

**Chester & North Wales CTC**  
**CTC Caer a Gogledd Cymru**  
**Secretary's Annual Report October 2015**

### **Introduction**

Although this is called the 'Secretary's Report' it is drawn together from documents submitted by volunteers spread over a large geographical area. The report includes updates from the informal groups, events run by C&NW CTC, the Link magazine, the website, Right to Ride, the work of the Committee and the plans for next year.

Sadly during the year several members passed away; a few are remembered here:

Maurice Clarke who had been the webmaster for Roy Spilsbury's Cycling North Wales website and was an active CTC Campaigner passed away in the spring.

Joan Hughes died in September after several years of deteriorating health. Prior to her illness she had been an active member of the club for many years.

Peter Brake the former CTC Councillor for Wales died in late September. He had been a firmly in favour of maintaining CTC traditions and was a regular at CTC Birthday rides.

We offer condolences to friends and family of these riders and other members who passed away during the year; they will be sadly missed.

On a happier note it gives me great pleasure to report that two of our members have been recognised nationally for their work. Doreen Lindsey was awarded CTC Volunteer of the Year for Wales, and was also recognised with the 3<sup>rd</sup> place nationally for her work in West Wales where she has been running groups and encouraging riders for many years. David Ackerley was awarded Volunteer of the Year for the North West Region and went on to be recognised as the CTC National Volunteer of the Year for 2014. This was fitting recognition of his contributions including editing the Link, organising events and serving on the Awards Committee.

### **Informal Group Reports**

#### **Ynys Môn (Anglesey)**

The Ynys Mon-Anglesey group still exists and goes out from Llanfairpwll on the first Sunday and third Sunday in the month. Our rides mainly occur on Anglesey and can be from about thirty miles to about fifty miles in length. Usually we go to Gaerwen and have coffee in the Stermat cafe while deciding where to go. If the weather is excellent we may cross the Britannia Bridge to Gwynedd and the usual route is along Lon Eifion.

We have participated in the Cheshire runs during the summer. Four riders participating in the reliability ride, 3 doing the shorter ride who retired at the half way point due to the bad weather, while one person did the longer ride and finished it. One person took part in the Map Reading and Treasure Hunt from Trefnant, with 3 people riding the Vets 100 with our oldest member being the oldest male to finish the ride. Ifor Jones attended the CTC AGM and was part of the winning team in the Tourist Competition. One member attended the Welsh Rally at Llanymddyfri (which was a bit damp). Four members went to the birthday rides near Penrith, with four members attending the President's Ride from Prestatyn. Also one member did both of the rides from Corwen to Bala.

#### **Chester CTC**

2105 started with the New Year's day meet and within days a sunny Sunday ride up the Wirral. We have explored North Wales and Cheshire as usual, but have added at least one train assist to Liverpool, and onwards to Southport.

Good numbers took part in the Bob Clift rides, but less for other C&NW events; three of the guys also completed Lands End to John O Groats in the sunny September weather we had this year.

Sunday and Wednesday evenings continue to be well attended; the blog has also been maintained through the year, documenting all rides and some socials.

### **Chester Fabulous Ladies (part of Chester CTC)**

This year Chester Fab Ladies have been able to hold four rides with differing distances/ speeds most months, and we have introduced a few new cafes. We had our Ladies weekend to Slaidburn, with not a flat two inches of road between The Forest of Bowland and Ripon! Despite this, some ladies returned later in the year to a Breeze sportive in the same area.

CWAC have been offering free cycle training sessions, and two extra sessions (Feb and Oct) have been arranged to try to encourage people who have not been out and more experienced riders to complete levels 2&3. The people who have attended have certainly valued it, and two ladies earlier this year have gone on to be trainers too!

In July we staged our own Womens100; an international event promoted by Rapha cycle clothing. We had twenty riders on an exceptionally wet day to Ellesmere and back, on a very lovely route devised by Alex.

