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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

The Sevenoaks Cycling Forum approached all 97 candidates in the forthcoming local government elections of 5th May to ask, if elected, would they be supporting:

- Traffic calming in residential areas
- 20 mph speed limits in residential areas
- Measures to help cyclists and pedestrians travel safely to work, shops and schools?



You can read who said what on the Forum's [website](#). Open the bookmarks function to find your ward. Then vote on Thursday.

AND CTC VOTING

You have until 12th May to get your [proxy vote](#) in on the proposal to amend governing Articles and adopt unified charitable status. Forms were in April/May issue of Cycle or are available on the [website](#). There's still debate about this, some of which you can read on the [Forum](#) and some on the [Save the CTC](#) site. John Meudell, CTC Councillor for the Southeast, recently resigned. His letter of resignation can be seen [here](#) in an email from Jeff Tollerman. The Chair of CTC Council responds as [follows](#). This year's AGM and Dinner will take place in Weymouth on Saturday, 14th May.

GRAVESEND NEW THURSDAY NIGHT START PLACE

[Gravesend CTC](#) held their last ride starting from Woodlands Park Gates on 31st March 2011. The occasion was celebrated with a couple of short speeches to the gathering of 30 riders before the start. There was recognition of Sue Lisser who placed an advertisement in the Local in 1982, "Companions required for gentle cycling", and to Jim Brown who took on the Secretarial post. The rides start has been at the same place for the last 29 years and, although there was nobody present who attended the first Section Ride, there were three riders who had been with the Section since 1983. All thirty members/riders then proceeded to view the new starting venue [on the bridge at the junction of the A227 and the Linear Cycle Park](#).

'RIDE WITH CTC' WEEK

The [Spring Rides week](#) encouraging all members and potential new members to cycle with CTC will take place between 14th and 22nd May. West Kent Groups Ride takes place on Sunday, 22nd. Elevenses: [Spadework at Offham](#); Lunch: [White Rock, Underriver](#).

KNOCKHOLT RAILWAY STATION PARKING & CYCLING LANE

With increased parking on either sides of the road around Knockholt station, Sevenoaks District Council is proposing new restrictions. You can [view the proposals](#) and comment until 30th April. Consider suggesting: (a) A mandatory cycle lane (solid white line) to be installed on the double yellows; (b) The pay and display parking bays to be installed on the outside of a mandatory cycle lane; (c) The speed limit on the road to be reduced to 30mph.

POLHILL

Peter Ashlee has made progress with his bid to impress the dangers of Polhill on Kent Highway Services. The district transport officer is now developing a new plan for Polhill and Pilgrims Way West junction as part of the 'Crash Remedial Scheme' and will be asking for the opinion of cyclists once it is ready. Meanwhile, if you have any input, email [Peter](#).

CALLING ANY CYCLING EVANGELISTS

Rob Ainsley is looking to hear from commuters who can convert colleagues and friends to join them for an article for *Cycle*. If you can contribute on any of the following, then please [email him](#):

- looking normal and businesslike rather than bikey and weird;
- getting work stuff to work without a ministerial car carrying your shoes;
- not sweating like a rugby player's armpit;
- being on time (strategies to avoid or deal with punctures etc);
- practical bike buying (folder?; Cycle to Work scheme adoption?);
- providing, in your capacity as office bike expert, useful information when it's asked for (e.g. routes, training).

