

# CTC DA News

News and information from and for CTC local groups

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## CTC Certificates of Merit in Surrey and Norfolk

From time to time the CTC Council awards its Certificate of Merit to members who have rendered outstanding service to the Club, usually but not always, to DAs and Sections.

Latest south of England recipients are Fred and Jean Stevens of the East Surrey DA's Croydon Section, whose joint service totals 90 years. Fred Stevens joined the CTC in 1948, and in 1951 became the Secretary of the Croydon Section and has served on the Committee since then in various roles. He has also been the DA President for several years. Jean joined the CTC in 1950 and has edited the Croydon Section's newsletter for the last 17 years. The Certificates were present-

ed by CTC Vice-President Colin Quemby at the Section's annual slide show in November.

An unexpected birthday present for Albert Walter Nash – variously known as Bert, Walter or Wally – was a CTC Certificate of Merit, presented at his eightieth birthday celebrations in December. The award recognises his exceptional service during his 55 years' membership. 'He thought he had gone for a quiet lunchtime drink at his local,' reports Cec Neale, 'but he was descended



Fred and Jean Stevens proudly display their new joint Certificate of Merit

on by about forty DA members, armed with cards, presents and a cake. Needless to say, he didn't leave until nearly closing time!

### Bert steps down

Guests of honour at the Shropshire and Mid-Wales DA Christmas luncheon were Joyce and Bert Catpole – for what was a unique occasion. Bert's first DA function as an 'ordinary' member since the 1930s! Not only was he DA Secretary for 32 years but he had also been a DA Committee member for a staggering 61 years, only standing down at the DA AGM in November.

'Bert is our only Honorary Life Vice-President,' writes Paul Wagner, 'and he has agreed to help the DA in any way that he can. He is still very active, with such a wealth of knowledge and a wonderfully modern attitude. He will no doubt be helping at events and riding his bike in his beloved Shropshire lanes. Joyce has also served as a Committee member and is DA Treasurer. She has been a constant support and we're pleased that her assistance can be relied on at future events. The DA extends its grateful thanks to both of them.'

### Leicester and Rutland at cycling fair

To celebrate Leicestershire and Rutland DA's centenary this year, the DA and Leicester City Council are joining forces to put on the Leicester Cycling Fair at the City Rooms on Friday 14 and Saturday 15 March. Opening times are 11am to 5pm on Friday and 10am to 5pm on the Saturday. The event coincides with the opening of a new cycling centre in Leicester and the promoters expect quite a number of cycling organisations to take part. Further information on (0116) 252 7347.

### Fife and Kinross celebrate 75 years

Not to be overshadowed by 1997's centenaries elsewhere, members in the Kingdom of Fife are looking forward to an exciting year. Already on sale is a book of members' 75 favourite recipes, while commemorative events are planned throughout the year. One highlight should be a re-enactment on 5 July of the 1927 24-hour ride by the late founder, Walter Browne, who died only a couple of years ago at the age of 100. Other special dates are 22 March for a nostalgic slide show (well, why shouldn't nostalgia creep in on such an occasion?), 26 April for a Founder's Run from Kinross to Myrehaugh Hut, with an anniversary dinner dance on the same date, 1 June for an inter-DA meet, and 18 October for a special ceilidh.

### South Kent help the Canterbury Oast Trust

When residents at the Canterbury Oast Trust's Rare Breeds Farm at Woodchurch – a charity that provides homes for those with mental and physical disabilities – wanted to learn how to improve their cycling skills, the Trust's Linda James got in touch with South Kent DA's Mick Andrews.

The Oast Trust's residents have a wide range of abilities, with consequent problems in speech and confidence, so lessons had to be designed to take these into account, matching the tuition to the individuals wherever possible.

'The lessons were enjoyable and rewarding, for me as well as the residents,' writes Mick Andrews, 'particu-

larly watching riders improve from a starting point of not being able to ride in a straight line and afraid to take a hand off the handlebars. The Rare Breeds Farm organised a special day, with carers and parents present too, for me to present pupils with certificates and to deliver my written report. The occasion allowed me to advise carers and parents on each rider's ability and give them points to watch. The residents' faces at the presentation were ample reward for six weeks' work.'

