

To submit your event for What's On listings in Cycle and for the CTC website, send details to: **Bob Kynaston (Events Co-ordinator), 14 Orchard Close, The Rutts, Bushey Heath, Herts WD23 1LW, tel/fax: 020 8950 2082, e: westerley@westerley.plus.com. The deadline for February/March is 12th December.**

Forms and advice are available on the website www.ctc.org.uk (follow the links: **CTC Resources > Event Organisers > Getting your event listed by CTC**) or from the **CTC National Office: 0844 736 8450.**

Events require completion of a CTC standard entry form (audax form for events under AUK rules). Under 18s must have their entry form signed by a parent or guardian. Contact the event organiser for an entry form.

DECEMBER

SATURDAY 6TH

Monmouthshire Meander 204km

BR AUK. Cardiff Byways RCC. Start: Tongwynlais, 07.15. Contact: David Lewis, 1 Penygraig Road, Pontardawe, Swansea SA8 3BS, t: 01792 830992, e: David.Lewis4@jobcentreplus.gsi.gov.uk

SUNDAY 7TH

Cyclists' Carol Service. Leicestershire and Rutland CTC. Venue: Ashby Folville, 13.30 (SK706120). Contact: Ray Clay, 109 Holywell Drive, Loughborough, Leics, LE11 3JX, t: 01509 261068, e: rayjohn@clay.freeserve.co.uk, www.lrctc.bravehost.com

Winter Warmer 200km BR AUK.

South Buckinghamshire CTC. Start: Great Kingshill, 08.00 (165/876979), £4.00. Contact: John Capell, 9 New Road, Great Kingshill, Bucks HP15 6DR, t: 01494 715636, e: john.capell@btinternet.com

Cyclists' & Walkers' Carol Service.

South West London CTC. Venue: St Peter's Church, Walton on the Hill, Surrey, 14.30 (224551). Contact: Mike Morley, 26 Meadow Walk, Walton On The Hill, Surrey, KT20 7UG, t: 01737 816160, e: mmorley@toucansurf.com

SATURDAY 13TH

Discovery Ride at Kirtlebridge, 22m.

Glasgow CTC. Start: Kirtlebridge Village, 10.15 (NY238728), free. Contact: John Taylor, Monksmill, Castle Douglas, DG7 2NY, t: 01556 670395, e: Johnwtaylor@care4free.net, www.dandgycling.org

SUNDAY 14TH

Mince Pie Ride to White Horse Hill, 25m. Oxfordshire CTC. Start: Market Place, Wantage, Oxon, 10.00 (SU398879). Proceeds to Whizz Kidz. Contact: Steve Swanton, 6 Edington Place Grove, Wantage, OX12 0BX, t: 01235 764257, e: Rides@wantagectc.org.uk, www.wantagectc.org.uk

SUNDAY 21TH

Meridan Carol Service. Birmingham and Midland CTC. Venue: Meridan Parish Church, 11.30. Meridan Village Hall for teas, 13.00. Contact: Harry Child, 75 Russel Bank Road, Sutton Coldfield, B74 4QR, t: 0121 353 5814, e: harrychild@tiscali.co.uk

Torbay Section Christmas Lunch.

Devon CTC. Venue: Cockhaven Manor, Bishopsteignton, £15.00. Contact: Roy Gable, 10 Chartwell Close, Paignton, TQ3 3LT, t: 01803 665623, e: Roy@Gablereis.co.uk

Loughborough Section Mince Pie

Run. Leicestershire and Rutland CTC. Start: Belton Village Hall nr. Shepshed,

10.30 (SK445205). Contact: Brian Hanners, 45 Manor Farm Meadow, East Leake, Leics LE12 5LL, t: 01509 853038, www.lrctc.bravehost.com

Winter Solstice 200km BR AUK. Peak Audax/Manchester CTC. Start: Bredbury near Stockport, 08.00 (SJ930915). Contact: Mike Wigley, Higher Grange Farm, Milcroft Lane, Delph, Saddleworth, t: 01457 870421, e: mike@PeakAudax.co.uk, www.PeakAudax.co.uk

A Whitegate Christmas 120km BP

AUK. Peak Audax/Manchester CTC. Start: Bredbury near Stockport, 09.00 (SJ930915). Contact: Mike Wigley - as above.

JANUARY

THURSDAY 1ST

New Year's Day Lunch. Chester and North Wales CTC. Venue: Maclean's Pub, Pentre, 12.00 (OS 117/SJ323678). Contact: Arthur Miller, 10 Hawthorn Avenue, Connahs Quay, Deeside, CH5 4TF, t: 01244 931261

New Year's Day Lunch. Chester and North Wales CTC. Start: The Carden Arms, Tilston, 12.00 (OS 117/SJ458514). Contact: Dave Hill, 8 Park Road, West Curzon Park, Chester, CH64 8BQ, t: 01244 681625

SATURDAY 10TH

CTC Cymru AGM. CTC Cymru. Venue: Cycle Museum, Llandrindod Wells, Powys, 11.00. Contact: Dave Twiddy, t: 01544 370661, e: dmtw.llan@btinternet.com

Discovery Ride at Ringford, 22m.