For the Diary	See Runs List for WK rides	
Friday, 29 th April	London Critical Mass 6.30pm National Theatre, South Bank	
Sunday, 1 st May	Cycling By The Water Again London CTC Tonbridge Station 10am	Central
Monday, 2 nd May	San Fairy Ann CycloSportive 118k Marden 9am	
Sunday, 8 th May	Hop Garden Audax Series 8/8.30/9am Meopham Scout Hall Tom Jackson	
14 th – 22 nd May	Ride with CTC Week	
Saturday, 14 th May	Invicta 400km Audax Weald Scout Hut 12pm	
Sunday, 15 th May	10% Ride Weald Scout Hut 10am	
Sunday, 15 th May	Castle Ride 100 Charity Ride Tonbridge 7am- 100k or 100m	
Sunday, 22 nd May	WK Group Get Together Spadework Nursery Cafe 11am	
Sunday, 22 nd May	Sidcup-Whitstable Ride 60m Sidcup Cycle Centre 7 – 9am	
Sunday, 22 nd May	KM Big Kent Charity Ride Downland Cycles, Canterbury 9.30am	
Friday, 27 th May	London Critical Mass 6.30pm National Theatre, South Bank	
Sunday, 29 th May	Guildford CTC Challenge Ride & Sportive 100k/100m Parklands	
Monday, 30 th May	Lord Whisky CycloSportive 80/116k Park House Animal Sanctuary 9.30am-	



BIKES FOR SALE

SUN TANDEM, CTC model 20x20", fitted with steel chainsets, resilion cantilever brakes and hub brake at the rear. Colour: black; all original equipment. Tyres shot, new required. £95 ono.

EXCEL CYCLE 21.5" bike complete, 26x1.25 wheels, resilion cantilever brakes, steel chainset (Williams) fixed gear. 1/8 chain, £80.

CYCLE TRAILER, two wheel, needs two new tyres 16x1 3/8. £45

Bob Tomlinson 07752 126516

ROAD CLOSURE

On Monday, 2nd May **Carters ('One Tree') Hill**, Underriver will be closed from 7am to 1pm for the Tonbridge Lions Triathlon.



CURB APPEAL

LCC are asking your support for their [petition](#) for lorry driver cycle-awareness training. They are close to the 10,000 names needed by 15th May, but need the final few hundred now. Help them improve safety in London.

TOUR OF BRITAIN

With [seven Stages](#) around the country leading to the Final Stage in Central London on Sunday, 18th September, the TdB needs volunteers to help with marshalling. You can sign up [here](#).



IN THE PINK

May means the **Giro** (7 – 29) and this year will be particularly special as Italy celebrates 150 years of unification. Stages take in places of historic relevance plus a trip to Etna. Road.cc offers this [fantastic guide](#) of how to get up close. While if you prefer cycling the Nove Colli Week for some of the time, look at [this trip](#).

FLY RIDE

[Here's](#) a good traveller's tale about packing the bike and taking it with you. Did that really cost £7.99?

BAR INTERIM RESULT

Check out the BAR Interim Result Q1/2011 [here](#).

TWEED RUN

Pictures of the third annual Tweed Run in London on 9th April and the inaugural Osaka Tweed Run in March.



EAST KENT

If you or any of your visitors fancy a ride in East Kent, then this

[Downlands Cycles page](#) offers a variety of routes with detailed directions attached. [Downlands & KM Charity Ride](#) takes place on Sunday, 22nd May

MOUNTAIN BIKING EVENT AT PORC

Penshurst Off Road Centre will be hosting the 2011 [first round of Dirt Wars](#), Britain's premier mountain bike dirt jump series, on Saturday, 21st May. Read more about the events at the [Dirt Wars site](#).

CHILEAN INSANITY AT ITS FINEST

Downhill madness [here](#) from the Valparaiso Cerro Abajo Race.

TV & RADIO

Not to be missed, this Radio 4 edition

Membership lists



CTC member group registration officers receive a new membership list at the beginning of every month. Other groups can request a one-off copy of the list to contact CTC members in that area - with permission from the member group concerned - and on CTC business only.

of *You and Yours* focused on cycling safety. With guest speaker CTC's bike safety representative Roger Geffen, the programme covers issues arising from accident figures, HGVs and attitudes to road-sharing.

West Kent CTC

CAMPING RALLY WEEKEND

All West Kent CTC Members Invited

Saturday, 6th and Sunday, 7th August
Hope Hill Scout Camp, Meopham, DA13 0QJ.
Travelling N on A227 it's ¾ mile past Culverstone Green on R.
Travelling S on A227 it's ¾ mile past Meopham Green on L.

