


EVENT NEWS

RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE CYCLING WORLD

Pitching in at York

 York Cycle Show will be a pay-to-enter event from this year onwards. This admission charge will be for the whole site and will include the Trade Area, which visitors previously paid to enter by purchasing a show programme.

The day rate this year will be £3 for adults and £2 for children aged 5 to 16. Under 5s are free and there will also be a discount family ticket. Coloured wristbands will be used, including a weekend one for campers and caravanners. The show takes place on 25th and 26th June.

York Cycle Show Committee has been faced with continually rising costs, and a lack resources to bid for external revenue grants to offset this. Financial reserves have reduced to the point where we risk being unable to continue into 2012. We have recently been advised by City of York Council that we can legally charge entry to the whole site. Our Committee has agreed to implement this, in order to secure the Show's long term viability. We trust that Show visitors will understand the position.

For campers and caravanners, there is a discount for pre-booking. Unfortunately the campsite booking form published in the last issue of Cycle was incorrect and did not show the discount. I was responsible for the error and would like to apologise for that. A correct form is included in this issue on page 81 and can also be downloaded from the Cycle Show website, yorkcycleshow.co.uk. Refunds for those who used the incorrect form will be made when campers arrive on site.

Volunteers are needed before and after the show weekend to help with marking out, setting up and finally derigging. If you can help between 21st and



25th June or on Monday 27th June, please contact the Show Committee via the 'Contact us' link on the website.

Paul Hepworth, Chair of York Cycle Show Committee

EVENTS NEWS IN BRIEF

KIRKPATRICK MACMILLAN RALLY

The KM Rally will be held in September this year, on the weekend of 16-19, at Barnsoul Farm, eight miles west of Dumfries. The campsite will be open, as usual, from Thursday to Tuesday for arrival and departure. A booking form with all necessary information will be sent shortly by email to those who have attended previously. New enquiries should contact Peter Hawkins, peterhawk@care4free.net for further information.

BEAUMANOR HALL CAMPING RALLY

The booking form for the annual Beaumanor Hall Camping Rally, which is on 27-30 May this year, is now available on the CTC East Midlands Region website, ctceastmidlands.co.uk, or by contacting Ray Clay on 01509 261068. Beaumanor Hall is near Loughborough in Leicestershire. This beautiful site is in a rural location with a good choice of quiet lanes in the Chamwood Forest to explore. The terrain is varied, from the challenge of Beacon Hill to the gentle Vale of Belvoir. There are excellent facilities on the site and a variety of led rides will be arranged. Pitches are still available.


SPRING INTO ACTION

This May CTC is encouraging cyclists across the country to have a go at riding in events run by CTC member groups, Cycle Champions and Bike Club officers. The Spring Rides with CTC Groups rides programme starts on Saturday 14 May to coincide with CTC's AGM, and finishes on Sunday 22 May to coincide with the 90th anniversary of the Meriden Rally. The week will spotlight the excellent events run by CTC member groups. To find out about putting on an event or taking part, email cycling@ctc.org.uk.



Tickets are still available for CTC's Dinner & Prize Presentation

It's dinner time

 There's still time to book tickets for the CTC Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation, which takes place on 14th May at the same venue as the AGM that afternoon: the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy. Tickets cost £28 each and bookings must arrive by 6th May. For a booking form, see the Dec/Jan issue of Cycle, visit ctc.org.uk/agm or contact Sue Cherry on 01483 238302.

All CTC members are welcome to attend the AGM. Entry is free but you will need to produce a valid CTC membership card to attend. See the 16-page supplement that came with this magazine for more information about this year's motions – and on voting by proxy if you are unable to attend.

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CTC sportive nice as pie



More than 200 riders turned out for the first CTC Challenge Ride and Sportive event of 2011, The Ride to the Pies in Dorset on 27th February. With a choice of either 58- or 80-mile routes through the Dorset countryside, even the end-of-winter weather couldn't stop those taking part from enjoying on the beautiful countryside along the way.

Heading anticlockwise, the course used back roads and quiet lanes down to the coast at Lulworth Cove before heading inland again and tackling the climbs at Milton Abbas and the brutal Bulbarrow Hill. All those who completed the course were treated to a hot pie at the finish, courtesy of Birds Eye. Judging by the faces at the finish, they were well appreciated!

The next event in the series starts and finishes at Guildford on Sunday 29th May. For more information or to enter visit ctcchallengerides.co.uk or call the CTC Information Office.

The Ride to the Pies sportive was aptly named



85TH COXWOLD SUNDAY



The Coxwold church service for cyclists takes place for the 85th time on 8th May this year. The village is 20 miles north of York and cyclists within a 50-mile radius or so of Coxwold ride out to attend the thanksgiving service and to socialise with other cyclists.

The service has been run on the second Sunday in May since 1927. Along with Meriden (see page 24), it's one of only two such services for cyclists in the country, from the hundreds that began after the First World War in memory of cyclists who didn't return.

'It's a celebration of cycling, whether you're religious or not,' said organiser Eddie Grainger of Teesside CTC, pictured above in between two Coxwold stalwarts, the late Arthur Rodgers (left) and Frank Bradley (right).

The thanksgiving service begins at 1.30pm at St Michael's Church in the village, after a pre-service lunch in the village hall from 12 noon. The cycling address will be given by the Reverend Dr Gavin Wakefield. For more information, contact Eddie Grainger, tel: 01642 312921.