



Newsletters are on display in the Clubroom.
Previous issues can be found in the Members' Area of the website.

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SUNDAY'S SING SONG

Don't forget to make it to the Christmas gathering at the Woodman, Otford on Sunday, 12th where groups will meet up from 12 midday for lunch and music from Wildeoates.



WHEELS OF SUCCESS

Bike Hire in London is now [open](#) to all users, registered or casual. Meanwhile in Holland they have to cope with the consequences of almost [too much cycling](#). This scheme in Ashford introduces youngsters early to the notions of [shared space](#).

CYCLE SHOW

The inaugural [London Bike Show](#) will take place on 13-16 January at the ExCeL centre in Docklands. With an emphasis on outdoor events, the show will include the Boat Show and Outdoors Show too. Book early for [discount tickets](#).

TRAGEDIA

The outcome of [this road accident](#) in Calabria, Italy was of exceptional proportions - seven cyclists dead and three injured. The Giro d'Italia will mark the tragedy on 14 March during the stage in Calabria.

CTC CHARITY VOTE

You have until Friday, 14th January to submit your vote on converting the CTC to a charity. If what is given on [CTC website](#) leaves you in doubt, you can look at discussions on [yacf.co.uk](#) or CTC forum [boards](#). [Below](#) the statement from Jeff Tolleran submitted to *Cycle* but only produced in part. Also, a request from Hugh Roach.

ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

West Kent's Photographic Competitions have a long, successful history. The first took place in 1937. Entries to the Monochrome and Colour prints and Digital categories of the 2011 Annual Competition should be submitted to Peter Scott by Sunday, 9th January.

BARN DANCE

The Barn Dance will be held on Friday, 14th January at Pratts Bottom Village Hall. Doors open at 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start with music provided by the Crooked Stove Pipe. Bring your own drinks and glasses; there will be a raffle. Tickets available from [Lynne Friday](#).

PRIZE PRESENTATION LUNCHEON

The Prize Presentation Luncheon will take place on Saturday, 29th January at Shoreham Golf Club. Tickets for this event are available from [Jean Tobin](#) (01689 852871) and cost £18.50 for a 3-course meal, coffee and mints. Apologies for the unexpected £1 increase on the previously-advertised price - we hope all members will be able to join us.

WEST KENT CTC MEDAL SERIES 2010

The deadline for claiming a medal is Sunday, 12 December. The email and details can be found [below](#).

HERNE HILL VELODROME

Good news for the [Save the Velodrome](#) campaign as London Borough of Southwark pledges to put the Herne Hill historic track at the heart of its [Olympic legacy fund](#).

BIKE THEFTS

Some good advice on discovering [stolen bikes](#).



CYCLING

Some mean riding skills by Danny MacAskill in this video collection of [cycling stunts](#).

ONE-DAY MAINTENANCE COURSES

Anyone over the age of 16 who lives, works or studies in the [Borough of Lewisham](#) is being offered a subsidised bike maintenance course.

MORE SPOTY FOR CAV

Mark Cavendish has been shortlisted for the second year running for [BBC Sports Personality of the Year](#). You can vote for him and his five stages of the TdF and points jersey of the Vuelta on the live awards show on Sunday, 19th from 7-9pm.

XMAS GIFTS THAT DON'T COST!

Three ideas for creative kiddies or anyone fed up with expensive gift suggestions and few pennies!

- ✧ Take an old sheet, duvet cover or curtain (ask first) and make lots of handy, bike-shining cloths;
- ✧ Find your loudest, most rhythmic tracks and make a Training Tunes CD;
- ✧ [Prepare](#) some top performance cycling [lollies](#) for an after-training treat!



<i>For the Diary</i>	<i>See Runs List for WK rides</i>
Sunday, 12 th Dec.	Christmas Sing Song - Club get-together Woodman, Otford from midday
Sunday, 12 th Dec.	Mince Pie & Stollen 100 Hailsham 8.30pm
Sunday, 19 th Dec.	Central London CTC Hills and a Reservoir Sevenoaks Station 10am
Thursday, 23 rd Dec.	Christmas Mince Pie & Sausage Roll Evening, Clubroom 8.45pm
Saturday, 25 th Dec.	2512 Ride, Southwark Cyclists Cutty Sark Gardens 10am
Friday, 31 st Dec.	London Critical Mass 6.30pm National Theatre, South Bank
Friday, 14 th Jan.	Barn Dance with Crooked Stove Pipe Pratts Bottom Village Hall 7.30pm
Saturday, 15 th Jan.	Hills & Mills Audax 100km Hailsham 9am



BRITAIN BY BIKE featuring Clare Balding continues 16/20/21/22 December, on BBC2

MARK CAVENDISH'S YEAR

Sunday, 26th 6-7pm (27th/28th/30th) on British Eurosport



Paras in **black** were unchanged
Paras in **blue** were edited
Paras in **red** were censored