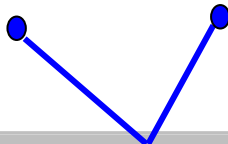
On site from 10am Saturday until 6pm Sunday

Book Now!

The West Kent Fun/Social event of the Year!

More information at

www.gravesendctc.org.uk/west_kent_ctc_camp.html



Tour of Romandy	28/4-2/5	British Eurosport 2
Tour of Turkey	28/4-2/5	British Eurosport 2
Women's Road World Cup	29/4-1/5	British Eurosport
Giro d'Italia	8 – 30/5	British Eurosport
Tour of California	15 – 24/5	British Eurosport

WEST KENT CTC PRESENTS

THE 10% RIDES 2011

The easy alternative to riding our long distance events

These event support rides are ridden as a group with a leader and enjoy the facilities laid on for the main event, with catering at the start and finish, all for the nominal charge of £2.

BAR POINTS [see BAR Rules]

Riders will gain 6 BAR points for riding one of these support rides.

Groups incorporating these rides into their programme can gain up to 2 points for riding to and from the event. Groups not supporting the events will gain no points on these days. Individuals visiting the event venue will gain 1 point.

Sunday 15th May Weald Scout Hut 10:00 40km [25 miles]

Route goes to Chiddingstone Causeway, Leigh, Powder Mills, Tonbridge, Tudeley, Golden Green, Hadlow, Shipbourne, Underriver and back to Weald

Sunday 12th June Weald Scout Hut 10:00 60km [38 miles]

Route goes to Bough Beech, Marlpit Hill, Merle Common, Lingfield [café break], Haxted, Edenbridge, Hever, Chiddingstone, Chiddingstone Causeway and back to Weald.

Sunday 11th Sept Tonbridge Scout HQ [100km main event]

Choice of 40km or 60km support rides, following the loop routes used by the main event, following a route sheet [no leader]. Can be ridden in a group or individually. Nominal start time of 10:00. No checkpoints, finish before 16:00.

Organiser: Rob Seall 01732 850664

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Winged Words



In Winged Words April/May:

- ✚ A Winter Tour to the New Forest
- ✚ A Chat With cycling writer Graeme Fife
- ✚ A trip to Alt Emporda
- ✚ All the photographic winners
- ✚ A big birthday and anniversary
- ✚ A windy way to a wedding
- ✚ A good joke... and another
- ✚ A question or two on things Kent
- ✚ And some coverage of rides there...

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Dear Colleague,

In the light of the voting papers that you will have received with the April-May copy of Cycle, you may be interested to read the attached letter of resignation from John Meudell, National Councillor, SE England . His resignation follows that of Greg Price, National Councillor, London , for similar reasons. I am circulating John's letter, which would otherwise remain unpublished before voting has taken place.

John's letter speaks for itself and all members should be aware of the issues that have led to his resignation. These are particularly acute in relation to the financial relationship between the CTC Club and its charitable arm, as well as services to members. This is particularly relevant in view of the forthcoming vote to amend the CTC Memorandum and Articles of Association and thereby authorise the CTC to proceed to combine the Club and Trust into a single charity.

Also attached is a table that shows the extent of the financial transfers that have been made to the existing CTC charity since its formation. It is not possible to identify from the accounts how this money has been used.

After the Club has paid the Trust for services provided, mainly campaigning, further substantial sums have been transferred just to keep the Trust solvent. With the CTC losing contract income and with the lack of clarity in the financial relationship between the Club and Trust, it is questionable whether this is an appropriate time to be making an irreversible change to the constitution of the CTC.

I would be grateful if you would circulate these documents to your members. I am sure that that they will have their own views on this matter, but would not want them to be voting in ignorance of the very serious reservations revealed in the letter and resignations from the National Council.

The vote will decide.

Best wishes,

Jeff Tollerman

Tuesday 29th March 2011

Dear David

I have become increasingly concerned at not only the the reluctance of CTC management to provide directors with robust financial information on CTC's activities, but also the quality of that information and associated interpretations when and if supplied.