This year there have been a series of rides as a tribute to Billie Fleming; a young lady who in 1938 cycled every day of the year, known nationally as 'the keep fit girl'. The day she came to Chester was at the end of September, so on the 29<sup>th</sup> Sept four Chester / Ladies and one Wellington CTC lady, cycled the 50 miles from Wellington (near Telford) to Chester; the next day we met with Wednesday riders and made our way around the Wirral – two made it all the way to Liverpool.

Talking of women cycling legends, there was a play by the Yorkshire Playhouse about Beryl Burton; several ladies attended and enjoyed an excellent biographical evening.

### **CTC Eryri Thursday Cycling Group**

The group meets on alternate Thursdays starting at 10.30am & finishing around 4pm riding between 25 & 30 miles in sometimes difficult terrain. We stop for lunch & social chat at a café halfway; the group consists of mostly women & men of retired age and we do not ride in August or December.

We have had about twenty rides since last November with an average attendance of fifteen. Twice a month we have a short ride on a Saturday; out for a coffee & back. Once a month some of our members organise a more challenging ride, for instance the last ride finished by riding up the Llanberis Pass.

Some of our members attended the Daffodil rides organised by the CTC Ledbury group, rode the Chester & N Wales Vet's 100, & attended the CTC New Forest cycle rally & various other events. Our leader Doreen Lindsey was awarded CTC Volunteer of the year for Wales & was awarded third volunteer for the whole of the UK.

We are a sociable, non-competitive, welcoming group.

### **Mold Informals**

We can report good news on increasing regular rider numbers over the year with two absolutely new riders, including our first female rider for a good few years. A few who regularly ride with the Wednesday Riders have joined us. Although the challenge of climbing the steep but picturesque country lanes normally included in rides with this group persists I think it is fair to say that the year's rides have placed a greater emphasis on the social aspects of cycling in a group. We have managed eight riders in the group on some recent rides which is a significant improvement on previous numbers.

We continue without a formal rides list and destinations and routes are decided by one of four regular leaders who will provide basic route details a day or two before the ride takes place. Whilst we normally ride on the first and third Sundays of the month, opportunities have been taken to offer additional rides on an ad hoc basis.

### **Watson's Wanderers**

Harry Watson continues to lead us out from Christleton every Tuesday morning come rain or shine---making light of his 86 (87 in November) years. Attendance varies between a small clutch to a cluster of 15+ riders.

Inevitably Harry has slowed down a little with his advancing years so there tend to be several splinter groups arriving at the cafe stops by various other routes. This has the advantage of alleviating any queuing problems.

One highlight of the year was the annual Macmillan cakefest in Oscroft which raised the magnificent sum of £285; many thanks to all the riders who contributed to this total.

We are confident and pleased that Harry will continue to lead us out to cafes and pubs, old and new, throughout the coming years.

### **Wednesday Riders**

Most rides this year have continued to be well supported, with between 4 and 30 riders.

New members have continued to join us on a regular basis, leading us to create second following groups to get everybody on their way, and appointing second leaders on an ad hoc basis.

Notable rides have been to Okells Garden Centre at Duddon on a Spring-like mild day in November, so popular that the new group photograph on our group page was taken there; and the ride to Dyserth, where we were once again blessed with perfect weather and scenery.

We have seen the return of some of our members after serious illness, and the sad loss of others whom we miss.

Several members have taken part in local Audax rides, as well as local tourist trials, and the group members organised and helped run the well supported Bob Clift Events. Others have been touring in Devon and further afield to France and Spain.

