

# EVENT NEWS

RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE CYCLING WORLD

## Phil Liggett CTC Challenge



Photos courtesy of Phil O'Connor



More than 400 cyclists took part in the 2010 Phil Liggett CTC Challenge on Sunday 8th August – twice as many as in 2009. Online entry, a fully-marked course and nutritional products provided by ZipVit Sport all helped with event numbers. John Radford of Huddersfield and District CTC was instrumental in the event organisation.

Former CTC President and race commentator Phil Liggett completed the ride just two weeks after his TV work on the Tour de France, and with few miles in his legs found it as enjoyably challenging as ever. Both the 100km and 150km take in some fearsome Peak District climbs, including Holme Moss and – for the longer ride – Monsal Head and Winnats Pass.

Rain showers cooled riders on some of the ascents but the sun shone through later in the day and event photographer Phil O'Connor was able to get some great shots. If you took part in the event and want to purchase your picture, visit <http://sportivephoto.thirdlight.com/gallery.tlx>.

If you missed the event and can't wait for next August to ride one of these routes, you can download a routesheet, GPS file, and more by logging onto [ctc-maps.org.uk](http://ctc-maps.org.uk) and typing 'Phil & Friends 100k' or 'Phil & Friends 150k' into the search box.



## CTC AGM & DINNER 2011



CTC's AGM and National Dinner will be held at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy on 14th May next year – the same venue where the sailing events will be held in 2012. Put it in your diary now.

Hosts CTC Wessex are celebrating their centenary in 2011. As well as the AGM and Dinner, there will be rides for all abilities in rural Dorset on Sunday 15th May. Planning is at an early stage but there will likely be a visit to the village of Abbotsbury, with its ancient cottages and swannery. The potters will be able to wander

beside The Fleet and visit the tiny 'Moonfleet' church, while the climax of the longer rides will be a visit to Hardy's Monument (right), which on a clear day offers great views across Poole Harbour, the Isle of Wight, Devon and Somerset.

There will be a treat for mountain bikers too: there's a wide range of excellent trails on Portland, from technical singletrack to wide bridleways. And there are no trees to obscure the views of the World Heritage Jurassic Coast.

Any visitors wanting to stay longer are welcome on CTC Wessex rides. They have



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regular rides on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays, plus a Thursday ride in the Bournemouth area. Further information can be found on the website [wessexctc.org](http://wessexctc.org).

A booking form for the dinner will appear in the next issue of Cycle.

## EVENTS NEWS IN BRIEF

### MILTON KEYNES BOWLED OVER

Milton Keynes' Workplace Challenge this summer saw 1,170 people from 76 organisations ride a total of 69,917 miles – or two-and-a-half times around the world. Workplace Challenges encourage workers to incorporate cycling into their daily lives over, in this case, a three-week period. The Cycle-MK Challenge was run by Milton Keynes Council and NHS Milton Keynes in conjunction with the Department of Health South East, CTC, and Challenge for Change.

### MTB GROUPS GROW

The successful CTC Mountain Bike Groups partnership is being rolled out further. Tidworth Freeride Club is becoming a CTC Group with a view to developing its project. An inaugural meeting will take place at 7:30pm at The Boot Inn, Shipton Bellinger on Thursday 30th September. For more information contact Philip Potts, Tidworth Freeride Club Secretary, phil.potts04@btinternet.com, or Ian Warby CTC Off-road, tel: 07776 203803 e-mail [ian.warby@ctc.org.uk](mailto:ian.warby@ctc.org.uk).


### CYCLING DERBY

CTC Cycle Champions and Cycle Derby are putting on a family bike ride starting from Elvaston Castle in Derby on Sunday 3rd October. There are two routes: a 7-mile traffic-free route and a 17-mile alternative. Entry is £10 per adult and under-14s go free. All cyclists will receive free refreshments along the route and an event T-shirt. To register your interest, contact [northevents@bhf.org.uk](mailto:northevents@bhf.org.uk) or call 0800 085 2280.

### YORK CYCLE SHOW AGM

Takes place at 10:00 in the Railway Institute, Queen Street, York on Saturday 20th Nov. For more information, contact Chair Paul Hepworth [paul@hepworth77freeserve.co.uk](mailto:paul@hepworth77freeserve.co.uk)

## Birthday Rides 2010

 Almost 500 CTC members cycled to Pendennis Castle for the celebratory cake cutting at the Taste of Cornwall Birthday Rides at the end of August. It was the centrepiece of a week of rides and social events coordinated by Paul Parkinson of Falmouth Wheelers.


The Birthday Rides is a big undertaking but those attending at Falmouth hailed it a great success. Hosts were Falmouth Wheelers and CTC Cornwall, and the event was run under the auspices of CTC Holidays and Tours.

CTC's David Robinson cuts the cake flanked by its makers Denise Burton (left) and Jo Skews (right) of The Candy House, with Pat Strauss (far left) and Paul Parkinson (far right)



Photo: Tim Jackson

## SPRING RIDES WITH CTC GROUPS

 Next May, CTC will be encouraging cyclists across the country to have a go at riding in events organised by CTC member groups, Cycle Champions and Bike Club officers.

The week-long 'Ride with CTC' programme will spotlight the excellent existing events run by CTC member groups, such as reliability rides and freewheeling contests. It will also encourage groups to draw in new riders by offering customised versions of popular events, such as treasure hunts for city riders and mountain bikers.

'Ride with CTC' events will be promoted nationally through the CTC website, CycleClips e-newsletter and Cycle magazine to give them wider exposure to CTC members and many non-members. 'Ride with CTC' starts on Saturday 14th May to coincide with CTC's AGM, and finishes on Sunday 22nd May to coincide with the 90th anniversary Meriden Rally.

'I'd urge member groups to include one or more taster events in the Ride with CTC week when planning their event calendar for 2011,' said CTC's Nick Fish. 'It's a chance to promote the great group rides that we offer and get more CTC members engaged with their member groups.'

'Short or long, on or off-road, for beginner or experienced riders, we want to maximise participation through a diverse events calendar.'

If you are new to event organising and need advice on event formats or further information, please visit: [ctc.org.uk/events](http://ctc.org.uk/events).