### Merseyside's second century

The first annual dinner and prize presentation of Merseyside DA's second century, at a new venue in Hoylake, proved a great success. Guest of Honour was Ken Matthews, well-known local cycling promoter and cycling correspondent of the Liverpool Daily Post and Echo who, in wishing the DA well, particularly hoped that the new DA clubroom would be a success. The clubroom is now at the recently-opened Liverpool Cycle Centre, probably unique in the facilities it offers – tables, café, shop, resource centre (including a full set of OS maps), velogym, cycle parking (50p/day), cycle servicing and showers – right in the city centre.

Award recipients were the Birkenhead North End CC for the early-season tourist trial, Alan Shields and Steve Gilmartin for attendances on Social 'A'/Wirral and Intermediate Section runs respectively, and George Lewis for his Portugal tour. Finally, Hazel Blundell (née Carline) presented the John Carline Memorial Plaque to Paul Rodman for outstanding service to the DA.

### CTC BAR 1996

The provisional result given on p8 of the December/January CTC DA News has now been confirmed as final.

### News about people

John and Christine Myerscough of the Fife and Kinross DA are pleased to announce the arrival of their second daughter, Sarah Catriona. She is doing well and already enjoying being towed along in her shiny new trailer.

Alison and Nigel Boulton of East Surrey DA are pleased to announce that their son, Adam Stanley, born on 30 August last year weighing just 2lb 4oz, finally came home from hospital on 2 December, just one week after his 'due date'! He is now doing well and looking forward to some warmer weather to try his trailer out.

### Birmingham Parkes awards

The Birmingham and Midland DA's H W Parkes Memorial Award for services to the Club and the DA has been awarded to John Bedford. John has been secretary of the Northern Section for the last five years and has organised the Northern Audax rides since 1993. He has also organised the DA 100 miles Standard Rides for a similar period and is currently DA Social Secretary and joint organiser of the Meriden Cyclists' Memorial Service weekend.

Dianne Smith of the Southern Wheelers Section has won the H W Parkes Best Allrounder Competition; joint second were Dave Westwood (also Southern Wh) and John Bedford. The competition comprises Audax rides at 100 and 200km, standard rides at 50 and 100 miles and a pace-judging competition. Dianne is the first woman to win the competition.

The H W Parkes Trophies, first awarded in 1966, are memorials to the late Harry Parkes who was the DA's Chairman and President for many years.

### Lothians centenary celebrations

The Lothians DA celebrates its centenary this year. They are celebrating with a social event or special run each month during 1997.

### Edward Zoller Memorial Trophy

Anne Hutchen nee Zoller, in memory of her father's love of and long service to the Lothians DA, has donated a quai to be presented for service to the DA. Nominations for this trophy, to be presented for the first time in the DA's centenary year, should be in the hands of the general secretary by 1st March 1997.

### Wearside Section

**Clubroom:** Willow Pond Pub, (upstairs), Hylton Rd, Sunderland, 1st and 3rd **Tuesday** in month, 8pm. **Sunday** rides: Meet at Barnes Hotel, Durham Rd, Sunderland, 9.30am. Medium and easy rides. Details: Bill Young (0191) 526 4688

### North Yorkshire

#### York Section

**Clubroom:** The Minster Inn, Marygate, York. Every **Thursday**, 8pm to closing time. **16 February:** Largest Club DA meet in the North. BRSA at Selby, noon; **22 February:** Annual Buffet and Presentation, St Sampsons, Church St, York. All for £5. Tickets from Mike Haseltine (01904) 769018; **28 March:** Easter tour in Welsh borders, based on Shrewsbury. Details: Dave (01757) 248533; **7 April:** Majorca - 35 from Yorkshire, meeting up with 14 from Glasgow; **9-11 April: Coxwold Weekend** - 55mls off road in N Yorkshire; **10 April:** 100/200k Auda; **11 April:** 71st Cyclist Service. Vacancies in well established all cyclist choir.

