



**CHESTER AND NORTH WALES CTC
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CTC and Charitable Status The CTC National AGM will be held in Loughborough on 15th May 2010. A key item on the Agenda will be the proposed adoption by CTC of full Charitable Status. Council is very keen that members are fully consulted on this important issue and so far have placed articles in 'Cycle' magazine in the Feb/Mar, Apr/May, Oct/Nov 2009 editions. The 2009 AGM in Chester unanimously agreed to evaluate options, consult members and bring enabling motions to the 2010 AGM. On 24th October 2009, Council debated and supported recommendations from the Governance working group to create a unified charitable structure. Consultation with members was via 'Cycle' and Newsnet in November/December 2009. Following Council's response to consultation, a motion will be put to CTC's national AGM on 15th May 2010 at Loughborough University. The full agenda will be published in the April edition of 'Cycle'. Articles for and against the motion appeared in the February/March 2010 edition of 'Cycle'. Further information is available on www.ctc.org.uk where there is an open forum of members' views. Members who can't attend the AGM will be able to use a proxy voting form in the April/May edition of 'Cycle'. Please read the information available and use your vote.

'Good Morning Vietnam... and Laos', Friday March 19th The presentation of Dave Hill's latest exciting cycling adventure entitled 'Good Morning Vietnam... and Laos' will be held at the Grosvenor Museum. Full contact details and booking arrangements for this event is on the News page and the Events 2010 page of the CH&NW CTC website www.ctcchesterandnwales.org.uk. Places are still available and everyone is welcome.

Spring 50 Tourist Trial - 28th March 2010. Entry for this event has now closed.

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 there aren't many places left for this tri-ennial event. Further contact details and entry form are on our website.

Ride Route 5 - May 2nd-3rd 2010 Don't forget this event in early May. Further details are on our website's Events 2010 page.

The Treasure Hunt and Map Reading Competitions will be held the day before 'Ride Route 5' on Saturday 1st May. Details and Entry Form are now on the Events 2010 page of our website.

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

Ladies Cycling Weekend - 28th-31st May 2010 A reminder! The weekend is based at Bridges Youth Hostel, Bridges, Shropshire. Contact details on the News Page of our website or contact Sue Booth development@ctcchesterandnwales.org.uk.

Help 4 Heroes The Bickerton Challenge – 25th July 2010 Another reminder now that the snow is disappearing and Spring at last is on its way! A sponsorship form, further contact details and an entry form are available on the Events 2010 page of our website.

Subscription renewals for 'The Link', our club magazine, are slow. Please subscribe before 10th March if you wish to continue receiving the magazine.

New subscribers to The Link If you don't already receive the magazine, which is full of news, interesting articles and members' tales, it's a good read and a snip at only £6 per year. A subscription form can be downloaded from our website.

Bike Week new date 19th-27th June 2010 Bike week (renamed Team Green Britain Bike Week) has changed to 19th-27th June. The date of our Bike Week event, the Bob Clift Memorial Cheshire Cycleway Rides (100, 50, and 25 miles), will be held as planned on 13th June 2010.

Bicycle Belles This new women-only Wirral-based cycling group meets at 10.00am in front of the railway station at Greendale Road, Port Sunlight on the third Saturday morning of each month. The first ride took place on Saturday 20th February. The rides are approximately 15 miles with a caf stop midway and paced to the slowest. More information and a link to the Bicycle Belles new blog are available on the CTC Two Mills page of our website.

Fabulous Ladies Club An already established group for women cyclists meets at Kingsway Café, Chester CH2 2LJ for a prompt 10am start. The next ride is March 13th. Rides details and a link to the Fabulous Ladies blog is on the Ladies Rides page of our website.

CTC Membership and Insurance Members who don't renew their membership on time, or are up to two months late in paying, should not assume they have unbroken membership of the club, and its benefits, including 3rd party insurance. If an incident were to occur during the period between the due date and the payment date, claims on the club's 3rd party insurance policy would be invalid. It's vital therefore, that members pay their renewal fees on time!

Greenway section closure From the 1st March for 7 weeks, a section of the Greenway will be closed due to the construction of the new link between the Greenway, the canal and Deva Link Road. The location of the closure and a suggested diversion can be seen on our website's News page, but cyclists can also choose their own routes to avoid the closed section. A map showing the closed section will be displayed at each access point on the Greenway.

Closure at The Groves, Chester The Groves between the Old Dee Bridge and the Recorder Steps is also closed while new block paving or setts are being laid. This is going to take some time. Access is along the Walls and the Recorder Steps or via Souter's lane.

Cycling Instructors 'Cycle Experience' Cycle Instructor Training Course, 23rd-26th March 2010 North Wales (venue to be confirmed). Cycle Experience is a Bikeability provider that also trains cycle instructors. The course is a four-day introduction to the skills and knowledge required to become an accredited National Standards instructor, working with individuals or groups of all ages and abilities. Successful trainees are usually eligible for a CTC Wales bursary of £500 towards the course fees. Further information and links are on our website's News page.

Calling all non-cyclists or nervous cyclists Cycle Chester in conjunction with Groundwork Cheshire are organising cycling focus groups in Upton, Hoole, Newton, Blacon and Lache to encourage non-cyclists to start cycling short journeys in the city. If you know someone who is a

non-cyclist or a nervous cyclist and would like to take part in one of these sessions, contact James Kerr: Tel 01606 723160 or email james.kerr@groundworkcheshire.org.uk for further information. The sessions to be held in Blacon and Lache are on 20th March; in Upton, Hoole and Newton the dates are 13th and 27th March.

Promotional Activities We are still appealing for occasional help for our Development Officer, Sue Booth. If you can offer help without feeling committed to particular times please contact Sue on: development@ctcchesterandnwales.org.uk

New Café A recently-opened cycle-friendly café and farm shop is situated in Bulkeley near the Bickerton Poacher. The address is: Yew Tree House, Wrexham Road, Bulkeley, Malpas, Cheshire SY14 8BX, map reference SJ 529 545, tel: 01829 720851. Check for opening times before setting out.

Finally - Didn't you do *anything* when you couldn't ride your bike in the snow and ice? This is another appeal for interesting photos of your (clean) off-bike activities. Please send them to me at secretary@ctcchesterandnwales.org.uk. Please don't edit images before sending.

Our Website

Our website is proving more and more popular. It has information about forthcoming events and activities. Pages are regularly updated with news, activities and photos, links, how to enter events and book your tickets. You can see photos of some of our groups' activities and find out where to enjoy a cyclist's welcome at pubs, garden centres and cafés.

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