Glasgow CTC. Start: Ringford Village, 10.15 (NX688577), free. Contact: John Taylor, Monksmill, Castle Douglas, DG7 2NY, t: 01556 670395, e: Johnwtaylor@care4free.net, www.dandgycling.org

SUNDAY 11TH

100km Watership Down BP AUK,

South Hampshire CTC. Start: Jubilee Hall, Kings Worthy, Nr. Winchester. Contact: Sue Coles 01962 864479, events@southhampshirectc.org.uk, www.southhampshirectc.org.uk. Turn to page 29 for more information.

SATURDAY 24TH

CTC East Midlands Annual Regional Meeting.

CTC East Midlands. Venue: 1.30pm at the International Community Centre, 61b Mansfield Road, Nottingham. For details, contact John Allen, tel: 01530 243384, email john@allen-sub.freeserve.co.uk

FEBRUARY

SATURDAY 14TH

Discovery Ride at Castle Douglas. Glasgow CTC. Start: Castle Douglas,

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CTC national events in 2008

SERIES/YEAR-LONG EVENTS

March-October: CTC Tourists' Trophy

Location: 400+ events nationally

Organiser: Bob Kynaston,

0208 950 2082,

www.ctc-competitions.org.uk

Qualify for the Season Long competition by mixing 10 events from events covering all aspects of riding from 50km to overnight rides of 600km. A variety of fun events are also included, as are some off-road routes.

t: 0208 950 2082

www.ctc-competitions.org.uk

March-October: CTC Mille Miglia

Location: Nationwide

Organiser: Bob Kynaston,

0208 950 2082,

www.ctc-competitions.org.uk

Engraved Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions for completing 3000, 2000, 1000km in CTC Tourists' Trophy events.

t: 0208 950 2082

www.ctc-competitions.org.uk

All year: British Cycle Quest

Location: 402 locations nationwide

Organiser: Mark Waters

01483 238305

www.ctc-competitions.org.uk

Devise your own routes between predefined locations to answer 402 questions across the UK. Awards are available for visiting, 50, 100, 200, 300 and all 402 sites.

Market Hill Car Park, 10.15 (NX767626), free. Contact: John Taylor, Monksmill, Castle Douglas, DG7 2NY, t: 01556 670395, e: Johnwtaylor@care4free.net, www.dandgycling.org

NEXT SUMMER

West Kent CTC will add a 600k audax ride to its event list for 2009. This means that riders wishing to attain the coveted status of 'Super Randonneur' by riding events of 200, 300, 400 and 600 kilometres can now do so within the West Kent 'Invicta' series. Many of the organising team have PBP & LEL experience and as riders of events themselves they know what it is they want: not just a clear, understandable routesheet, but also good food and rest facilities. Details of this new 600k plus all other events hosted by West Kent CTC can be had by emailing wkctcevents@yahoo.co.uk

WHAT'S ON KEY

Blue text	CTC national events	BEGN	Beginners
Purple text	DATC events	MEET	Meeting
m	Miles	START	Lists place (sometimes with OS grid reference), time, and (if applicable) entry fee
k	Kilometres	DATC EVENT CODES	
AUK	Event validated by Audax UK. See www.audaxuk.net	(a)	25-79 (40-127km)
BP	Brevet Populaire (audax event, usually under 200km)	(b)	80-119 miles (128-192km)
BR	Brevet de Randonneur (audax of 200km and above)	(c)	120-199 miles (193-320km)
COMP	Competitive event	(d)	200 miles-plus (321km+)
SOCL	Social event	(e)	Map readings, tourist competitions, sports days, treasure hunts, hill climbs, freewheeling competition.
OFF-ROAD	Mountain bike/rough-stuff	(f)	Off-road/rough stuff

SMALL ADS

How To Advertise In Cycle

— Small adverts cost 50p per word. Send your advert with a cheque made out to 'Mongoose Media' to: CTC Small Ads, Mongoose Media Ltd, Mongoose House, 2 Lonsdale Rd, London, NW6 6RD.

— The deadline for adverts for the February/March issue is 2nd January.

— Free advertising is available online on the CTC forum: <http://forum.ctc.org.uk/>

CYCLES

DAWES HORIZON, 1993. Ladies 19½ frame (501/531). Excellent condition, 21-speed, quality components. £130 ono. Tel: 01923 260484

GALAXY Used 2 weeks £500. 0115 9329134

LEMOND RENO RACER. Silver, triple, 54cm. 5 months old, little used. Cost £600 plus double sided SPDs & Conti Ultra Gatorskin 23s. £340ono. James.hollyman@harrislamb.com or 07789 178 570

RALEIGH TOURING 21½ Gents 531, 18-speed. Photo. Don Kingston, 020 8549 3769, £190.