**Intermediate Group:** All rides start at York Railway Stn, 9am unless otherwise stated. **9 February:** Osmotherly; **16 February:** Forge Valley; **23 February:** Otley Chevin; **2 March:** Middleham; **9 March:** Levisham; **16 March:** Stokesley; **23 March:** 100k Auda start Deans Garden Centre, 9am. Details and entry £1.50 to Gerry 795695; **30 March:** Greenhow; **6 April:** Start 8am, Reeth. Details: Keith Benton; 769378 or Bill Baker 769106. **Social Group:** All rides start 9.30am from York Railway Stn unless stated. **9 February:** Fountains Abbey; **16 February:** Selby BRSA joint club meet; **23 February:** Tibthorpe; **2 March:** 9am start, Follifoot; **9 March:** 9am start, Cold Wold; **16 March:** 9am start, Ripon meet Leeds DA Spa Cafe; **23 March:** 100k start 9am, Deans Garden Centre. Details and £1.50 entry to Gerry Bosell 795695; **30 March:** 9am start, Ryedale. **6 April:** 9am start, Riveaulx. Details: David (01757) 248533 or Gerry 795695. **Thursday** evening rides start Station Gardens, 7pm, short ride with pub stop. Lights required. Details: Paul 791700. **Sunday** afternoon short rides start junction Malton Rd & Stockton Lane, 2pm. Details: Gary 421642.

**Wednesday Wheelers:** meet Exhibition Square, 9.30am. Rides stay together until eleven, then split into two groups, allowing those who want to get more miles in to do so. **5 February:** 11's, tba, Slingsby 12.30pm; **12 February:** 11's Terrington, Wass; **19 February:** 11's Wetherby, Thorne; **26 February:** 11's Bulmer, Thixendale. Contact: Walter 425622 or Ivor 637980

#### Ryedale Section

Family section and intermediate rides start 9.30am, Malton Stn. Family section contact: Barry Ward (01653) 692573 Intermediates Contact: Ben Monks (01653) 694092

#### Tandem Club Section

**23 March:** 100k Auda. Start York. Details: Ian or Gill Smith (01757) 709085 for 1997 programme.

#### Wednesday Nomads

Contact: Peter Gray (01904) 471069 or Micky 470071

### South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire

Secretary: Mrs T Miall, 63 York Rd, Eastwood, Rotherham S65 1PW; (01709) 368500

#### Doncaster Section

Secretary: Iain Leach (01302) 539039 **Clubroom:** Hamilton Lodge, Carr House Road, Doncaster, 1st and 3rd **Wednesday** of the month. **Sunday** runs start from Elmfield Park Gates, 9am prompt. **Wednesday** Evening Runs, start 7pm prompt, Elmfield Park gates. A new mid-week section is being formed and will be meeting at Elmfield park gates at 9am on **Tuesdays**. **Thorne Audax Section:** Secretary David Thornton (01302) 887776.

**Novices Rides:** Open invite on request, including one to one re-assurance, assessment, Saturdays. Contact: Richard Oxbey (01302) 853777. **Autumn Tints Group:** Over 50's group every Wednesday daytime. Contact: Gwen Gaines (01302) 709119. **Doncaster Cycle Promotion Group:** Meet 2nd **Tuesday** of every month, 8pm. The Mason's Arms, Doncaster Market Place. Contact: Peter Poppy (01302) 320656

### Sheffield Section

(in association with Tandem Club and Pedal Pushers) Secretary: Norman Stansfield (0114) 2815577. Details: Tandem Club: Barry Raynor (0114) 237 2630. CTC: Clive Wilman (01246) 473330 or Norman Stansfield (0114) 281 5575.

