Rides

<u>LE TOUR DE TATTENHALL</u> This is a shorter ride in aid of HELP FOR HEROES and will run in conjunction with The Bickerton Challenge rides.

Le Tour de Tattenhall – 25th July 2010 is in support of the charity Help 4 Heroes. The route is 12 miles in length and route sheets will be available on the day. The ride starts at Bickerton Village Hall, on to Brown Knowl, Bolesworth Hill, Tattenhall, past the Ice Cream Farm (approximately half way round the route) and back to Bickerton via Harthill. The map reference of Bickerton Village Hall is: OS Landranger 117, SJ 509 537. Just roll up, enter and ride; the start will be open from 12.00 noon to 1.00pm. The Hall will reopen for free tea/coffee/squash and biscuits at the end of the ride from 3.00pm to 4.00pm. Entry fees are: £10 for riders over 16yrs old, £5 for those under 16yrs and £25 for Families of 2 adults + 2 children under. All proceeds to 'Help for Heroes'. Details are on the Events 2010 page of our website.

President's Ride and Lunch 5th September 2010 (including the presentation of the President's Trophy for 2010). The event starts and finishes at Walk Mill, Stapleford, Chester CH3 7BFat 11am. Arrive at 10.45am for a group photo. Route sheets for two rides will be provided (choice of easy and longer). A pre-booked lunch will start at 1pm at Tilston Memorial Hall (near Malpas). Cost: Adult £6, Children under 12 £5. No bookings on the day. Further details and booking form on the Events 2010 page of our website.

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).

Campaigning

A540 Safety Improvements Survey Chester Cycling Campaign and other local cycling organisations are fighting for improvements to be made to the A540 to protect the safety of the many cyclists who use this route for commuting, training, and/or leisure cycling.
In order to be able to press for improvements, it is important to gather cyclists' views about their preferred options for potential safety improvements to the road.

Completing the Survey. Please take a few minutes to register your views which will be used in liaison work with the relevant Highways Authorities, and Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC). To participate in the survey, simply go on-line and complete the survey form which you will find on the Chester Cycling Campaign website: www.chestercyclecity.org. The survey is supported by cyclists affiliated to the CTC, Chester and North Wales CTC, Birkenhead North End Cycling Club, Merseyside Cycling Campaign, and Sustrans.

Cycling for women...See the latest information and photos of women's rides on their blogs...
Fabulous Ladies, chesterfabulousladies.blogspot.com
Bicycle Belles, wirralbicyclebelles.blogspot.com

Club matters

Post of Secretary – Chester and North Wales CTC

I 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.

I 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.

The Link Please send future contributions for The Link to link@ctcchesterandnwales.org.uk or David Ackerley, diamentina@sky.com.

Website

New photo additions CTC AGM 2010; Cyclists' Memorial Service, Meriden; Halfords Tour Series Chester Event; Tri-Vets 100-mile event. They can be accessed from the News page and Photo Gallery of our website.

Deva Link Access Ramp The newly-completed Deva Link access ramp linking the Greenway to the Deva Link road and the Shropshire Union Canal is now open to the public. Funded by Cycling England, Sustrans Connect2 and Cheshire West and Chester Council, the ramps provide access for cyclists and pedestrians to these great off road routes.

New Café – Tilly's Coffee Shop, Bunbury Lane, Bunbury CW6 9QS This new cyclist-friendly licensed café (the only one in Bunbury) was opened at the beginning of May with plenty of seating and an outside terrace. The menu offers a wide choice of food suitable for hungry cyclists which is reasonably priced and freshly prepared in the open kitchen. Unfortunately, at the moment, the café is not open on Sundays; times are Monday to Friday, 9-5pm, Saturdays 9-4pm, telephone 01829 261591.

Glennys Hammond