Congratulations once again to Roy Bunnell, who retained his downhill title

### **Wrexham Reivers**

There continues to be good support for the group, and for the first time this year's runs list has had two led rides to accommodate the number of riders and the range of speeds. This system has worked well and reduced the number of riders on the road together. A large number of members have taken the ride leader role and several have attended the ride leader training days. As usual members have ridden in many of the Chester & N Wales CTC events, attended the CTC Welsh Festival in Llandovery and completed Audax events (congratulations to John Wilkie who completed Paris-Brest-Paris) in all kinds of weather. There have also been two trips to Spain, for holidays or training camps depending on the style of cycling. Congratulations to Peter Dilworth for retaining his title in the Tourist Competition in 2014, and to Dave Statham who was once again a member of the winning team. Thanks are due once to all of the members of the group who have contributed to a successful year with many memorable rides.

### **Member Group Report from Two Mills CTC (*summarised from the Two Mills CTC Secretary's Report to their AGM*)**

The rides committee met twice during the year and drafted the weekly rides programme. Several of our volunteers updated their skills by participating in CTC ride leader training days and a first aid refresher offered through Red Cross. Our leaders have each been given small first aid kits to carry on their rides.

Our women's group, the Bicycle Belles, celebrated their 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary in February. We shared a special birthday cake during our mid-morning café stop at North Easington and had a cycle top for the group, assisted by her designer daughter. The committee agreed to subsidise the cost for members. So far, 24 women have purchased the long-sleeve jersey which features blue bells and CTC logo.

The Early Season Tourist Trial took place on 29<sup>th</sup> March starting/finish at Farndon Sports and Social Club. Unfortunately, the day brought rotten weather conditions which saw our numbers drop considerably. Only 137 cyclists set off from the 200 registered and many of those chose to pack at lunchtime. Merseyside CTC kindly handled on-line registration and payments. The event brought in a tidy £1k income and this year it all stays with Two Mills CTC. The date for 2016 is Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

The Two Mills committee has met on 4 occasions during the year to steer arrangements. We have not attended Chester and North Wales committee meetings but continue to receive and respond to correspondence. Two Mills gave £200 towards our presence on their website.

Volunteers from Two Mills have helped to promote cycling and CTC at a variety of local events including: Wirral Bikeathon, Liverpool Chester bike ride, Hoylake Festivelo, West Kirby Earth Fest, and Neston Bike Fairs.

Our group's financial situation remains healthy.

## **Events 2015**

### **New Year's Day Meets**

Thanks are due once again to Arthur Miller who organised the lunch at McLeans Pub in Pentre where 6 people came to welcome New Year, and Dave Matthews who arranged the lunch at the Carden Arms in Tilston. In spite of the cold, wet & windy weather there was a turnout of about 40 at Tilston with about half riding out. Mike Cross presented the Tourist Trophies to Peter Dilworth and Lowri Evans who had gained the most points in the Tourist Competition.

### **Eureka Audax Events April 25<sup>th</sup> 2015**

This was the third year of running these rides. A number of changes were made based on the experiences of 2014. On the day we were blessed with mostly dry weather and a cold wind which chilled the 200k riders on the way home from the last control at High Leigh.

**Eureka Excursion 215 K** This year the 200k event was run to the strict BRM (Brevet de Randonneur Mondiaux) rules which allow a maximum time limit of 13h 20min.

52 riders started this event of which 11 were registered as C&NW CTC. 48 riders finished the full distance; 1 rider opted for the 130k route after a series of punctures early on. One rider fell off at Bunbury, but was pronounced fit to continue after being checked out by the paramedics. (Note: rider was not wearing a helmet and was lucky not to be more seriously hurt; he has vowed always to wear a helmet in future) All finished well within the time limit.

**Tea in Prospect 135k** Following the congestion problems at Bunbury in 2014, this new ride visits the Prospect Tea Rooms above the Panorama and then returns to Cheshire via Ruabon.

The revised route is significantly harder and 30k longer than the original 2 Mills Tour which resulted in a lower entry than 2014. 28 riders started this event of which only 1 was registered as C&NW CTC. All finished in good time and we have gained a few new recruits to Audax who enjoyed the ride so much they are to join up in time to catch a few more local rides.