Statement to Cycle Magazine

- This petition was submitted because I and many others are so unhappy at the way in which the proposal to convert the CTC into a full charity was presented to members and the way in which the motion promoting it at the AGM was handled. These grounds are clearly spelt out as numbers one to five in the petition now published in the current issue of Cycle Magazine.
- Presentation was heavily biased; those opposed to the proposal were given little opportunity to state their case widely and some were subject to shockingly personal abuse by National Councillors
- At the AGM Motion 8 was lost on votes cast and directed proxy votes. The Chairman, however, then used his discretionary votes not for the 'status quo' but to push through the motion by a narrow majority.
- You asked why serve the petition since Motion 10 (to adopt the revised Memorandum and Articles of Association) had been defeated at the AGM. This stopped the CTC from proceeding with conversion. However, at no time have the Chairman or Chief Executive acknowledged that the proposal is abandoned. There has been silence and nothing said to confirm that the National Office will not resubmit motion 10 to proceed with conversion.
- The CTC is a membership organisation and that is what members wish it to remain. The CTC has failed to make a convincing case to demonstrate benefit for members not achievable without becoming a full charity. Far from gaining more control, the CTC as a charity would be required to put public interest and charitable objects above the interests of members.
- Gift Aid would qualify for tax rebate only if used for charitable purposes, not member benefits.
- As a charity, benefits to members would be limited to 25% of subscriptions, subject to some exemption.
- Members feel strongly that the focus of the CTC has moved heavily away from serving members and concentrated instead on seeking to obtain government contracts and project work. That is not the main purpose of a membership oriented organisation. Support for local groups seems to have dwindled. Let's concentrate on the basics.
- With the massive cut-backs in public expenditure, the CTC Trust can anticipate a huge loss of income, when it is already being subsidised by membership subscriptions.
- The time is not right for the CTC to become a full charity. Instead it should concentrate more steadfastly on its core functions: providing services to members, campaigning for, promoting and protecting the rights of all cyclists.
- What do I seek to achieve? That the CTC postpone its ambition to register the CTC as a charity and merge the Club with the CTC Charitable Trust, but concentrate instead on developing and enhancing its core functions as a membership club.

Jeff Tolleran
8 November 2010

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CTC - Charitable Status
Message from [Hugh Roach](#)

You should have received your copy of "Cycle" which includes your yellow voting paper.

Our petition has worked due to the inaptitude of the CTC organisation in trying to bamboozle the Membership at the AGM.

I urge you to use your vote AGAINST the Council's Proposal.

Remember that this decision is irreversible - once made there is no going back and the Charity Commissioners would then be in charge of OUR Club (not us, the members).

We must vote it out in order to further discussions and look seriously at the long term implications.

PLEASE USE YOUR VOTE..... VOTE AGAINST

West Kent CTC Medal Series *** CLAIM 2010 ***

DEADLINE DATE FOR CLAIMS IS SUN 12th DEC 2010 i.e. THE DAY OF THE SING SONG

If you wish to make a claim for a medal or badge for **successfully** completing WKCTC 2010 events, please email or snail mail a simple list of the event(s) you have completed as follows:

- by email to wkctc.outdoorevents9@gmail.com or
- by post to WKCTC Medal Series, 274 Singlewell Road, Gravesend, Kent DA11 7RE
(If you require written confirmation, please include a SAE)

Engraved Gold, Silver or Bronze medals are £10.00 each while enamel badges are available for an engraved cost of £4.00 each. Cheques, payable to **West Kent CTC**, may be posted or handed over to Bob at the Sing Song.

Medals will be presented at the Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation Luncheon on 29th Jan 2011 or sent on by post (please enclose a SAE).

A "Medal Series" comprises one of the combinations listed below with the classic series being the Gold category i.e. a minimum of 5 successful events.

Medal	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3	Event 4	Event 5
GOLD	Minimum 400k	Minimum 200k	Minimum 150k	Minimum 80k or 100k	25m Roughstuff
SILVER	Minimum 200k	Minimum 150k	Minimum 80k or 100k	Min. 80k or 25 Roughstuff or 50k Hilly	
BRONZE	Minimum 150k	Minimum 80k or 100k	Min. 80k or 25 Roughstuff or 50k Hilly		
ENAMEL BADGE	Any 1 or 2 events				

N.B: A longer distance may be substituted for a shorter event

The 2010 Series comprised the following events:

Invicta Grimpeur 100k / Hilly 50k
 Invicta 100k / 300k / 400k / 600k / 25 Mile Roughstuff (Off Road)
 Hop Garden 100k/160k/200k

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 	<p>In Winged Words December/January:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Rough Stuff and Hill Climb reports ✚ Results of Winged Words Best Article Competition ✚ History of the Winged Wheel ✚ Results of Summer Photographic ✚ Birthday Rides & Cotswolds Touring ✚ All your Autumn ride reports ✚ Chat With a cycling postie, and more! <p>For a copy or to subscribe, email Richard Bush.</p>	 <p>ADVERTISE in Winged Words Tell cyclists of the local area and beyond about your business. Six issues per annum Full page: £50 Half page: £30 Quarter page: £18 Email Richard Bush.</p>
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