

EVENT NEWS


RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE CYCLING WORLD



Rutland Water is only around 20 miles from Loughborough

Photo by Chris Juden

Loughborough hosts AGM

 The 2010 CTC AGM and Prize Presentation will take place on Saturday 15th May in Loughborough in Leicestershire. 'The Heart of the Shires' is in the middle of England, making it easy to get to. Loughborough train station is under two miles from the AGM and Dinner venue, with a regular shuttle bus, and for those arriving by bike Sustrans' National Route 6 runs through the town.

There's scenic cycling in every direction, which visitors can explore on a series of rides that hosts Leicestershire and Rutland CTC are laying on for Sunday 16th May. To the east there are quiet lanes through the Vale of Belvoir, while to the west there are the rolling hills of Charnwood Forest.

Loughborough itself is well known for the international athletes who have studied and trained there, but it will not be the first time that this small university town has hosted a major cycling event. In 1972 hundreds of cyclists from around the world

converged on Loughborough for that year's rally of the Alliance Internationale de Tourisme, masterminded by Ken Pepper – a local CTC member with a reputation as an international tourist (the following year he was awarded the gold medal of the AIT).

Since then Loughborough has appeared regularly in 'What's On' cycling calendars for its annual Mince Pie Run, held on the last Sunday before Christmas for the last 30 years. Up to 400 club riders from all over the east and west Midlands descend on Belton village hall near Loughborough for hot drinks and seasonal goodies.

More information about cycling in the area, including a link to a map of local tea stops, can be found on the Leicestershire and Rutland CTC website: www.lrctc.bravehost.com.

More details about the AGM and Prize Presentation will appear in the next two issues of Cycle and on the CTC website: www.ctc.org.uk.

NEWS IN BRIEF

CHANGES ON COUNCIL

Last issue we reported that a ballot was needed to elect two CTC Councillors to represent members in the North West. Ballot papers were issued with that issue and resulted in David Robinson being returned to Council along with new Council member, Welna Bowden who replaces David Butler.

In the South East, a further call for nominations resulted in only one nomination from Richard Bates. Richard is therefore returned to Council for a further three years.

SUMMER DRAW

Congratulations to the winners of the CTC Grand Summer Draw. First prize of £2000 went to P Bartlett of Llantwit Major, second prize of £1000 to Dr A McCarthy of North Shields, and third prize of £500 to Mr I A Reid of Alresford. Five runner up prizes of £100 went to: Lesley Owers of Harrow; J Irving of Rothersthorpe; Mr R Taylor of Birmingham; Mr D Bunyan of Knutsford; and Susannah Rosenberg of Ipswich.

VETERAN ERROR

On p6 of the Aug/ Sep issue we wrongly referred to 'members of the Veteran-Cycle Club'. They were in fact members of the National Association of Veteran Cycle Clubs. The NAVCC kindly provided the display of veteran cycles at York Cycle Show.

LET'S HEAR YOU

Volunteer choristers are required for the 2010 Coxwold Service on 9th May. Email Charlotte Gray charlottegray77@hotmail.com

Please send me _____ tickets @ £30 each for the CTC National Dinner on Saturday 15th May. (Cheques should be made out to 'CTC')

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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I would like details of local accommodation Yes No

I will be taking part in the Sunday rides Yes No

Name and address

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Tel

Email

Birthday rides 2010

 The CTC Birthday Rides are back on for 2010, thanks to members of CTC Cornwall who will host the summer cycling week near Falmouth between 19th and 25th August. There will be rides to spectacular Cornish coasts, fishing harbours and National Trust properties, as well as ferry-assisted rides and rides on the trans-county cycleway. The social programme will include a beach barbecue and optional boat trips around the Fal Estuary, while the celebratory Birthday Tea will be held at Pendennis Castle.

Accommodation will be half-board or self-catering in three-star en-suite flats at the Combined Universities of Cornwall at Tremough campus (near Falmouth). Amenities include a bike store, shop, and sports facilities. Campers will be catered for nearby at the Penryn Rugby Club.

There are ample opportunities for rest days on the beach if you're coming down for a family summer holiday, and there are regular buses into Truro and Falmouth from the campus.

A prospectus and booking pack will be available in January at www.ctcbirthdayrides.org. Or phone the CTC information office on 01483 238300 after that for a paper copy.



Century rides for veterans

CTC is looking for member groups across the country to put on a 100-mile reliability ride for veterans aged 50-plus in summer 2010. The Triennial Veterans' Rides take place every three years, as the name says, and each century ride has to be completed in under 12 hours. Camaraderie runs high, as does the determination to complete the ride at all costs.

Past TriVets' rides have been a great success, as well as useful fund raisers for the organising clubs. For 2010, the aim is to run the rides between Saturday 12th and Sunday 20th June, in order to coincide with Bike Week.

Organisers will need to provide a route sheet or a route map in advance. A lunch stop is usually arranged too; it's up to the organisers whether that costs extra or comes under the standard £10 entry fee to a TriVets' event.

CTC national office will promote the events through Cycle, Newsnet and other media, and will supply blank TriVets' certificates for you to complete on the day. Also available are TriVets' badges for first time riders (£3 each) and date bars for those who have a badge (£1.25 each).

If your group is interested in running a TriVets' ride for 2010, please email nick.fish@ctc.org.uk or call 01483 238314.



First aid for cyclists

 First aid training for cyclists will be added to CTC's skills programme for 2010. Existing courses and qualifications cover all aspects of cycling, from mountain bike and road leading and instructing awards through to bike maintenance. The first aid training course will be specifically geared to the cycling and mountain biking environments. It will be available to members as well as the public (who might well become members as a result). For full details, please see www.promtb.net.



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