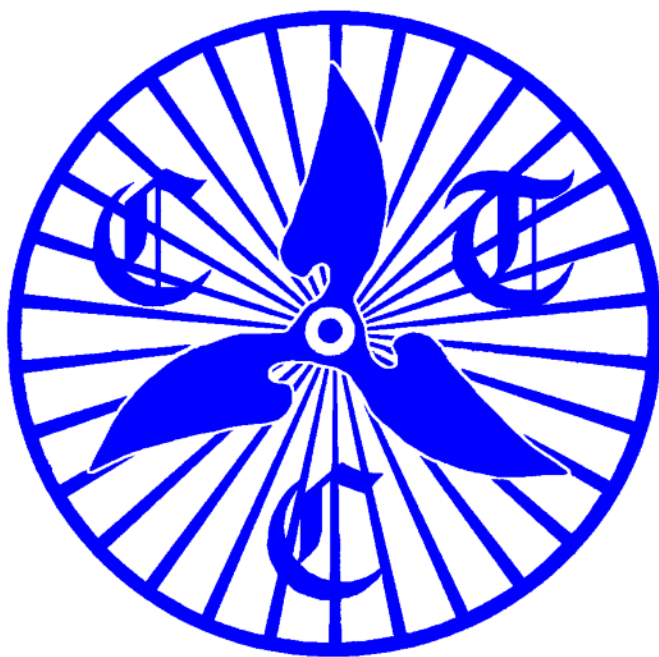


Welcome to CTC Wessex Cycling



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A Welcome from the Chairman

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CTC WESSEX CYCLING IN BOURNEMOUTH

Welcome to Wessex! You have either joined the club or are enquiring about Cycletouring activities in the Bournemouth & Poole area. CTC Wessex comprises three main sections of Salisbury, West Dorset (rides based around the Dorchester and Weymouth areas) and Bournemouth, Poole & District, which is your nearest section, and this is to give you a little flavour of the club and tell you a little bit more about us and our activities.

There is a busy programme of weekly rides to take advantage of the great cycling country on our doorstep including The New Forest, the Isle of Purbeck and Dorset's Hardy Country plus the valleys and lanes toward Salisbury, Shaftesbury and beyond. Rides are usually organised by the various groups on Sundays, Wednesdays and Thursdays but groups may organise something on another day of the week. Details about each of the groups, with contact names, are set out on the attached page.

In addition, we are lucky enough to have a wide range of well-established cycle events in the area, organised by our own members, including the very popular Gridiron and Dorset Downs 100km rides, the Dorset Coast and Coastlet randonnees, the Dorset Dirt off-road event.

We publish a quarterly Newsletter with a runs list and we hope to see you out on one of our rides soon. If you have any further queries about any of our activities please do not hesitate to contact me.

Happy cycling!

Terry Walsh



CTC WESSEX CYCLING in the Bournemouth and Poole District

The following are brief descriptions of each of the cycling groups within CTC Bournemouth, which are intended to give you an idea of the types of rides, where they start and on what day the group goes out. This is only intended as a guide - it is very difficult to predict average speeds, distances and timing as there are so many variables such as the weather, punctures and how everyone feels on the day!

THE WAYFARERS - Saturday

Every Saturday morning an informal group of cyclists of various ages and abilities ride from the Pioneer Store, Christchurch, through the lanes to Burley in the New Forest. They stop at a café for a cup of tea and a chat, then ride back through different lanes. It's not a race, just a pleasant ride. Its not a formal organised or led ride but if you want to take up cycling, then this is where you can start.

SATURDAY 60s - Saturday

A brisk riding group brushing off the cobwebs for the weekend with 30km to coffee and a 60 to 65km round trip returning early afternoon.

ROULEURS - Sunday & Thursday

A harder-riding group new offering 70-90 mile rides to coffee and lunch on a Sunday. A good day out on the bike! The Thursday group is split into two offering a choice of rides.

THE INTERS - Sunday

The "Inters" are a happy bunch of medium paced riders as the name suggests, who look forward to a Sunday ride of some 70 miles with sociable halts for morning coffee, pub or picnic lunches and afternoon cake stops if we are so inclined. There is a wide range of ages and abilities in the group with a considerable percentage retired and old enough to know better but we all "nurse the flame" and want to see over the horizons. Occasional weekend and longer trips are organised and there is a relaxed attitude should a sporting break "go off the front" as we know we will be together around the teapot and cakes at the next stop.

SUNDAY POTTERERS - Sunday

The runs are approximately 50 miles at an easy pace, suitable for solos and tandems. Morning coffee is at a Cafe but lunch is usually a picnic. Mid-week YHA breaks of 3-4 days are held each Spring and Autumn. Existing members will make you most welcome and will be on hand to advise on topics ranging from bottom brackets to heart by-pass!

THURSDAY POTTERERS - Thursday

The Thursday Potterers group enjoy a very social moderately paced ride of approximately sixty miles using local lanes. Our 9.30 am meeting places include Wimborne, Sandbanks Ferry and Hurn Stores and we stop for coffee, picnic or pub lunch and often afternoon tea.

What better way to spend a Thursday then riding your bike with the fun and banter of this sociable group.

DORSET DAWDLERS - Thursday

Meet every Thursday at either Hurn Post Office, Wimborne Recreation Ground or Merley at 9.30 am in summer and 10 am in winter. Modest pace but don't really dawdle. Most members are in their sixties or seventies but all are welcome. Interested in the countryside, coast, buildings and views. Stop at cafes for elevenses and tea but always carry their own picnic lunch and find a good spot.

PHSG Group -Sunday

Rides once a month for the Poole Heart Support Group to aid the health of people with heart problems. About 15 to 20 mile rides. Run by CTC members. All CTC members are welcome.

WEDNESDAY WANDERERS -Wednesday

The Wednesday Wanderers are really a CTC West Dorset Group, but many of our Bournemouth Section people go to join them. Gentle paced and based on Dorchester. You will be made very welcome.

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