


EVENT NEWS

RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE CYCLING WORLD

CTC Dinner & Prize Presentation



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 The 2011 CTC AGM takes place on 14th May in Dorset at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, the venue for the sailing events of the 2012 Olympics. That evening it's the highlight of CTC's social calendar: the National Dinner and Prize Presentation, where the achievements of CTC members are recognised.

Nominations are needed now for **CTC's Volunteer of the Year Awards**. Whether they're a campaigner, local group organiser, ride leader, or cycle instructor, if you know someone who changes the lives of others through cycling, we want to hear about them. There are awards for individual CTC members across England's regions, and in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland; for CTC and CTC-affiliated groups; and the Gordon Selway Memorial Award for a voluntary campaigning achievement, which is open to non-CTC members as well.

This year the committee has announced two new categories of award, supported by Bike Club: Young Volunteer of the Year is for anyone under 20; and Youth Club or Project of the Year is for any programme catering for young people. For

more information, see ctc.org.uk/volunteerwards. Nominations close on 1st February 2011.

Host for the AGM, Prize Presentation and the next day's rides is CTC Wessex, which is celebrating its centenary in 2011. There's a good choice of Sunday rides. The Dorset Downs is a 100km audax event, with the option of an extra 50km loop for hard riders. More leisurely rides will explore Abbotsbury, the Fleet, Weymouth harbour and Hardy's monument. And there will be a led ride for mountain bikes on Portland.

CTC members staying longer are welcome to join CTC Wessex rides later in the week. See wessexctc.org for more details on what's available.

Weymouth is easily accessible by train from Bristol or London, and bikes don't need to be reserved. Local CTC members will even be on hand to guide cycling visitors from the train station to the AGM venue. There's plenty of accommodation in Weymouth, including YHA Portland adjacent to the National Sailing Academy.

For queries about the Dinner & Prize Presentation, contact Sue Cherry: **01483 238302**, sue.cherry@ctc.org.uk.

EVENTS NEWS IN BRIEF

ALFRETON CTC GO INDEPENDENT

Alfreton CTC is seeking to change its status from a subsidiary member group of CTC Derby to an independent member group. There will be a meeting at Conaught Court, off Nottingham Road, Alfreton on Tuesday 11th January 2011 at 7.00pm. For information contact Tom Fox, tel: 01773 833593.

CTC WALSALL AGM

Last issue of Cycle had an AGM notice for South Staffordshire member group – which was disbanded last year. The AGM of CTC Walsall does take place at the venue listed: the Coach and Horses, Wheaton, Aston, at 1pm on 5th December.

CTC EAST MIDS MEET

The annual regional meeting of CTC East Midlands takes place on Saturday 29th January in Room 2 of the International Community Centre, 61B Mansfield Rd, Nottingham. Details from John Allen, tel: 01530 243384

END OF SUMMER RIDE

A record number of cyclists – 360 – took part in Stevenage CTC's 2010 Emitremmus ride, which marks the end of British summertime. Stevenage CTC runs the same ride when British summertime starts. For details, see stevenagectc.org.uk

Please send me _____ tickets @ £28 each for the CTC National Dinner on Saturday 14th May.

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.

Name and address

Tel

Email

I would like details of local accommodation

Yes No

I will be taking part in the Sunday rides

Yes No

The Phil Liggett CTC Challenge will be one of five CTC sportives for 2011



Photo: courtesy of Phil O'Connor

More CTC sportives

CTC will be running five sportive events in 2011, building on the success of this year's Phil Liggett and Ron Kitching rides. The dates are:

- **27th February:** Dorchester CTC Challenge Ride and Sportive. Distances to be announced.
- **29th May:** Guildford CTC Challenge Ride and Sportive. 100km and 150km routes.
- **25th June:** Ron Kitching CTC Challenge Ride and Sportive, York. 100km and 150km routes.
- **7th August:** Phil Liggett CTC Challenge Ride and Sportive, Sheffield. 100km and 150km routes.
- **16th October:** Worcester CTC Challenge Ride and Sportive. 100km and 150km routes.

Each event will have online, postal and on the day entries, a fully marked course, a start/finish village, an option for chip timing, mechanical support, café stops and feed zones. CTC members will be given opportunities for early as well as discounted entry. More details next issue, and at ctc.org.uk/challengerides.

New Forest Rally's new base

More than 200 family cyclists attended this year's New Forest Rally, which moved to the UK Youth Activity Centre at Avon Tyrrell Manor, near Burley. Rising campsite fees at Roundhill, near Brockenhurst, the base for the previous 35 years, forced the move. Visitor numbers weren't dented, and around 80 children and their parents enjoyed the forest trails and quiet lanes. East Sussex CTC and Chippenham Wheelers both brought big contingents.

The week long event had a range of

guided rides each day. As usual, they were organised on an informal basis rather than pre-arranged: leaders posted suggested rides on the camp noticeboard. Rides went as far afield as the Isle of Wight.

Excellent weather meant that the swimming pool on site was busy and that the barbecue and bonfire on the rally's last night, with children singing under the stars, was a big hit.

Next year's event runs from 29th July to 6th August. For more details, contact davin_palmer@hotmail.com.



New Forest tracks – some with fords! – and quiet lanes are well suited to young riders



Chippenham Wheelers' Andy Cook puts junior riders through their paces