**Two Mills Twirl 68k** 18 riders entered of which 7 were registered as C&NW CTC. All 18 finished in good time.

Thanks are due to Graham & Vicky Payne for their assistance with the Car Parking and Andy Whitgreave for handing out the brevet cards. Especial thanks are due to Anne Peek and the staff at the Eureka Cafe for putting in a shift from 07:00 to 21:00 to serve food, drink and cheerfulness to all our riders from start to finish.

Event is provisionally on again for Saturday April 23 2016

### **Map Reading & Treasure Hunt (CTC Cymru)**

These events returned to North Wales this year. Riders met in wet and windy weather at the Crossroads Cafe in Trefnant where they were issued with the route instructions and questions for the Treasure Hunt. Nine set off in murky conditions on the individual event and after sorting through the papier-mâché answer sheets the results were calculated. Andy Blakowski showed that he hasn't lost his touch and won the event. Sue Booth decided to photograph the answers and fill in the sheet at the Cafe rather than try to write in the rain; this approach paid off as she was second. Mike Gilbert wrestled with wet paper work to gain third place. Only one team took part; the father & son team of Steve & Ben Larwood were of course first.

During lunch there was a general reluctance to set off again in the rain for the map reading; however seven people raised enough enthusiasm to take part. Mike Gilbert was a worthy winner after being placed in the event several times over the years. He made the most of the time allowed to accumulate points. Ben Larwood was second, a great result for his first map reading

completion, and Andy Polakowski was third. Thanks are due to all of the riders who took part in less than ideal weather, and to Glennys Hammond who travelled over to help at the event.

### **Bert Bailey Memorial Veterans 100. 12<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

70 riders took part in the event with 67 completing the course. Two retired after one rider came off on the way to Overton, and Sam Martin had to stop due to a mechanical problem after 84 miles (as he is over 80 and this was the longest ride he had ever completed he was given a special certificate for the mileage he completed). Once again there were great food stops; morning coffee, lunch, tea and a soft drinks stop on the final leg. Mike Cross presented the certificates to the riders who completed the event; Bob Prytherch was awarded the Gil Tirrel Trophy for the oldest rider and a Rose bowl was presented to Doreen Lindsey as the most senior Lady rider. It was good to see such strong support from C&NW CTC riders from all over the Club's area including West Wales. Our thanks go to Laurie Mason & his team for a successful event.

### **Corwen Audax rides July 18<sup>th</sup> 2015**

There was reasonable weather for once for these 3 popular events.

Barmouth Boulevard 204k; 3750m ascent Double the normal entry (a new trend in 2015 is that 200k rides are attracting at least the same number of entries as the shorter rides, as witnessed at Eureka and Tour of the Berwyns) with 22 riders completing this tough ride. John Wilkie was the only C&NW rider. Everyone said how much they enjoyed themselves and there was a great atmosphere in the Royal Oak at the finish.

Brenig Bach 107k; 2000m ascent 22 riders completed this super scenic, steep, remote, Graham Mills Classic. Your organiser rode it a week later, as is allowed by Audax UK rules, and found it still a tough proposition but well worth the effort. 7 riders were from C&NW CTC.

Bala Parade 60k The toughest of our introductory routes with 800m climbing. 17 completed rides including 11 riders from C&NW CTC who enjoyed this amenable, scenic route and excellent pub stop at The Eagles at Llanuwchllyn.

Thanks to Dave Matthews for organising the events for several years; in 2016 they will be passing to Vicky Payne's capable hands.

### **Bob Clift Memorial Cheshire Cycleway Rides on 8th June 2015**

The day was a great success with 108 entries between the 2 distances. There were 66 in the popular 50 mile event, and 42 in the 100 mile event. The courses were very similar to those used in previous years with only minor changes; a welcome addition on the 100 mile event was a stop at Hassal Green where Sylvia & Brian Joyce were serving refreshments from their camper van. Congratulations to Charlie Thomas from Chester, Mike Cross presented him with The Jim Skelding Trophy for the youngest rider to complete the 100 mile course. Thanks to Alan Oldfield and all of the volunteers for these events. Alan has stepped down as organiser, but we are hopeful that an organising team will be found for next year.

