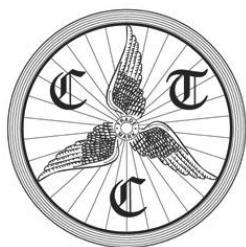


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A WORD FROM THE SECRETARY

Welcome to our Spring / Summer 2018 Gazette, with details of our forthcoming rides and special events to suit riders of all abilities. Since the last issue, we have had our usual Winter Clubroom programme, with talks, slide shows, a Christmas party, Saddlebag Sale and more. Many thanks to Clubroom Secretary, John Whiteley, now stepping down from the role after doing a great job for the last few years, and thanks to Anne Lawther for agreeing to take over. Thanks also to John Stevens and all the others who helped with refreshments and cleaning up.

The October Audax rides were well attended as usual, with fine weather, beautiful routes and a great spread put on by Jennifer Crossland and team. Thanks to Chris Crossland and all the others who give up their time to make these rides such a popular event in the calendar.

The Autumn Tints Christmas Dinner, Clubroom Christmas party and Calderdale CTC Christmas Dinner all went ahead despite the weather and were well attended and enjoyed by all. Our weekly rides, on the other hand, have been much more affected by the dreadful weather we have had in recent months. The wind, rain, ice and snow have meant that rides have regularly had to be cancelled, cut short or attended by a few very hardy souls; Wetherspoons have certainly done well out of us this season! Hopefully, we can now look forward to some great rides in 2018.

The 2018 events programme was released at our recent Annual Dinner and Awards Night, which was quite a milestone as it was the 90th Annual Dinner. The club was formed in 1928, agreed to organise weekly rides and has been doing so ever since. At the Annual Dinner in 1929, certificates for completing 100 miles in 9 hours were presented to successful riders, again a long-standing tradition!

We welcome all Cycling UK members to take part in our regular club rides. If you are not already a member, and would like to get an idea of the style and pace of our rides, you can join up to 3 club rides as a guest, be they Sunday Rides, Autumn Tints Rides, or Thursday evening rides. If you wish to continue doing these rides, you will be asked to join Cycling UK which will give you valuable third party insurance cover plus a number of other benefits, including a club magazine, free legal advice, and discounts from YHA, Cotswold Outdoor, Halfords and others. The cycling events listed in the events calendar on pages 11-13 are open to all.

We have an active website and Facebook group, so keep an eye on these for news and details of rides and events. The website URL is www.calderdalectc.org.uk. To join the Facebook group, open Facebook and search for 'CTC Calderdale', then request to join.

Hope you all have a great Spring/Summer season - see you out on a ride some time!

Lucy Armour Secretary, Calderdale CTC

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Calderdale CTC

AUTUMN TINTS

RIDES

Group cycling for cyclists of any ability, age, or gender

Colin Chapman writes:

After possibly the longest, wettest, coldest, snowbound winter for a long time we can, hopefully, look forward to warmer weather & drier days!

Rides have continued to be well supported, both indoors & out, dependent upon the weather. Thanks & well done to all riders & ride leaders.

Calderdale CTC Autumn Tints now invite cyclists of any ability, age or gender, to join our rides, & promise a warm welcome to all, whether an inexperienced rider or someone who would like to try riding within the safety & friendship of a group.

Rides are held every Wednesday & Saturday, at a steady pace &, wherever possible, on quiet & often very scenic routes.

Destinations for all rides are listed below. Should you wish to join us, just turn up, or, if you have any queries, please ring me or the ride leader on the numbers listed or email autumntints@ctccalderdale.org.uk

Ride Start Points

GB	Godley Bridge, New Bank, Halifax
SHL	Salterhebble Locks (Basin), Halifax
SBB	Sowerby Bridge Baths, Station Rd.
SBL	Sowerby Bridge Library, Hollins Mill Lane
WVGC	West Vale - Garden Centre
WC	Windmill Court, Causeway Foot



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John Sutcliffe	01422 365420

ADDITIONAL EVENTS

GHS RIDES commemorating CTC stalwart George Herbert Stancer Sunday 15th April

Lotherton Hall - Pocklington – Lotherton Hall.