Following the last National Council meeting it was clear to me that, despite a clear and unambiguous request, CTC Management had, not for the first time, withheld information essential to support full and informed discussion of the CTC activities and reports. My interpretation of the CTC's financial and delivery performance does not accord with the view CTC management and the board seeks to project in the annual report shortly to be presented to members, hence my reluctance to sign off on both accounts and report at that meeting.

In addition, the continuing lack of will to resolve issues of service delivery, volunteer support and financial transparency suggests little respect for the CTC's obligations to paying members and, perhaps more importantly, members that volunteer in the name of CTC. To continue to support CTC management without a credible commitment to real improvement means undermining my personal ethics and values in respect of paying customers, whatever the organization is.

This has caused me to take stock and question whether, under the present arrangements and relationships in council and with management, I can discharge both my statutory obligations as a company director and my obligations to act in the best interests of CTC members. The answer has to be no.

Whilst I continue to support the aims and objectives of the Cyclist Touring Club in its current form I must reluctantly conclude I cannot, on the current basis, continue as a director of the CTC.

I am therefore informing you I am resigning from the board of CTC with immediate effect.

Yours sincerely

(original signed by)

*John Meudell
C.Eng, MIMechE*

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April 15th 2011.

From the Chair of CTC Council

Dear Colleague

Thank you to those who have approached me or my fellow Councillors following an email you may have received from Jeff Tollerman about the CTC AGM. I expect many of you have already voted, but have asked for clarification so you can inform your group members. Please circulate this email to them if you wish.

On behalf of Council I will give you the position on three issues:

- Our commitment to members, especially in Member Groups
- The transfer of funds between CTC and CTC Charitable Trust
- John Meudell's resignation.

Commitment to member services, especially Member Groups.

Regardless of the AGM issues the Council is committed to improving on the issues you highlighted in the Member Group survey you completed last year.

As a result:

- More Councillors and staff attended Member Group AGMs this year.
- We doubled the funding for groups and directly funded many more groups
- We are reviewing Member Group policies and in particular looking at the membership arrangement for so called "two tier groups". We know that the last policy review was a good step forward but as the first of its kind for over 30 years it would always need refinement. A group of volunteers is now advising that review, thank you.

You also asked us to ensure that you had a dedicated point of contact at National Office. As you know that is Julie Rand. I understand that some of you have been concerned that Julie is not dedicated to Member Groups' work. Do spend some time getting to know Julie, she is a local cycle club volunteer, a cycle trainer and her led rides get great reviews. However please recognise that Julie is also a mother and works slightly shorter days than other staff as part of our family friendly policies. She is also an excellent writer who is one of the team preparing recently introduced Member Group newsletter and other documents, something that enhances the profile of groups in that material. As she is supported by colleagues who are also dealing with elements of group admin we in fact have more resources supporting groups than previously so we are happy that Julie is the right person in the right role. But please contact us if this service is not delivering what you want, we do need to know.

Transfer of funds between CTC and CTC Charitable Trust.

I am extremely disappointed that Jeff Tollermann raises this issue again when it has been comprehensively reviewed by professional advisors, the Council and by last years' AGM.

There is no transfer of funds to keep any part of CTC solvent. There is no lack of transparency. Those of you who have studied the issue in depth will know there is a comprehensive library of materials on our web site at www.ctc.org.uk/charity, which sets out the financial structures. However I am happy to set out the following short reminder of the basic principles.

CTC set up the CTC Charitable Trust to carry out parts of our work that were charitable under pre-2006 charity law. These activities include campaigning, communications (magazine writing, web site, press, newsletters etc), helplines (touring information and our popular technical officer Chris Juden); and, specialist support for Member Groups, campaigners, volunteers, mountain bikers and local authorities and operates our national office and much of our internal infrastructure. Together this is a team of 19 staff working within the Trust on issues previously delivered by the Club.