### **Momma Audax Events 5<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

These events had good weather this year and once again Old Ma's cafe opened for a long stretch from 07:15 until the last 200k rider arrived just inside the official finishing time at 21:40.

Pistyll Packing Momma 209k; 3500m (11500ft) ascent 18 riders completed this challenging course, including Marius Stigter from C&NW CTC, in times varying from 10h 58m to 13h 40m.

Momma's Mountain Views 137k; 2000m (6600ft) 23 riders completed this difficult route which includes some very steep hills, including the "Old Horseshoe" which has gradients of 20%+. 5 riders were from C&NW CTC and a special mention goes to 7 riders from North Cheshire Clarion who completed the route in fine style. This ride was a landmark for David Matthews as after 26 years of riding hilly Audax UK routes in UK, Eire and France, AAA award number 15 was achieved---at which point there is likely to be a retirement from such demanding, though very worthwhile, lumpy routes.

**Momma's Leafy Lanes 50k** Possibly the easiest Audax UK route, the leafy lanes provide a pleasant route for people new to Audax or those of us who are time pressed, or have a few health/age problems but still want to enjoy the memories and camaraderie of Audax/CTC rides. 11 riders enjoyed this course and included Tony Wilkinson on his electrically assisted bicycle (now allowed on Audax UK events up to 199k). 4 of the riders were from C&NW CTC.

Thanks to everyone who turned up to support the rides, to Margaret Matthews for issuing Brevet Cards and to Brian and "Old Ma" for their sterling work in looking after the riders in the cafe at the start and finish of a very long day.

Back on for September 3rd 2016

### **Presidents Ride and Lunch**

These took place in excellent weather on 27<sup>th</sup> September with some 43 booking for a first-rate President's Lunch at the Hall in Cefn Meiriadog near St. Asaph. As is the usual practice, there were two routes to lunch – a harder one and an easier one – both starting and finishing at the Offa's Dyke Monument in Prestatyn.

This year the President's Trophy was awarded to 99 year-old John Pegum, our last surviving founder member, for his distinguished services to Chester and North Wales CTC over many years. As John Pegum was sadly unable to attend, arrangements were made for the presentation to take place at his home. The prestigious CTC Arthur Moss Trophy, awarded to David Ackerley at the CTC AGM in July as National Volunteer of the Year, was re-presented to him and Doreen Lindsey, Volunteer of the Year for Wales was also honoured. Thanks are due to Mike Cross for organizing the event & making the presentations.

### **Llysfasi Hill Climb & Freewheel Competitions 3rd October**

There was a good turnout of both volunteers and riders for the events with 22 competing in the Hill Climb and 26 solos and one tandem in the Freewheeling. Ben Harding was first in the hill Climb with a very fast time of 6 min 30sec; Steve Jones was second (7.25), and presented with the cup for first CTC member with Steve Larwood third (7.49) and 1<sup>st</sup> Vet. Sarah Hamill was 1<sup>st</sup> Lady & 1st Lady Veteran (7.50). Roy Bunnell was delighted with his clear win in his specialist event- the freewheeling Competition. He was followed in second place by David Statham, and Martin Brooks was third. Sarah Hamill showed great consistency in once again being 1<sup>st</sup> Lady (in 16<sup>th</sup> place overall). The sunny weather meant that lunch could be eaten outside at the 3 Pigeons, followed by the presentation of prizes. Thanks to the large number of volunteers and riders who ensured the success of the events.