#### Sheffield Vets

Contact: Charles Darvill (0114) 230 1758

#### Thorne Audax Section

Secretary: David Thornton (01302) 887776

### Teesside

**Clubroom:** Stockton Parish Church Hall, Church Road, Stockton (entrance opp Police Stn), alternate **Wednesdays** 7pm for prompt 7.30pm start; refreshments; friends welcome. **Clubnights - 5 February:** Members slides and photo comp; **19 February:** Around and About Cumbria; **5 March:** Touring in Finland; **19 March:** Annual DA Slide Show; **9 April:** Cleveland Search and Rescue. **Other Events - 9 February:** Hardriders 50 in 4. Details: 467005; **16 February:** 72nd Anniversary Lunch. Details: 782563; **6 April:** Hardriders 100 in 7. Details: 467005. **Hardriders:** **Sundays:** Contact: Dave Bell (01642) 467005. **Central Section Sundays:** Contact: Ivor Wallis (01642) 818676. **East Cleveland Group:** Meet Suggett's Cafe or Old Dairy Tea Rooms (Rebecca's), Gt. Ayton, **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** 10am. Contact: David Bell 485637. **Sunday Morning Section:** Contact: Alan Walker (01642) 582665. **Autumn Tints:** **Sundays** and **Thursdays.** Contact: Charlie Imeson (01642) 594690; **Ladies Section:** **Sundays** and **Thursdays.** Contact: Kath Todd (01642) 861487. **Teesside Road Club:** **Tuesdays.** Contact: Les Dawson (01642) 789456. Full details of clubnights, events and sections in *Fixed and Free*, from Eric Pengilly (01642) 460017.

### West Yorkshire

For details of all WYDA events please contact WYDA Secretary John Radford (01484) 851480, after 6.30pm. **6 April:** Ride Out Lunch to Addingham. Meet Otley Market Place 10am, all sections plus anyone else wanting to join in the fun. Ring for details. A great start to a cycling year.

#### Batley and Dewsbury Section

Contact: Peter Ralph, Section Secretary, at 27 Doughting Road, Thornhill, Dewsbury, WF12 0EU, for full details of all section events **Winter Clubroom:** Middlestown Methodist Church Hall. Slideshows and Social evenings - **2nd Friday** in **February** and **March** at 7.30pm. All welcome, new riders especially. **22-23 February:** YH weekend, Hathersage Details: Peter Ralph. **Sunday** runs every week throughout the Winter.

#### Halifax Section

Contact: Section Secretary, Linda Kaghley (01422) 345968 for details of all section activities, including runs list and events. **Winter Clubroom:** Oddfellows Hall, Unity House, Coleridge St, Halifax, 7.45pm every week for slide shows and social evenings. All welcome. **14 March:** Annual Dinner and Presentation, Imperial Crown Hotel, 7.30pm, details Linda or Leslie Baker; **21 March:** Saddlebag Sale, Coleridge Street, 7.45pm. Bring your saleable items & money.

#### Huddersfield Section

Contact: Mel Gibson (01484) 533981, or John Radford (01484) 851480, for details of all section activities. Runs lists available. **22 February:** Social night out, Indian Restaurant. Bring own liquid refreshment. Contact M or H Gibson. **2 March:** National Trust Ride, ATB's, Lunch Marsden meet Meltham Library, 10.30am, ring for more details; **22 March:** Social Night. Chinese Night Out, Kirkburton, 7.15pm. Details: M or H Gibson. **Sunday** runs every week. Road and mountain bikes catered for, all welcome, old and new ring for runs lists. Riders under 16yrs of age, must be accompanied.

#### Leeds Section

Contact: Andy Gibson (0113) 261 0153 for full runs list and details of all section activities.

#### Pontefract Section

Contact Section Secretary: Graham Lawrence (01977) 644606 after 7pm, for details of all section activities and runs list. All welcome to join rides.