The full costs of this work naturally varies year-on-year but presently totals over £1 million per annum. If there were no other funding source all these costs would fall to members.

But the actual cost to members has been much less, – around £400,000 less in the accounts last year. The difference? Surpluses and contributions to central costs from external funding earned by the Trust, saved members on average £6 per person per year.

And what have we done with the money saved? Kept down subs, allowed some areas such as campaigning and volunteer support to grow, paid for tools such as IT equipment and software and built up our reserves. CTC has achieved a much greater media and public profile, in consequence.

Bail outs and subsidies just do not exist. The suggestions made by those against CTC becoming charitable and merger with the CTC Charitable Trust have never been substantiated, by internal or external review.

Which brings me to John Meudell's resignation

I have written to John and told him that I was sorry to receive his resignation as a Councillor.

We worked together for a long time on the Governance group that looked at CTC becoming a charity. He advocated bringing in consultants to review the whole issue and give us independent advice. Their main recommendation Council is now pursuing, and it has now been supported by the decision of members' in the poll of the whole club.

I've been Chairman for 3 months and am disappointed that John did not take any opportunity to discuss the concerns that he says led to his resignation with me. It is my duty to ensure debate about the issues that councillors are concerned about. We

regularly see the process of democratic debate and accountability resolve issues on Council. CTC management provide information and follow the clear direction of Council.

I can only conclude that rapid dissemination of John's letter by those against our becoming a charity is entirely about the forthcoming AGM vote amending CTC's Memorandum and Articles, and not about the operation of Council.

I think this a disappointing way to leave Council, I wish John had worked within the process and not sacrificed his valued contribution and period of service over this issue. Constructive criticism is always welcomed, we are and will remain a democratic organisation whether changes occur after the AGM or not.

I hope this communication is of some help, if you have further questions please contact me at david.cox@ctc.org.uk or ask AGM questions through members.matter@ctc.org.uk

David Cox
Chair of National Council

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BAR INTERIM RESULT

Name1	Name2	Group	Ord.	LP	Top 5	Other	Photo	WW	2011
John	ENNIS	MED	67	10	22	1			100
Mike	FRIDAY	BXH	53	8	22	1			84
Simon	HATTERSLEY	HDR	52	6	10	1	12		81
Colin	ATKINS	SAD	53	10	6	1	8		78
Bob	MACDOWALL	MED	28	6	22	6	10		72
Peter	WOODS	SAT	21	2		1	36		60
Daniel	PLUMB	BXH	47	6		1			54
John	TOBIN	SAT	33	2		1	18		54
Martin	GILL	HDR	40	2	10	1			53
Brian	JUCHAU	BXH	50	2		1			53
Paul	FITZSIMMONS	SAD	41	10		1			52
Peter	ASHLEE	FAM	26	6	6	1	12		51
Peter	HAWKER	SEV	47	4					51
Rob	SEALL	TTW	34	10	6	1			51
Paul	MANSFIELD	MED	42	6		1			49
Paul	MCQUILLEN	FAM	27	2	6	1	12		48
Roy	TURNER	HDR	40	6		1			47
Margaret	TATE	SEV	32	4		1	6		48
Tony	TREHY	MWT	35	6		1			42
Geoff	HUNT	MWT	33	8		1			42
Diana	OUTRAM	SEV	40	2					42
Emrys	WILSON	INT	34	8					42
Len	MORGAN	BXH	38	2		1			41
Justin	QUELCH	SAD	33	2	6				41
Brian	CATLETT	MED	26	4		1	8		39
George	MORGAN	SEV	39						39
Linda	GRAY	SAD	34	4		1			39
Tony	HOLLAND	GRW	30	6					36
Dave	JOHNSON	GRW	36						36
Tricia	HEWLETT	SEV	28	6					34
Carol	LIN	SEV	32	2					34
Lucy	BENTLEY	SEV	29	4					33
Roger	WALTERS	GRW	30	2					32
Kami	LUSCOMBE	SEV	31						31
Rosemary	WAKEFIELD	SEV	31						31

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