### **Corwen Audax Events 17<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

There was a strong entry 84 riders across the three events; The Clwydian 200K, The Clwyd Gate 130K & The Bala Mini-bash 60K. The middle and long distance events both arrived at the coast near Abergele and then followed the same route over the tops to Corwen. The short event went out to Bala and back approaching Bala via the southern side of Llyn Tegid. The weather was overcast but dry. The events were well supported by local riders and attracted a good mix of experienced riders and first time Audax riders. All were enthusiastic and complimentary with regard to the route and the organisation. Thanks to Vicky & her team for these events; she will be running these events next year on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

### **Club Communications**

#### **Website**

The website is managed by John Hammond (technical) and Glennys Hammond (content).

The Chester and North Wales CTC website has been updated regularly throughout the year with details and entry forms for 2015 Events. Reports and photos have been added up to October this year as they have been made available.

Changes requested by Committee members and organisers have been incorporated. As agreed, previous editions of The Link up to Spring 2015 are available for members to download and Committee Meeting Minutes have been posted on the Documents page once they have been approved by the Committee.

News items have included a variety of topics from ongoing road works to alerts for members to enter events and other items of interest.

Comparable statistics from October 2013-September 2014 and October 2014-September 2015 show that overall visits to the site increased by 8%. The percentage of visitors using Windows Operating System on laptops and desktops is static at 66%. The remaining 34% access the site on mobile devices, mainly iPhones and iPads, although there has been a big increase in those using Windows e.g. Nokia Lumia and Microsoft Surface. Members have been made aware that statistics about site usage are readily available from the Webmaster or Web Editor on request.

### **Facebook & work of the Publicity Officer**

John Ferguson the Publicity Office has seen the Facebook page for C&NW CTC increase in popularity. New marketing material has been received from National Office including banners and tee shirts to wear at publicity events. The business cards (stamped with C&NW CTC contact details) have proved popular. C&NW CTC had a stand in Wrexham at the end of the first stage of the Tour of Britain. There were no takers for the 'Dr Bike' checks but during the afternoon people came to the stall and several expressed interest in the Club. Thanks to all of those who organised and ran the stand.

### **Link**

Martin Brooks has taken over as Link editor and has fitted his editorial commitments around his cycle touring. The new format of the magazine has proved popular and there are currently 141 subscribers including sponsors and archives. A recurring theme has been if the magazine is to survive it must be supported by the membership. Thanks are due to those who support the Link as subscribers and contributors; however it should not be down to a small group of people to produce all of the articles. Please ensure your subscription is up to date and encourage others to subscribe; also submit an article or two to support the magazine!

### **Right to Ride (Peter Williams)**

Another year has flown by. I am still attending various meetings, conferences, cycle workshops and Drop in Sessions. In fact I have quite a few meetings to attend in the next few weeks. I have helped out on various cycling stalls for Sustrans, the CTC and the Chester Cycling Campaign also the Big Bike Revival in Blacon. This enables me to meet a variety of people from fellow cyclists and campaigners to local council highway officers and staff of major developers in housing schemes, also Peel Holdings, the developers of Wirral Waters in Birkenhead.

By attending these meetings etc, I, with other campaigners, hope to improve our local cycling infrastructure for the future.

Over the years, funding for such schemes has and is changing all the time so it is difficult to keep up. Local Authority budgets have been cut over the years and funding for cycle schemes have to come from a variety of sources. In the past LSTF (Local Sustainable Transport Funding) has funded schemes. Money paid by developers, 106 money, to spend on local amenities close to the new development is now no longer available; other funding is available but this has to be bid for by the local authority, highway agencies or by the developers as is the case of Wirral Waters.

So the new terminology is (STEP) Sustainable Travel Enhancements Package. Wirral Borough Council now no longer has a cycle forum as this has been replaced by an Active Travel Forum. I attended the first Wirral Active Travel Forum on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2015 where a presentation was given by Wirral and Mott MacDonald. Mott MacDonald is a global engineering management development consultant organisation. In attendance at this forum were representatives from Wirral's Borough Council, the Highway Agency, Peel Holdings, Sustrans, Wirral Teaching Hospital and local business and retail companies. The role of the Wirral Active Travel Forum is to support Officers in the delivery of proposals, schemes and policies (including road safety) that may impact upon active travel users in the Borough and the development of a strategic active travel delivery plan/strategy as part of building an evidence base and business case for future funding applications as appropriate.