THORN DISCOVERY TANDEM. Top spec, superb tourer. Low geared. Includes powered car racklift, £950. Tel: 01132583999

WANTED

80 GOING ON 60 YEAR OLD Widowed gent seeks female holiday companion. Typical climber's build. I'm looking for someone to share a bit of sun, some cycling, the odd walk and good conversation over a drink in the bar. Tel: 07712 766 796

COLLECTOR REQUIRES LIGHTWEIGHT racing/touring cycles, frames and any components dating from 1935 to 1960.

Any condition, everything considered. Cash paid. Will collect. Tel: 01952 883513

LONGSTAFF TOURING FRAME 20.5"-21" centre to top measurement. Also TA Zephyr cranks, 165mm. Tel: 01752 561374

RALEIGH RANDONNEUR. Tel: Chris 07790 455346 or 01246 276448

STEEL TRACK & ROAD FRAMES. Various sizes and condition. Will collect. Lewin, tel: 07977 451 507

BITS

BACK COPIES OF 'CYCLETOURING' MAGAZINE. Complete set from January 1970 to the present day. Tel: 01727 850399

POLKADOT CYCLES. Polka Dot Cycles for bespoke handbuilt wheels, www.polkadotcycles.com. To discuss requirements call 0161 434 3183/07887 780629 or email: polka.cycles@hotmail.com

CLUBS

FELLOWSHIP OF CYCLING OLD TIMERS

The club for nostalgic cyclists, brought together by FN a quarterly of over 100 pages containing letters and articles from members, technical and cycling related queries, the only advertising being members sales and wants and some from old time magazines, together with members and Paterson sketches. Social activities organized by members. For membership details and a sample copy send £1.00 (stamps ok) to J Tallet, 50 Kiln Lane, Oxford or see our website www.fcot.co.uk, email fcot.uk@virgin.net

ROUGH-STUFF FELLOWSHIP

For cyclists who enjoy riding byways and tracks. Regular rides and events covering the best of offroad Britain. For a free sample of our magazine send A5 SAE to John Kemp, 1 Beechfield Road, Hadfield, Glossop, Derbyshire SK13 2BW Tel: 01457 852090 or visit our website www.rsff.org.uk

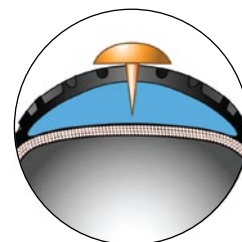
Whether it's mince pie runs or Boxing Day Rides, lots of local CTC groups will still be out over the winter



Left: Matt Hodges

PRIZE DRAW

WIN!



7 PAIRS OF SCHWALBE MARATHON PLUS TYRES

Impregnable. Bombproof. Totally reliable. Puncture-free. Whenever anyone describes Schwalbe Marathon Plus tyres, you'll hear at least one of these descriptions. First tested by Cycle in 2003, they remain probably the most puncture-proof pneumatic tyres you can buy. If you want to avoid replacing an innertube at the roadside – described in our maintenance guide this issue – these are the tyres you need.

The secret to their toughness is a thick layer of springy 'SmartGuard' rubber under the tread. Sharp objects that stick in the tyre get forced out rather than in, and it takes something extreme to get right through and cause a puncture. Yet while the Marathon Plus is heavier than some tyres, the elasticity of the SmartGuard rubber means that it rolls surprisingly well. The sidewalls have a dynamo track and a reflective strip.

Chances are that whatever tyres your commuter or tourer uses, there will be a Marathon Plus to fit. It comes in these sizes: 35-349, 35-355, 35-406, 47-406, 47-507, 35-559, 47-559, 37-590, 42-590, 25-622, 28-622, 32-622, 37-622, 40-622, 47-622, and 40-635. Thanks to Bohle UK, we've got seven pairs – worth nearly £60 per pair – to give away.

For more information about the wide range of Schwalbe tyres, visit www.schwalbe.co.uk or call 01952 602680.

HOW TO ENTER

Complete the coupon below, or a photocopy, and send it to: Schwalbe Prize Draw, CTC, Parklands, Railton Rd, Guildford, GU2 9JX.

Name:

Membership no:

Address:

Daytime telephone:

Email:

Preferred tyre size:

I do not wish to receive product information or offers from Schwalbe.

I do not wish my details to be passed on to any third party.

CTC PRIZE DRAW RULES

1. This is a prize draw open to CTC members only. One entry per person.
2. Entries must be received by 31st December 2008.
3. The draw will be made on 7th January 2009.
4. The winner will be notified by post, telephone or email and may be required to take part in publicity.
5. There are seven prizes, as described, donated by Schwalbe. There are no cash alternatives.
6. Employees of CTC, James Pembroke Publishing, Schwalbe, Bohle UK and their agents cannot enter.
7. Entry coupons will become property of the Bohle UK after the draw, unless indicated otherwise on the coupon.

YOU WIN! Congratulations to Mr P T Sutton of Chippenham, Wiltshire, who wins the On-One II Pompino fixed-wheel road bike that was the prize draw in the October-November issue.