



**CHESTER AND NORTH WALES
CTC
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1 Snowdon Marathon Bike Hike - 1st and 2nd March 2008

More than **£50,000** has been raised for charities in Wales since the 1992 start of this annual charity bike ride around Snowdon, North Wales. A circular route of nearly 30 miles, hilly but with magnificent scenery, the ride is a fun event which follows much the same course as the famous Snowdon Marathon road race.

The main recipient for money raised from this year's bike ride will be the **Hope House children's hospice at Tŷ Gobaith, Conwy**, where nearly seventy terminally ill children receive respite care. Together with its fellow Hope House at Oswestry, the hospices provide much needed support for families throughout North Wales.

The Bike Hike can be ridden on either Saturday 1st March (St David's Day) or Sunday 2nd March. It starts and finishes at the Cwellyn Arms in Rhyd Ddu, on the A4085 between Caernarfon and Beddgelert. Riders can start between 10am and 12.30pm, and on finishing revive with soup and rolls in the pub before receiving a Bike Hike certificate.

Full details, registration form and sponsorship forms are available from: snowdoninn@aol.com or email snowdoninn.co.uk or by post, Bike Hike 2008, Cwellyn Arms, Rhyd Ddu, Caernarfon, LL54 6TL or tel. 01766890321. Weekend accommodation is available locally.

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2 Spring 50 Tourist Trial - Sunday 16th March 2008

CTC Chester and North Wales DA Early Season Tourist Trial – 50 miles in 4 or 5 hours. Entry fee £8 per rider (Includes lunch). Start and finish at Kinnerton Scout Hall near Chester. Entry forms available from: TwoMills@ChesterAndNorthWalesCTC.org.uk

Closing date for entries is Sunday 9th March 2008
Janet Gregory (organiser) Tel: 0151 342 1255

3 Lodge Lane Crossing A5117

Larry Dixon and Janet Gregory report the opening of the temporary cycle crossing of the A5117. Although there is a 40 mph speed limit for traffic on the A5117, great care needs to be exercised by cyclists making the crossing.

The track on the north side is excellent; high grade bitumen, the track on the south side is rolled grit and will be smoothed at a later date.

4 Road works in Hoole Chester - Hoole Bridge closure

The bad news: from February 11th for 8-12 weeks Hoole Bridge, Chester will be closed to traffic. Work on the bridge will last from January 7th to early May. Buses and trains will also be disrupted at different times but diversion routes will be in place. The good news is that pedestrians and cyclists will still be able to cross the bridge.

5 Roodee in Chester

The path around the Roodee in Chester is closed and will remain so for 12 weeks.

6 Labellas. Church Street. Kelsall

Here's another cycle friendly pit stop to add to your list:-

Our DA secretary has confirmed that cyclists are welcome here for a variety of food including all day breakfasts and toasted snacks. For example: pizza, pasta dishes, salads, quiches and good old fish & chips. Alcoholic beverages are available including locally-brewed bitter and Peroni Lager.

Opening times 9.30am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday. Special requests catered for. Groups by prior arrangement. No minimum charge.

Tele: 01829 759222

Why not give it a try and tell us what you think of it.

7 'Sportive Event' – 29th June 2008

Dave Lloyd is asking for volunteers to marshal at this year's 'Sportive Event' that he is organising. If there are enough volunteers, donations would be made by the organisers to the DA.

8 Chester & North Wales CTC Audax event - Saturday 31 May 2008.

Starting at Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, it follows a figure-of-eight route with the A5 as it's centre line. 175km in length, where the A5 follows the valleys, the route climbs the hills to either side, including the Ceiriog Ridgeway, Horseshoe Pass, Clocaenog Forest, and Migneint for a total ascent of 2050 metres. Checkpoints are in Ruthin, Brenig and Bala. The event is classified as a Brevet Populaire and qualifies for the DATC and AAA competitions. Full details are available online at www.audax.norvil.net. Entry is £6.00 for CTC members and includes food and water at the checkpoints and finish.

Entries must be made on the Audax UK entry form for the event which can be downloaded from the AUK calendar page at www.audax.uk.net/cal/calsolo.php?Ride=08-93.

Stan Thomas (organiser)

9 The Link - deadline

This is just a reminder that anyone wishing to submit articles for the first quarter edition should do so by 29th February. The Link will then be sent out by the second week in April at the latest.

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Veronica Nicholas

The Link editor