This presentation explained how a £44m investment in active travel will be spent over a six year programme in Wirral and how it interacts with the rest of Merseyside Cheshire and Flintshire.

I hope Cheshire West and Chester Council will now have an Active Travel Forum to which walkers and cyclists will be able to attend, as is the case with Wirral. So we will see what the future brings.

In Wales Richard Keating has been working hard on responses relating to Active Travel plans. Roy Spilsbury has been continuing with his campaigning particularly in relation to Conwy Cob.

Thanks to all of the Campaigners for their work on our behalf.

### **Ride Leader Courses**

Our thanks are due to Welna Bowden and Brian Lowe who worked with CTC National Office to provide Ride Leader Training Courses. Brian Lowe organised two courses in July; he circulated all of the C&NW CTC informal groups and Two Mills CTC so that places could be allocated fairly. As a trial 14 riders were trained following CTC's Rider Leader Training pack. Following feedback it was decided by CTC to offer more training on a national basis and the course has been adapted to be more specific to leading CTC groups. Places on the new courses have now been advertised by National Office to CTC members (individuals apply directly to for these courses). And it appears that there is good take up. After looking at the location of courses a request has been made for a course in North West Wales.

### **CTC Councillors**

Welna Bowden, Janet Gregory and Gwenda Owen have continued to work hard for the club in their roles as National Councillors. Welna has been re-elected for a further 3 years as Councillor for the North West Region. Janet Gregory has decided not to seek re-election, there was no other candidate so a Councillors post will remain vacant. Thanks are due to all three Councillors for the large amount of work they have done on our behalf.

### **C&NW CTC Committee**

The committee has met five times since last year's AGM. Committee members have been busy organising events, publicising the group, working with other organisations and campaigning.

**Local Rules** These have now been amended following National Office guidelines and resubmitted for approval.

**Excess Funds Advisory Sub Committee.** This group was set up to look at the use of club funds. They have produced report outlining the priorities for use of funds. Following discussion of their reports & the current state of the Club finances the Committee has prepared the motion to the AGM with regard to a charitable donation during the next financial year. Thanks go to Brian Lowe, Glennys Hammond and Colin Bell for their work.

### **Report of the Awards Committee**

The Committee met three times in the year and the principal items dealt with are as follows;

- 1). Peter Williams was awarded a well deserved Certificate of Merit for his work as Rights Officer.
- 2). After considering advice from other members of the Committee, Mike Cross awarded the President's Trophy to John Pegum. It was to have been presented at the President's Lunch on 27th September 2015, but due to illness John was unable to attend. Alternative arrangements were made for the presentation to be at John's home.
- 3). The 75th Anniversary Photographic competition was won by an entry from Andy Polakowski with Glennys Hammond's entry being the runner up.
- 4). Doreen Lindsey was nominated for, and subsequently confirmed, as the Volunteer of the Year 2014 for North Wales.



- 5). The Walk Mill won the Cafe of the Year competition. Despite the poor participation by members, it was agreed to continue with this competition.
- 6). The Committee was disappointed with the incomplete list of holders of the Certificate of Merit on the Club's National website and requested that the full list be displayed. David Cox, Chairman of Council, agreed to see if this could be done. It is hoped that the full list will be shown in the near future.
- 7). It was agreed that CNW CTC should have its own Roll of Honour mounted in a suitable album for display to members at formal occasions such as the President's Lunch, the AGM etc.
- 8). **Winged Wheel Sub Committee.**

