

## Springtime bike shows

**CTC MEMBERS** can get discounts on tickets for two new bike shows in April at opposite ends of the country: the Road Cycling Show at Sandown Park in Esher, Surrey on 21-22 April; and the Scottish Bike Show at SECC, Glasgow, from 13-15 April.

The Road Cycling Show aims to cover all aspects of road-related cycling and will have information, advice and demonstrations for cyclists into sportives, time trials, road racing, or commuting to work. Tickets are normally £15 for adults. CTC members can take advantage of a 15% discount on tickets or sportive entries when booking online in advance. Look for this offer on CTC's website and CycleClips in early April. For show details, see [roadcyclingshow.co.uk](http://roadcyclingshow.co.uk).

The Scottish Bike Show is in its second year. It covers road cycling, mountain biking, street trials, BMX and leisure riding and commuting, with stands, have-a-go sessions and displays. CTC will be there too, on stand A10.

Tickets are normally £10 for adults. CTC members get a £1 discount by booking online at [thescottishbikeshow.com](http://thescottishbikeshow.com) – just enter 'CTC2012' in the voucher code section.



As well as a trade show and lots of rides, York has children's events and a stunt biking show



## YORK ON COURSE

**THE SAVAGE SKILLS** stunt show will be the headline attraction at the 2012 CTC York Cycle Show on 23-24 June. Visitors will also have the chance to try out mountain bikes on site, on a demo track built by local York company Grit Track and Trail. And there will be rides out to York's new dirt jump track at Rawcliffe Country Park, which is next to Sustrans route NCN 65.

Many touring rides will set off from the racecourse site over the weekend, while those looking for a more testing ride can sign up to the Ron Kitching Challenge Ride and Sportive, which starts and finishes at the show (see below).

Events will include displays of Victorian vintage bikes and restored 1980s bikes, plus traditional events such as the saddlebag sale and bike auction.

Entry to the show is £3 for adults and £2 for children aged 5-16, with younger children free and discounts available for families. The show programme will be free, however, as will access to the trade show and exhibition once you're on site.

Bookings are still being accepted for on-site camping, caravan and motorhome pitches (see page 84). For lightweight campers, a wash unit will replace the outmoded tents with their plastic bowls and cold water. The number of portable shower units will also be increased.

For those wishing to pedal into York, the Hub Station by Lendal Bridge offers secure cycle parking for £1 per day.

For more information on getting to York, staying in the city, or just getting around, see the show website: [yorkcycleshow.co.uk](http://yorkcycleshow.co.uk).

## Your next challenge

**TWO HUNDRED** people took part in CTC's Ride to the Pies events at the end of February, while the North West Challenge from Manchester got underway as this issue of Cycle went to press.

The Challenge Ride series continues throughout the spring and summer. Next up is the Guildford event on 26-27 May. The latest Shimano wheels can be ridden for the day through Shimano's new demo programme. There's also an off-road ride. The Ron Kitching Challenge Ride and

Sportive (pictured) follows on 23 June. Participants get free entry to York Cycle Show, where the ride starts and ends.

The Phil Liggett event is a few weeks later this year on 19 August, and the series concludes on 14 October with the Tour of Worcester. Every event will be fully signed and supported, with feed stations and mechanical backup. Each costs £27, although CTC members get a £10 discount. More information and online entry is available at [ctcchallengerides.co.uk](http://ctcchallengerides.co.uk).



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### ► BEAUMANOR HALL CAMPING RALLY

The CTC East Midlands Region camping rally returns to the beautiful grounds of Beaumanor Hall, Woodhouse, near Loughborough, from 1-5 June. All CTC members are welcome. There will be a range of easy and challenging rides each day, taking in quiet lanes and the Charnwood Forest. Other activities will include a film show, and visits to a steam railway and a local pub. The campsite itself has excellent facilities. For further details and booking forms, contact organiser Ray Clay on **01509 261068** or **ray.j.clay@googlemail.com**, or visit the website, which is **ctceastmidlands.co.uk**.

### ► WEST LONDON CTC SPECIAL AGM

There will be a meeting at 7pm on 19 May to consider the motion that 'West London CTC be disbanded'. The venue is the Guide Hut, Community Close, Long Lane, Ickenham, Middx. For further details, contact secretary Dave Peck, 29 Penn Drive, Denham, Uxbridge, Middx, UB9 5JP, tel: 01895 833249, cazndave22@talktalk.net.

### ► FASTER THAN THE OLYMPIANS

The fastest cyclists in the world will be visiting the UK this summer. No, not the London Olympics: it'll be more laid back and have a higher beard quotient – it's the World Human Powered Vehicle Championships at Fowlmead in Kent from 8-10 June. Recumbents of all categories will be tearing around the outdoor track at speeds of over 40mph. You can even enter yourself – it's £45, or £35 in advance. 'The event is open to anyone,' say the British Human Power Club. 'There is no pre-qualification needed and you can ride pretty much any pedal cycle you wish, bicycle, tricycle, quad, foot powered, hand powered – race a unicycle if you really want.' For more information, see **wc2012.bhpc.org.uk**



Fair fight by Barry Raynor



**BRING YOUR BIKE TO SHEFFIELD GO ONLINE** to [sheffieldctc.org](http://sheffieldctc.org) to discover the road and off-road riding opportunities

(Top left) Kevin Hickman and Kamila Szewczyk receive their Volunteer of the Year trophies. (Above) The day after the dinner there is a choice of rides

## JOIN US FOR DINNER

**THERE'S STILL** time to book tickets for the CTC Annual Dinner and Prize Presentation, which takes place on 12 May, the same day as the AGM. Both events are at the Hilton Hotel, Victoria Quays in Sheffield city centre. Tickets cost £30 each and bookings must arrive by Friday 4 May. Fill in the form below. For more information, 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 pages 12-16 for more information about this year's motions. If you are unable to attend in person, you can vote by proxy: refer to the supplement provided with this issue of Cycle.

## CTC NATIONAL DINNER BOOKING FORM



Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ £30 each for the CTC National Dinner on Saturday 12 May. Cheques should be made out to 'CTC' and sent with this form to:

**CTC Membership, PO Box 416, Twickenham, TW1 9GD.**

Names of those attending (use another sheet if necessary). Please put a letter V in brackets, like this (V), after the name of any vegetarians.

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I would like details of local accommodation  Yes  No

I will be taking part in the Sunday rides  Yes  No