Approx. 60 miles in 7 hrs

Meet at Lotherton Hall, 9:00am for registration (£3 last year) 9:00-9:30 start. (Pool transport may be arranged by agreement) Certificates awarded to successful Riders.

YORK CYCLE RALLY WEEKEND -_Sat 24th-Sun 25th June. (Site opens Fri. 23rd). We are holding a social Camping/Caravanning weekend at this event and invite all to join us.

Members can pre register at <http://yorkrally.org/visitor-information/campsite-bookings/> Enter "CALDERDALE CTC" under Group Name to ensure all members will camp together. Everyone welcome, so come & chat, socialise, have a beer, wine or coffee, BBQ & even go for a ride! Possible Friday evening meal at the "Fox & Roman". Pre-booking required.

PICNIC RIDE Sat. 21st July (Car Assisted)

Meet Sherburn-in -Elmet 9-30am for 9-45am start. Leisurely ride via Cawood, York cycleway, Naburn, & Tadcaster. Coffee stop, Picnic lunch, Pub by demand! 44m Easy. All welcome.

Please contact me should you require further details or have any queries re the above events.
Colin Chapman 01422 834342

DATE	Start	TIME	COFFEE STOP	DESTINATION	LEADER
APRIL					
Wed 4 th	WC	10:00	Windmill Court	SHIPLEY GLEN CAFÉ	Colin Chapman
Sat 7 th	GB	9:30	High Street Café, Queensbury	BINGLEY Five Rise Locks	John Sutcliffe
Wed 11 th	WVGC	9:30	Bolster Moor Farm Shop	MELTHAM Ivy House Café	Colin Chapman
Sat 14 th	SBL	9:30	Watergate, Hebden Bridge	TODMORDEN Morrisons	Carol Hare
Sun 15 th	Lotherton Hall	9:00	GHS RIDES: See above for details		Colin Chapman
Wed 18 th	WC	10:00	Windmill Court	SCAR TOP Moor Lodge Eatery	John Southworth
Sat 21 st	SHL	9:30	Wetherspoons, Brighouse	TONG GARDEN CENTRE	Colin Chapman
Wed 25 th	WVGC	9:30	Cookhouse Café, Slaithwaite	DELPH Edna's Cosy Café	Paul Barnes
Sat 28 th	GB	9:30	J's Cafe, Scholes	HECKMONDWIKE , Cherry Tree Cafe	Colin Chapman