In early summer the Club came into the possession of a rare 100+ year old cast iron "Repairer To" the CTC plaque. At the request of the Club's main Committee a Sub Committee consisting of the Awards Committee members, Glennys Hammond, Peter Williams and Reg Waud was formed to consider the best way to ensure the preservation of the plaque of which there are only 12 known to still exist. The plaque was in a shabby state and its restoration was overseen by Reg Waud. The Sub Committee would very much like to see the plaque displayed somewhere in our area, and a number of possible locations were approached but without success. After much consideration of such factors as insurance, security and the future of any selected site, negotiations are underway with the Friends of Hadlow Road and the Council with a view to displaying it at Hadlow Road Station. This is a listed building and the prolonged bureaucracy associated with such status will mean that a decision will be delayed. If the plaque is to be displayed at Hadlow Road Station, it will need to be professionally and securely erected and the question of cost and insurance may have to be addressed in view of its rarity value. Should all this fall through, the Lakeland Motor Museum at Newby Bridge, Cumbria, which has a section devoted to cycles, would be very pleased to display the plaque.

### **CTC Cymru**

The Welsh Festival in Llandovery was well attended although the weather was variable. There was a good turnout from C&NW CTC with riders from Ynys Môr Eryri and the Wexham Reivers taking part and helping to organise the event. As yet there is no firm news regarding the location for 2016.

There has been considerable work on campaigning issues and the structure of CTC Cymru. The AGM is likely to be on the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

### **Tourist Competition**

The C&NW CTC team were confirmed as the winners of the 2104 Tourist Competition. The team members were Peter Dilworth, David Statham Ifor Jones and Lowri Evans. Three of team went to London collect the awards before the CTC AGM. Peter Dilworth was joint overall winner and also first veteran. Lowri Evans was 3<sup>rd</sup> overall (also 1<sup>st</sup> Lady & 1st Lady Veteran), Congratulations to the C&NW CTC riders once again. At the time of writing there have been very no provisional 2015 results - however it is likely that Paul Mills, Terry Davies, Sarah Hamill and Martin Brooks will have good scores.

## Looking forward

The following table shows the C&NW CTC & CTC Cymru events proposed for next year. Please contact the Secretary or the organiser if you are able to volunteer to assist at any of the events.

1 <sup>st</sup> January	New Year's Day meet White Horse Churton New Year's Day Meet McLean's	David Matthews Arthur Miller
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Eureka Audax Events (Choice of 3 distances)	Dave Matthews
30 <sup>th</sup> April TBC	<i>CTC Cymru Map reading &amp; Treasure Hunt (depending on location of Welsh Festival)</i>	Lowri Evans
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Tour of the Berwyns & Panorama Prospect Audaxes	Dave Matthews
28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> May?	<i>Ladies Weekend TBC</i>	<i>Sue Booth</i>
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Bob Clift Memorial Cheshire Cycleways ( 50 miles or 100miles)	TBC
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Triennial Vets 100	Laurie Mason
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Audax events: Barmouth Boulevard, Brenig Bach & Bala Parade	Vicky Payne
<i>21<sup>st</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> July</i>	<i>Welsh Festival ( 4 days of rides) Provisional if it is happening</i>	<i>CTC Cymru</i>
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Momma Audax Rides ( Choice of 3 distances)	Dave Matthews
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Presidents lunch & presentation	President
1 <sup>st</sup> October	Hill Climb & Freewheel	Lowri Evans
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Corwen Audax Events (Clwydian, Clwyd Gate, Bala Mini Bash)	Vicky Payne
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	CH&NW CTC AGM	C&NW CTC Sec

## Events organised by other CTC groups:

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March Two Mills CTC Spring 50 organised by Janet Gregory.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August Wild Wales Challenge Merseyside CTC

## Thanks

Thank you to all who contributed to this report. More detailed event reports can be found on the C&NW CTC website and in the Link.

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Thanks are due to Vicky Payne who is stepping down from the C&NW CTC Committee after several years; members will be please to know that she will still be organising Audax rides from Corwen for all to enjoy. Thanks also to David Ackerley who is now stepping down from the Awards Committee after many years of service.

Finally the Secretary would like to thank all who have helped & supported her in the role during the year.