

# Tourist competition's tiebreak finish

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Champion tourer Kim Suffolk is back at the top of the DA Tourist Competition with a double win for 2007: first overall and first male veteran. He scored the maximum points possible, as did Alan Wratten, who came second according to the tiebreak rule. The fight for third place was equally tight: John Hamblett won a three-way tiebreak. Mike Batchelor had mounted a serious challenge but missed out in the last weeks of the season due to health problems.

South Bucks (pictured) held onto the team prize this year, having led and lost out at the last moment in past seasons. Their score was the second highest ever and was enough to beat Chester and North Wales – winners for the previous three years – by just one point. The untimely death of Graham Mills in early 2007 robbed Chester and North Wales of one of its main driving forces.

Sue Ingold made it a particularly good year for South Bucks by taking the two top awards in the women's competition. Richard Delf retains the junior (boy) title for another year, while Amy Juden is the highest placed junior (girl) for the first time.

The 2008 season will see several changes to the competition. It will be renamed the CTC Tourist Competition, with a revised set of rules – see the event website for details. Mille Miglia details will also be included in the results sheet, while registration fees for



having events in the competition have been removed.

CTC Tourist Competition events for the next two months appear in blue type in the What's On pages. For the full programme, please visit the website [www.ctc-competitions.org.uk](http://www.ctc-competitions.org.uk). National events that count towards the CTC Tourist Competition

are: all CTC Cymru events, CTC Challenge Rides, and Birthday Rides events.

My thanks again to Mark Draper, who is responsible for the event website. My thanks also to Alex Geen at National Office for his assistance. Congratulations to all the trophy winners and certificate qualifiers, and thanks for your feedback. *Bob Kynaston*

## ALL ROADS LEAD TO YORK

### NORTH YORKSHIRE

Over 10,000 cyclists will gather on York Racecourse on 21st and 22nd June for the 64th annual York Cycle Show. Admission to most of the show is free and you can turn up for a day or camp on site – see [www.yorkcycleshow.co.uk](http://www.yorkcycleshow.co.uk) or turn to page 75 for a camp booking form.

The trade and exhibition marquees should be busier in 2008, with more manufacturers displaying the latest bargains in bikes, clothing and accessories.

Arena events will include British Cycling grass track racing, cycle polo, vintage bike displays and demonstrations. The thinkbikes

Mountain Bike Stunt Display Team ([www.thinkbikes.com](http://www.thinkbikes.com)) will be performing each day. Organised social rides will leave the racecourse on the Saturday morning, with distances to suit all abilities.

Traditional favourites like the auction and saddlebag sale will return. Sunday sees the cyclists' service at York Minster (09.00) followed (at 09.45) by the parade of cyclists to the racecourse. New developments include improved catering and a series of challenge events for young visitors.

For more information, see the York Cycle Show website, [www.yorkcycleshow.co.uk](http://www.yorkcycleshow.co.uk), or call 0870 873 0066.



# Five miles to Fabulous



**NATIONWIDE**



**C**TC will be inviting more women to try cycling on 7th and 8th June, when the annual Five Miles to Fabulous initiative takes place. Women cycle a third as much as men in the UK and CTC wants to redress the balance by staging introductory events across the country. We need cycle trainers, CTC groups and affiliated clubs to organise rides.

Organiser Alex Geen said: 'The Five miles to Fabulous events are an easy first step towards getting healthy, having fun and meeting new friends. Why not encourage friends, family or neighbours to come along? If it's been a while since they last used a bike, tell them not to worry – lots of other people will be in the same boat. All they need to bring is a bike that works, a drink and a snack.'

Ride leaders will meet attendees and show them some basic skills before guiding them on a gentle five-mile ride on traffic-free or quiet lanes. None of the rides is competitive – it's about discovering a way of getting fit that's fun.

For more information go to [www.fivemilestofabulous.com](http://www.fivemilestofabulous.com) or contact [Alexandra.geen@ctc.org.uk](mailto:Alexandra.geen@ctc.org.uk), tel: 01483 238334.

# Rough Ride going smoothly

**WALES**



Photo: Martin Johnson

**E**ntries are up for the Marin Rough Ride, a long-distance off-road event that takes place in East Radnorshire on the Welsh border on 8th June and that last year attracted over 700 riders. There's a choice of two moorland loops: 48km and 75km, which are almost entirely off-road. Like a sportive ride on road, it isn't a race – rather a challenging day out on the bike.

Run by CTC members Jeremy Atkinson and Nick Eve, the Rough Ride is this year taking advantage of CTC's Affiliated Club scheme. Jeremy said: 'I'm excited to be able to offer this to fellow members as a CTC sponsored event. As a long time off-road activist I've wanted to promote this through CTC for some time. Coming under CTC's wing has helped us to keep costs – and entry fees – down.'

It costs £27 to take part or £31 on the day. This includes food on the day, camping the night before and after, a free T-shirt, bike try-outs with Marin, and more. The route stretches across extensive heather and gorse moors opened to cycles just for this one event by express permission of the landowners. Because of this it is a true off-road event with the smallest percentage of road cycling for any single loop long distance event in England and Wales.

The event's HQ is in the tiny town of Kington. Details of the event are at: [www.roughride.co.uk](http://www.roughride.co.uk).

## EVENTS IN BRIEF

### CHALLENGE YOURSELF

The 2008 CTC Challenge Ride series kicks off on Sunday 1st June with the David Duffield Challenge in Corsham, near Bath. There are places still available and you can enter on the day. The 100km, 150km and 28km routes cross stunning Wiltshire countryside, visiting chalk White Horses, Avebury Rings, Salisbury Plain and Stonehenge. Next up on 21st June is the Ron Kitching Challenge in the North Yorkshire Moors, followed by the Phil and Friends Challenge in the Peak District on 31st August. The rides follow a simple formula: rewarding routes, stunning scenery and great camaraderie. Visit [www.ctc.org.uk/challengerides](http://www.ctc.org.uk/challengerides) for more details.

### NEW FOREST CAMPING WEEK

Start the school holidays in the fresh air at the New Forest Camping Rally, which takes place from 25th July to 2nd August in the New Forest. It's a laid back family cycling holiday, where

• you can join a led ride or do your own thing. Highlights include  
• trips to the Isle of Wight, Calshot velodrome, and Beaulieu.  
• It costs from £115 for eight nights of camping. Contact Davin  
• Palmer [davin\\_palmer@hotmail.com](mailto:davin_palmer@hotmail.com) or John Capell, tel: 01494  
• 715636, [john.capell@btinternet.com](mailto:john.capell@btinternet.com).

### HOW TO GET TO THE CTC AGM IN BELFAST

• The CTC AGM on 26th April is fast approaching. For those who  
• have yet to make their travel plans for Belfast, the CTC website  
• has a Getting There page ([www.ctc.org.uk/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabID=4934](http://www.ctc.org.uk/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabID=4934)) with details of ferry crossings and links to  
• cycle routes from Belfast's airports and Larne ferry terminal.  
• For a relaxed crossing, Norfolk Line's Birkenhead to Belfast  
• overnight sailing saves a long haul by road or rail via Stranraer  
• or Dublin. Norfolk Line advise that their normal bike capacity is  
• one six-bike trailer, and they need plenty of notice to make more  
• trailers available. For car sharing, see the CTC messageboard.