



CHESTER AND NORTH WALES CTC CTC CAER A GOGLEDD CYMRU

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A Happy New Year to all our members... never mind the weather – think about booking some of the club's exciting 2010 events.

We have two great audio-visual talks planned

'Across the Himalayas' - Friday 5th February 2010 The first will be held at Heswall Hall and is a double-bill audio-visual talk by Peter Williams, CTC Two Mills member, and Paul Rogers, Cycling Tour Leader.

'Good Morning Vietnam... and Laos' Friday March 19th The second presentation will be held at the Grosvenor Museum and is Dave Hill's latest exciting cycling adventure entitled 'Good Morning Vietnam... and Laos'.

Full contact details and booking arrangements for both these events are on the News page and the Events 2010 page of the CH&NW CTC website www.ctcchesterandnwales.org.uk. Everyone is welcome. You won't be disappointed!

Cycling events

Spring 50 Tourist Trial - 28th March 2010. Your first organised event of the year could be this popular annual event which starts and finishes at the Scout HQ, Higher Kinnerton just outside Chester. Cyclists of all ages and abilities are welcome. You don't have to be a CTC member to take part and you can ride any type of bicycle. Details and entry form for the event are now available on the website. Entries are limited so apply early.

Ride Route 5 - May 2nd-3rd 2010 Your chance to meet and ride with other members of Chester and North Wales CTC along Route 5 starting at Holyhead and finishing at Chester. You can ride all or part of it, on either or both days, sponsored or not, stay overnight in a Youth Hostel, B&B or camp – it's up to you. You may wish to organise your overnight accommodation now! Further details are on our website Events 2010 page. The Treasure Hunt and Map Reading Competitions will be held on Saturday 1st May.

Chester and North Wales annual long weekend - May 7th-11th 2010 The annual B&B, caravanning and camping weekend is based at Lacock in Wiltshire. It may seem early to think about it but all types of accommodation are soon snapped up. It's great fun with rides for all abilities. Contact, booking arrangements and further information are available on our website.

Ladies Weekend - 28th-31st May 2010 Lady riders – this one is just for you! The weekend is based at Bridges Youth Hostel, Bridges, Shropshire. Contact details on the News Page of the website or contact Sue Booth development@ctcchesterandnwales.org.uk.

Tri-vets 100 - 4th July 2010 The Tri-vets 100 takes place every three years and is a very popular event with both local riders and riders from other areas. It's important to book as soon

as possible as places for this tri-ennial event are limited. Further contact details and entry form are on the website.

Help 4 Heroes The Bickerton Challenge - 25th July 2010 It might seem a long way off but if you would like to raise sponsorship money you need to enter the event as soon as possible. A sponsorship form, further contact details and an entry form are available from the Events 2010 page of our website.

Other News

CTC Cymru AGM Due to prevailing weather conditions the CTC Cymru AGM was postponed. The meeting will now take place on 20th February 2010, commencing at 11am. The location remains the same - Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells.

CTC Competition Results 2009 Many congratulations to members of the Chester and North Wales CTC team for their success in winning the team category of the CTC Competition. The CH & NW team members were Andy Polakowski, David Statham, I for Jones, Lowri Evans, Graham Payne and Vicky Payne. The team will be presented with a trophy and medallions at the CTC AGM on 15th May 2010 in Loughborough. Congratulations also for their high individual ranking in the Competition. Lowri Evans was 2nd Lady, Andy Polakowski was joint 6th, David Statham was 9th and I for Jones was 10th. Graham and Vicky Payne were placed a creditable joint 35th considering the vast number of entrants in the competition. Visit the CTC Competition website for full results www.ctc-competitions.org.uk.

Merseyside 2010 Year of Health & Well-Being The official launch event for the Year of Health and Well-being will be held on Sunday 7th February 2010 at the Tennis Centre, Wavertree, Liverpool. The Merseyside Travelwise stall will have 'bikedoctors', cycle maps and advice on routes, free cycle skills sessions and maintenance courses, and advice on all things cycling. Other stalls on alternative therapies, cookery demonstrations and many other activities. The Merseyside Travelwise website has more information, or phone 0151-330-1253.

Johnny Helms Some of you may not have heard of the sad death of cycling cartoonist Johnny Helms on 5th November last year. You can read an obituary on the News Page of our website.

Promotional Activities We are still appealing for more assistance for our Development Officer, Sue Booth to help on an occasional basis. If you can offer help without feeling committed to particular times please contact Sue on:

development@ctcchesterandnwales.org.uk

Chester Transition Town Weekend - 22nd-24th January 2010 This non-political initiative weekend of activities in Chester is taking place on 22nd-24th January 2010. On Sunday morning (24th Jan) as part of the weekend activities, two bike rides of 23miles and 10miles are being organised by Simon Brown (Chester Cycle Campaign) starting at Northgate Arena at 11am. As part of the weekend programme, Mary Gillie from the Campaign will present Chester as a Cycling Town (formerly known as CDT) and bike maintenance workshops are being organised by the Bike Factory. More about 'Transition' and the weekend programme in Chester is on our website on the News Page.

Finally - What did you do when you couldn't ride your bike in the snow and ice?

If you have any interesting photos of your (clean) off-bike activities please send them to me at secretary@ctcchesterandnwales.org.uk. They may make up an interesting photo gallery on our website. Please don't edit any images before sending.

Our Website

I make no apologies for encouraging you to look at our website for information about forthcoming events and activities. Various pages of the website are regularly updated with news, details of activities and photos, how to enter events and book your tickets. You can see photos of some of our groups' New Year's Day rides, Christmas lunches and where to enjoy a cyclist's welcome at pubs, garden centres and cafés.

Best wishes and I hope you'll all be able to get on your bikes again soon.

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