



## CHESTER AND NORTH WALES CTC CTC CAER A GOGLEDD CYMRU

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### Dear Members...

**CTC National AGM, Dinner and organised rides** took place on 25–26 April 2009 at the Queen Hotel in Chester. The official launch of Chester as a Cycling Demonstration Town (CDT) began on Saturday in Chester with the Chester Cycling Festival consisting of twenty stalls representing businesses and organisations in Chester. Sunday rides to suit all abilities were planned to start from the Queen Hotel. A link to the national prize winners, a selection of photos taken over the AGM weekend, and the CH&NW CTC President's amusing Dinner Speech can be accessed via the CH&NW website.

**A Message from Your President** "I would like to thank all those who helped to make the weekend of 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April such a success. This includes those who helped at the CTC stall in the Town Hall Square, Chester on Saturday; those who turned up at the CTC AGM on Saturday afternoon; as well as those who organised and led rides on Sunday or helped in any way at all. Alan Mealing's Blue Badge guided tour of Chester on Saturday afternoon raised £41 in donations to the local Hospice. As far as the 'CTC National Dinner and Awards Presentation' is concerned, the support that Sue Cherry (from National Office), David Robinson and I received was outstanding. It was gratifying to discover that of the 160 diners present (one of the highest number of attendees recorded at this annual event), over a third were from Chester and North Wales CTC. Warmest thanks to everyone concerned." Mike Cross

**Bodfari Rally Weekend** Mike Cross, our President, "was pleased with the success of the Bodfari Rally Weekend, and would like to thank all those who supported it in any way. We estimated that around 60 Chester and North Wales members (from both sides of the Clwyds) attended all or part of this, our 'own' celebration of our 70th Anniversary. In particular, thanks are due to: Lowri Evans for her organisation of the Treasure Hunt and Map Reading Competitions on Saturday 2 May; Bob Witton and Pam Cross for planning and organising rides; and especially to Arthur Miller who chose the camp site for the campers and caravanners and organised the first-rate (and fully booked) Dinner at the Kimmel Arms on Sunday 3rd May. With the success of the CTC AGM and National Dinner the previous weekend, we have had an excellent start to our Anniversary Year. I sincerely hope that our other events planned for the coming months will be equally well supported". Mike Cross.

***If you want to keep fit and have a great social day out, we have several terrific events for you to enter in the coming weeks and months whether you are a novice (or returner) to cycling or an experienced rider. Don't be nervous about joining the rides – you will be made more than welcome!***

**'5 Miles to Fabulous' 6<sup>th</sup> June** This event, organised by the CTC and run by Sue Booth, our Development Officer, will take place this year on 6<sup>th</sup> June. After last year's event Sue started the Fabulous Ladies Cycling Club to encourage ladies to get on their bikes once a month on Saturday mornings for easy rides. Further details about the club are on the CH&NW website and on her blog [www.chesterfabulousladies.blogspot.com/](http://www.chesterfabulousladies.blogspot.com/)

**Bob Clift Cheshire Cycleway Memorial Rides 14<sup>th</sup> June.** If you fancy a ride around the beautiful Cheshire lanes following the 'Cheshire Cycleway' then this is for you. You can take a leisurely 25 mile ride, 50 mile ride or a 100 mile ride starting and finishing at Waverton Village Institute. Your entry fee covers the cost of lunch, tea or coffee mid-morning and at the end of the ride. Full details and entry forms are on the CH&NW website (below) or you can phone Dorothy Clift on 01244-382851 or Hazel McDougall on 01244-317816.

**Bert Bailey Memorial Vets 100 5<sup>th</sup> July 2009** This popular annual event will start and finish at the Scout Headquarters, Higher Kinnerton, Nr. Chester (GR Sheet 117 SJ 332615). There are three alterations to the route from last year, just to keep the group leaders on their toes! As entries are limited to 100, and places are being filled, get your applications in as soon as possible. Entries close on 24th June 2009. The Presentation of Certificates and the trophies for the Senior Lady and Gentleman riders, will take place at the Scout HQ at 7.45pm, an important part of the day's events. Further details and entry forms are on the CH&NW website.

*Help is needed to provide teas at the start of the rides and when thirsty and tired riders return to Kinnerton. Please contact David Ackerley (organiser) on 01829 770224 with offers of help.*

**Finally we come to one of the most important occasions of the year**

**Chester & North Wales CTC 70th Anniversary Rides, 19 July 2009** This is our opportunity to celebrate 70 years of cycling in Chester and North Wales. For this one-off event in 2009 David Ackerley has organised a trio of interesting and varied rides, of 75, 50 and 25 miles.

The entry fee for these rides is £12 for adults and £6 for children under 13 yrs of age on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2009. For your entry fee you get route sheets and a sit-down tea at 4.15pm at Bickerton Village Hall. The menu consists of a two-course meal plus cheese and biscuits, coffee and mints and a slice of a beautifully made CH&NW 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary birthday cake.

You will also receive a certificate and free entry into the prize draw for the three prizes generously donated by **THE BIKE FACTORY**. These are: 1<sup>st</sup> prize, A Specialized Sirrus Elite Hybrid bicycle RRP £499.99 (or a suitable alternative); 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, a Garmin Edge 205 GPS; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize, a pair of ladies' or gentleman's cycling shoes. Entries for the rides and tea are limited to 100 so the chance of winning a prize is good.

Who could wish for more!! It's your opportunity to celebrate 70 years of cycling in Chester and North Wales with friends and fellow members.

**So hurry and get you entries in!!** We look forward to seeing you.

Glennys Hammond  
Secretary

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