### Falkirk

DA Secretary: Hugh Lyon, 2 Islands Crescent, Halglen, Falkirk; (01324) 634206 for full details of events. **Clubroom:** The North End Hall, Mungahhead Rd, Bainsford, Falkirk, **Fridays**, 8pm - 10pm. It is hoped to have a programme of slide shows throughout the winter. **Sunday** runs 9am and **Wednesday evening** runs 6.45pm (**April to September**). Both rides leave from the pedestrian area to the North of Lint Riggs/Newmarket Street junction. **9 February:** Strathblane; **16 February:** Drumpeller; **23 February:** Musselburgh (car assisted); **2 March:** Sherrymuir; **9 March:** Crow Rd; **16 March:** Rumbling Bridge; **23 March:** Pleasure; **30 March:** Biggar (car assisted); **6 April:** Loch Vennoch; **13 April:** Loch Glow; **Weekends** will be by arrangement. **22 February:** Loch Lomond YH; **28-31 May:** Polmold Hut. Contact: Hugh (01324) 634206 for full details of all events.

### Fife and Kinross

**5 February:** Balgedie Toll, Nr Kinrosswood, 12.30pm; **8 February:** Cycle Tavern, Auchtermuchty, 12.30pm; **9 February:** Led run from Kinross Leisure Centre, 1pm; **12 February:** Chapel Tavern, Kirkcaldy, 7.30pm; **15 February:** Powmill Milk Bar, 12.30pm; **22 February:** Ron Pope, Milnathort, 12.30pm; **1 March:** Lomond Hotel, Falkland, 12.30pm; **5 March:** Red Lion, Culross, 12.30pm; **8 March:** Charlie & Lorraine Brown, Dunfermline, 12.30pm; **9 March:** Led run from Kinross Leisure Centre, 1pm; **12 March:** Chapel Tavern, Kirkcaldy, 7.30pm; **15 March:** Butterchurn, Keltly, 12.30pm; **22 March:** Myrehaugh Hut, Dunning Glen, 12.30pm; **29 March:** Kinross Nostalgic Slide show, Baldrigguburn Institute, Dunfermline, 7.15pm; **29 March:** Crusoe Hotel, Lower Largo, 12.30pm; **2 April:** Buttery Restaurant, Tillicoultry, 12.30pm; **5 April:** Hillclimb/Freewheel Competition. OC. Map 58 ref 921966, 10.30am; **5 April:** Saline Hotel, Saline, 1pm. All **Saturday** rides are rendezvous rides, where all members make their own way to meeting place for lunch. Further details from Runs Secretary: Barbara (01383) 860810. **Wednesday rides:** Contact: John (01383) 510021

### Glasgow

**Clubroom:** Edith Cottage, 48 Old Castle Road, Cathcart, Glasgow G44. **Thursdays**, 7.30pm. **6 February:** Wallace McNulty's slides; **13 February:** Dave Mason's Slides; **20 February:** Southern Ireland - Willie Dickson; **27 February:** ... **5 March:** Quiz with slides; **13 March:** Julie and Ronnie's Double Act - J Rattray and R Chard; **20 March:** Colour Slides Competition; **27 March:** Auction for Club funds. **Sunday** runs leave St. Enoch Square, 10am. Other dates and starts as listed. Contact: Julie Rattray (01389) 764120. **9 February:** Easyriders run; **1 March:** Stewarton Lanes, 10am Clarkston Toll; **9 March:** Strathaven Lanes; **16 March:** Cameron Muir; **22 March:** Kilmacoll Cycle Track, 10am Paisley Canal Stn; **28-31 March:** Easter Tour; **5 April:** Stirling, 10am Lenzie Stn; **19 April:** Rumbling Bridge, 10am Stirling Stn. Contact: Betty Marshall, 33 Braehead Ave, Milngavie, Glasgow, G62 6DH; (0141) 956 1265.

#### Clydenorth Section

**Saturday** and **Sunday** runs: Varied start points. **8 March:** 10am Lanark Stn; **22 March:** Kilmacoll Cycle Track, 10am Paisley Canal Stn; **28-31 March:** Easter Tour; **5 April:** Stirling, 10am Lenzie Stn; **19 April:** Rumbling Bridge, 10am Stirling Stn. Contact: Betty Marshall, 33 Braehead Ave, Milngavie, Glasgow, G62 6DH; (0141) 956 1265.

