby Forest, North Yorkshire. Brands exhibiting included 661 with Maxxis, SRAM with Rockshox, Lapierre, Santa Cruz, Hope, Pace, Osprey, Fox, Newbridge Park, Singletraction, Scott, and CTC.

CTC Cycling Development Officer for Dalby Forest, Mike Hawtin, said: 'The atmosphere was buzzing with the enthusiasm of the public, and our car park was absolutely packed! Having tracked our sales of day passes, I am certain we will be seeing many of our visitors again.'

Off-road skills instruction

CTC ran taster mountain bike sessions at the new CTC skills area, the Ellerburn Training Trail. 'I received some very useful advice and also found that being in a group made me more confident to try things that I normally wimp out of,' said one participant, Ali.

Another participant, Claire, added: 'The "steep and rocky" taster skills session was great. Instructor James broke down the techniques to make it easier to take on board all the information. I look forward to seeing what courses are on offer so I can get myself booked in for a full session.'

Dalby Bike Barn is open seven days a week. To book a course with a skills instructor, or to find out more, go to ctc.org.uk/dalby.



New year, new gear

THE LONDON Bike Show returns to ExCeL in London from 17-20 January 2013.

The event sees the integration of the IG London Nocturne into the show, creating the UK's first indoor criterium and providing visitors with a great spectacle every day. The programme includes an elite men's and women's criterium, a youth race, and both folding bike and penny farthing races. Until late afternoon each day, the same 500-metre circuit will serve as a test track, allowing you to try out bikes.

There are over 150 exhibitors this year, including Genesis, Ridgeback, Pinarello, Assos, Schwalbe, Marin, Wilier, Brooks, GoPro and many others. There will be talks from coaches and cycling experts, plus a Q&A with some of Britain's top cyclists. You can also book a two-hour personal training assessment (£115 including show entry); click Attractions and Bike Radar Training Hub at thelondonbikeshow.co.uk for more details.

The London Bike Show takes place alongside The Outdoors Show, The Active Travel Show and The London Boat Show, and a ticket is valid for entry to all four shows. Tickets are £16 in advance for adults (16+) or £20 on the door. Under 16s go free. CTC members can take advantage of a special advance ticket price of £12 (plus a per-booking fee). Enter 'CTC' in the discount code box when you book online.



Watch stunt displays, test bikes and get a closer look at 2013 products at The London Bike Show in January