

## Meriden remembrance

ONE HUNDRED years after the start of the First World War, the Meriden Green Memorial Service in 2014 will provide a national focus to remember cyclists killed in that conflict and others since. It takes place at 11am on Sunday 18 May at the Cyclists' War Memorial in Meriden, Warwickshire. An additional plaque will be dedicated by the Bishop of Warwick, and the commemorations will be supported by the Bulkington

Brass Band. The weekend's traditional audax and leisure rides will take place on Saturday 17 May.

Organiser John Bennett, from CTC Heart of England, has planned an exhibition of CTC memorabilia from the time, and would like to hear from CTC members who could lend mementoes. There will also be a screening of Alan Bennett's 'A Day Out' and archive film footage on Saturday evening. Contact John on 0121 459



9319 or email [jmbennett@sumari.co.uk](mailto:jmbennett@sumari.co.uk). To enter the audax rides, visit [ctc-heartofengland.org.uk](http://ctc-heartofengland.org.uk).

### NEWS IN BRIEF



› **ON COURSE WITH CTC** CTC now offers more than 40 different training courses at venues across the UK. Develop your maintenance or riding skills, become a mountain bike, club road ride or health ride leader, or train as an instructor for Bikeability or mountain bike skills. Course dates through 2014 are now available to book at the new training section of the CTC website: [ctc.org.uk/education](http://ctc.org.uk/education).

### › MEMBER GROUP NEWS

A formation meeting for South Herts CTC will be held at 8.30pm on 8 January 2014 at Water End Barn, St Peters Street, St Albans, AL1 3LE. Interested CTC members are welcome to attend. Meanwhile, Winchester CTC and Southampton & Romsey CTC are now formal Member Groups; South Hants CTC no longer exists.

### › EMITREMMUS SUCCESS

The forecast of wild weather put many off starting, but 338 cyclists embarked on Stevenage CTC's 'Emitremmus Desrever' rides, which celebrate the end of British Summertime in October, and 305 finished. The Mayor and Mayoress of Stevenage sent riders on their way from Fairlands Valley Park. Stevenage CTC's next big ride will be the Stevenage Start of Summertime Specials the next time the clocks change, Sunday 30 March. Visit [stevenagectc.org.uk](http://stevenagectc.org.uk).

### › DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **25 January:** The AGM of the East Midlands Region will be held on Saturday 25 January 2014 at the International Conference Centre (YMCA), Mansfield Road, Nottingham starting at 2pm.
- **23-26 May:** Lothian and Borders CTC are holding a rally from 23-26 May at Mortonhall Caravan Park, on the southern edge of Edinburgh. There will be rides of 20, 40 and 60 miles each day. For information, email [VTT@CTCLothians.org.uk](mailto:VTT@CTCLothians.org.uk).
- **24-29 July:** Llandovery hosts the Welsh Festival of Cycling.

## AGM & DINNER ON TRACK

CTC'S AGM and National Dinner take place in Glasgow on 10 May 2014, a couple of months before the Commonwealth Games visit the city. Those attending will have the opportunity to ride at the Games' various cycling venues: the new Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome (subject to availability); the Cathkin Braes Mountain Bike Trails (bike hire is available, as it is at the velodrome); and, though roads will not be closed, the routes of the road race and time trial courses in the city. Sunday morning will also feature a programme of guided rides.

The venue for the AGM and Dinner is the Radisson Blu hotel, next to Glasgow Central Station and just 200 yards from the Clyde and NCR 75. A Volunteer Networking Workshop will again take place on the Saturday morning. It's an opportunity for CTC Member Groups, clubs and individual CTC members to take part in discussions about organising cycling

activities. Registration is free but must be done in advance: contact Sue Cherry (details below).

The AGM in the afternoon, which you don't need to register for in advance, will deal with how CTC is meeting the opportunities and demands of this new cycling landscape, and its own status and image within it. Tickets for the National Dinner and Awards that evening are available now; see the booking form below.

Sunday's three guided touring rides will be: a short family ride taking in the new Glasgow Transport Museum, which has a cycle collection; a 30-mile ride to Whiteless Wind Farm; and a 45 mile ride to the Queen's View and Loch Lomond. Places to stay can be found at [www.peoplemakeglasgow.com](http://www.peoplemakeglasgow.com).

Further information will be available nearer the time. Or contact the organiser, Sue Cherry, on 01483 238302 or [sue.cherry@ctc.org.uk](mailto:sue.cherry@ctc.org.uk)

### CTC NATIONAL DINNER BOOKING FORM



Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ £30 each for the CTC National Dinner on Saturday 10 May 2014. Cheques should be made out to 'CTC' and sent with this form to:

**CTC Membership, Parklands, Railton Road, Guildford, GU2 9JX.**

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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