#### Ayrshire Section

**Sunday** rides. **8 December:** Annual Christmas Dinner Ride from Ayr Old Brig,



10am; **12 January:** Kilwinning Station, 10am. Details: Stewart Todd (01292) 478279. **Sunday** Easy rides. **29 December:** Ayr Baths, 10am; **26 January:** Hurford Cross, 10am. Details: Alice Bates (01292) 289686

### Grampian

**Full-day** runs every two weeks on alternate **Saturdays** and **Sundays**. **Easy Morning Runs:** Every two weeks on alternate **Saturdays** and **Sundays**. **Easy Paced Runs:** Most weekends during Winter months. **Social evenings** during Winter months. For full details, send sae to Sheila Rusbridge, 91 Whitehall Pl, Aberdeen, AB25 2PD

### Highlands

All cycle runs start at 10am. For details contact: Steve (01408) 633921. **8 February:** Meet Tore, Cromarty; **16 February:** Meet Nairn Bus Stn; **16 March:** Meet Eden Court. Mountain Bike to Lentrans; **27-30 March:** Easter in Pitlochry; **28 April:** Meet Nairn bus stn, to Randolphs Leap.

### Lothians

**Clubroom:** Saughtonhall Community Centre, Saughtonhall Avenue, Edinburgh. **Saughtonhall, 8pm. Social Programme:** All events held at the clubrooms starting 8pm. **5 February:** Slides - Hostels of the Past - R. Jardine; **19 February:** Slides, Memories are Made of This - G. Berwick; **5 March:** Rough Slides - J. Law; **19 March:** St Kilda - Slides - G. Mickle; **26 March:** Bike Bag Sale - A Lindsay; **Sunday Easy runs:** Most **Sundays** and **midweek** runs by arrangement. Contact: Jack Murdoch (0131) 332 5265. **Sunday group:** Pace, destination and length to suit those attending. Meet Commonweath Pool, 10am. Contact: Jackie Howlett (0131) 664 0526. **Midweek:** standard intermediate, various meeting places, 10am. Contact: Jimmy Law (0131) 442 2240.

**Saturday group:** Pace, destination and length to suit those attending. Meet Commonweath Pool, 10am. Contact: Richard Russell (0131) 661 8614. **Hardriders:** Standard demanding, various meeting places, 10am. **Sundays:** some long week ends. Contact: Duncan Peet (0131) 554 2208.

**Family group:** Caters for parents with young children, who are either carried or towed in child buggies. Contact: Sonya Watt (01506) 881338. **YH Weekends:** Contact Richard Russell (0131) 661 8614. **28 March:** Glendevon YH; **29 March:** Pitlochry YH; **30 March:** Killin YH

#### Bordes Group

**22 March:** Run at 10am from Galashiels Market Sq, then Melrose YH for evening. (No need to stay in hostel); **12 April:** Broadmayrads YH (evening); **13 April:** **Sunday** run 10.30am from Selkirk Market Sq. Further information contact: Ian Oliver (01835) 822227. When booking hostel, please mention the CTC.

#### Linlithgow Section

A full programme of both easy and demanding runs plus YH weekends. Contact: Alan Black (01506) 842804

### Tayside

Series of runs for old and new members, meeting in the Forfar area. **23 February:** Alyth; **16 March:** Glen Isla; **27 April:** Glen Clova. Details: Pat or Ron Harrow (01575) 574 082. **Angus Area Campaign Meetings:** Contact: Ian McConnell, Arbroath 871 772 for dates of Campaign meetings.

### Northern Ireland

**Clubroom:** St. Kevin's Minor Hall, corner of Frederick St, and North Queen St, Belfast. Alternate **Thursdays**, 8pm. **13 February:** Travelogue in sound and pictures; **27 February:** Here there and everywhere; **13 March:** Pittsburgh to New York by cycle; **27 March:** Cycling - a means of transport and The Cork and Welsh tours; **29 March:** **1 April:** Easter Tour details from Jim Winters.

### Dublin

**Wednesday** evening rides. The return of Culture night. The Liffey Ride. For more details contact Runs Secretary.