

CHESTER AND NORTH WALES CTC CTC CAER A GOGLEDD CYMRU





CTC AGM

CTC and Charitable Status You will have received your latest edition of 'Cycle' which included details of the CTC AGM to be held in Loughborough on 15th May 2010. A key item on the Agenda is the proposed adoption by CTC of full Charitable Status. The Agenda, together with a number of other resolutions, the Annual Report and Articles of Association are available on www.ctc.org.uk where there is an open forum of members' views. Members who can't attend the AGM can use the proxy voting form included in the April/May edition of 'Cycle'. Please use your vote.

Campaigning

A540 Safety for Cyclists near the Eureka Café: If you are concerned about safety for cyclists near the Eureka Café please consider using the CWaC 'report a problem' procedure to get the footpath repaired/reinstated on the A540 from Badgersrake Lane to the A550. If we can achieve this the footpath could be used by both pedestrians and cyclists.

The procedure is as follows:

Go to www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk, click on 'Transport and Streets', then 'Report a Problem', then:

- Select 'Pavement (Footway)' from the 'Select category:' dropdown,
- Select 'Other' from the 'Select Fault:' dropdown,
- Enter the Eureka Café postcode (CH1 6EZ) in the Location Search Box above the map, then drag the map to show the stretch between Badgersrake Lane and the A550,
- Drag the red flag onto the map between Badgersrake Lane and the A550,
- In the Fault Location box, enter, for example: 'The footpath is on the A540 (Parkgate Road), runs from Badgersrake Lane to the A550, and is set back on the grass verge close to the hedge.'
- Then, in the Fault Description box, enter, for example: 'This footpath is badly in need of maintenance. If it is repaired and reinstated, cyclists would be able to travel in safety along this very busy stretch of road, on which two cyclists have been killed and others seriously injured in recent years.' (Use your own words.)

(You can use the same interactive mapping procedure to report potholes and other road defects.)

Forthcoming events...

The Bob Clift Memorial Cheshire Cycleway Rides (100, 50, and 25 miles) will be held on 13th June 2010. Details and Entry Forms are on our website on the Events 2010 page. The Cycleway Rides take place annually and are our contribution to 'Team Green Britain Bike Week' (formerly known as Bike Week).

The Welsh Festival of Cycling 2010 will be held at Rhosgoch from 23rd - 26th July and will be centred at the Rhosgoch Golf and Leisure Club, five miles from Hay-on-Wye, Powys, LD2 3JY.

There will be facilities for camping and bed and breakfast accommodation is plentiful in the area. Snacks and evening meals will be available at the Golf Club. Some great rides are planned in wonderful countryside, both on and off road. A registration form is now available on the CTC Cymru website (www.ctc-wales.org.uk) Further information will be made available on the CTC Cymru website in the coming weeks.

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. If you want one of the last available places for this Tri-ennial 100-mile event, download an entry form on the Events 2010 page of our website.

Help 4 Heroes The Bickerton Challenge – 25th July 2010 Don't miss this opportunity to have a great ride and collect sponsors for this worthwhile charity. You can stretch yourself over a demanding 104 miles or have an easier day with 50 miles or 30 miles. A sponsorship form, further contact details and an entry form are available on the Events 2010 page of our website. Wild Wales Challenge 2010 – cancelled Merseyside CTC regrets that for safety reasons the Wild Wales Challenge has been withdrawn from the season's challenge calendar. The Club thanked all riders for supporting previous events. Merseyside CTC President Mike Jones has posted an explanatory note on the Merseyside CTC website (on the External) page of our website.)

Cycling for women...

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. Rides are approximately 15 miles with a café 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 Saturday May 8th 2010. Rides details and a link to the Fabulous Ladies blog is on the Ladies Rides page of our website.

Ladies Cycling Weekend - 28th-31st May 2010 The Ladies weekend is based at Bridges Youth Hostel, Bridges, Shropshire. If you would like to join Sue for a very relaxing and fun weekend only for women, email <u>development@ctcchesterandnwales.org.uk</u> or look at our website on the Ladies Rides page.

Club matters

Post of Secretary - Chester and North Wales CTC

Glennys Hammond will not be standing for re-election as Secretary at the Chester and North Wales CTC Annual General Meeting (AGM), to be held on 7th November 2010 and therefore a new Secretary will be required.

The Secretary's role includes the following:

- 1. To arrange Committee meetings and the Annual General Meeting, and to produce and circulate minutes of the meetings.
- 2. To present the Annual Report to the AGM
- 3. To register volunteers with CTC National Office (this could be a separate Committee role).
- 4. To liaise with the Treasurer to ensure that annual audited group accounts are sent to National Office.
- 5. To register Club events with the CTC Events Co-ordinator for inclusion in 'CTC Tourist Competition Events', and 'Cycle', or its equivalent publicity forum.
- 6. To act as a point of contact between National Office and the Club.

7. To liaise with the Website Editor (rides lists, events, and news items of interest). Glennys will continue with her role as Website Editor.

Glennys will provide further information to volunteers and will give the new Secretary as much assistance as necessary to fulfil the role. If you are interested, please contact the President, Mike Cross, the Secretary or any Committee member.

CTC Membership and Insurance Have you renewed? Members who don't renew their membership on time, or are up to two months late in paying, will not 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 you pay your renewal fees on time!

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

Website

Spring 50 Tourist Trial - 28th March 2010. The finishers list and photos of this very successful event are available on our website. Were you there?

Treasure Hunt and Map Reading Competitions – 1st May 2010 A report of the event including results and photos are now available on our website.

Ride Route 5 - 2nd to 3rd May 2010 CTC Two Mills ride report of this event is available on our website.

Consolidated Rides List is now available on our website.

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All News Sheets are posted on our website