DATE	Start	TIME	COFFEE STOP	DESTINATION	LEADER
MAY					
Wed 2 nd	WVGC	9:30	Morrison's, Waterloo	CANNON HALL	John Southworth
Sat 5 th	WC	10:00	Windmill Court	KEIGHLEY Morrison's	Paul Barnes
Wed 9 th	SBB	9:30	Robin's Nest, Rishworth	HOLLINGWORTH LAKE	Paul Barnes
Sat 12 th	GB	9:30	Baguettes Cafe, Wyke	OAKWELL HALL	John Sutcliffe
Wed 16 th	WC	10:00	Windmill Court	OTLEY CC Club Room	Colin Chapman
Sat 19 th	SBB	9:30	Robin's Nest, Rishworth	DELPH Edna's Cosy Café	Colin Chapman
Wed 23 rd	WVGC	9:30	Cookhouse Café, Slaithwaite	HOLMFIRTH Corner House Cafe	John Southworth
Sat 26 th	SHL	9:30	Wetherspoons, Brighouse	MIRFIELD Café Nosh	Colin Chapman
Wed 30 th	SBL	9:30	Watergate, Hebden Bridge	HAWORTH Vilette Cafe	Paul Barnes
JUNE					
Sat 2 nd	GB	9:30	J's Cafe, Scholes	DEWSBURY Crow Nest Park Cafe	John Sutcliffe
Wed 6 th	WVGC	9:30	Bolster Moor Farm Shop	MELTHAM Ivy House Cafe	John Southworth
Sat 9 th	SHL	9:30	Wetherspoons, Brighouse	OAKWELL HALL	Colin Chapman
Wed 13 th	SHL	9:30	Café Nosh, Mirfield	NEWMILLERDAM	John Southworth
Sat 16 th	SBL	9:30	Watergate, Hebden Bridge	HOLLINGWORTH LAKE	Carol Hare
Wed 20 th	WC	10:00	Windmill Court	OTLEY CC Club Room	Paul Barnes
Sat 23 rd /Sun 24 th	YORK	CYCLE RALLY - Camping Weekend - Details above			Colin Chapman
Wed 27 th	WC	10:00	Windmill Court	SHIPLEY GLEN CAFÉ	Paul Barnes
Sat 30 th	SHL	9:30	Wetherspoons, Brighouse	SCHOLES J's Café	John Sutcliffe
JULY					
Wed 4 th	WVGC	9:30	Cookhouse Café, Slaithwaite	DELPH Edna's Cosy Café	Colin Chapman
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Sat 21 st	Car-Assisted PICNIC RIDE Sherburn/York Cycleway/Tadcaster.			Details:	Colin Chapman
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Sat 28 th	GB	9:30	High Street Café, Queensbury	BINGLEY Five Rise Locks	Colin Chapman
AUGUST					
Wed 1 st	SBL	9:30	Watergate, Hebden Bridge	TOWNELEY HALL Garden Centre	Colin Chapman
Sat 4 th	WC	10:00	Windmill Court	SHIPLEY GLEN CAFÉ	John Sutcliffe
Wed 8 th	WVGC	9:30	Kelly's Café, Birkby	SHELLEY Dearne Lea Café	John Southworth
Sat 11 th	GB	9:30	Wetherspoons, Brighouse	MIRFIELD Café Nosh	Colin Chapman
Wed 15 th	WC	10:00	Windmill Court	OTLEY CC Club Room	Paul Barnes
Sat 18 th	SBL	9:30	Watergate, Hebden Bridge	HOLLINGWORTH LAKE Visitor Centre Cafe	Carol Hare
Wed 22 nd	SHL	9:30	Café Nosh, Mirfield	BRETTON PARK	John Southworth
Sat 25 th	SBB	9:30	Robin's Nest, Rishworth	HEBDEN BRIDGE	Colin Chapman
Wed 29 th	WVGC	9:30	Bolster Moor Farm Shop	HOLMFIRTH Corner House Cafe	Colin Chapman
SEPTEMBER					
Sat 1 st	SBL	9:30	Craggies, Cragg Vale	HOLLINGWORTH LAKE	Carol Hare
Wed 5 th	WC	10:00	Windmill Court	KEIGHLEY Morrisons	Paul Barnes
Sat 8 th	SHL	9:30	Wetherspoons, Brighouse	OSSETT Wellgate Cafe	Colin Chapman
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Calderdale CTC SPECIAL EVENTS

April - October 2018

Thursday 5 April OPENING THURSDAY EVENING

SUPPER RUN to The Jubilee Refreshment Rooms, Sowerby Bridge Railway Station. Meet at 7.00pm at Halifax Pool. *Please book in advance; contact Dave Power 07761 166743*

Sunday 8 April SPRING AUDAX RIDES

SPRING INTO THE DALES. 110 km. A test for keen racing, touring and fitness cyclists. Meet at 8:45am
LEAP INTO THE AIRE. 54 km. Scenic ride for club and leisure cyclists. Meet at 9:45am *Both start at Mytholmroyd Community Centre Contact Chris Crossland 01422 832853*

Sunday 15 April GHS RIDES

Meet at 9:00am, Lotherton Hall to commemorate CTC stalwart G. H. Stancer by riding to Pocklington and back. *Enquiries to Colin Chapman 01422 834342*

Sunday 15 April THE RED ROSE RIDE

Classic 200 km. trip through parts of Lancashire that were once in the West Riding, to the Lancashire Coast, and back via Lancashire lanes. *Meet 7.45 am at the Oddfellows Rooms, Unity House, Coleridge Street, Halifax. Contact Dave Dodwell 07931 284843*

Sunday 29 April WEST YORKSHIRE CTC LUNCH at Addingham Village Hall. Meet 8:45am at Mytholmroyd Community Centre. *Drinks and cakes etc., provided. Please bring a packed lunch Contact Geoff & Helen Pearce 07881 874713 for lunch details, and contact Graham Joyce 07713 242345f or ride details.*

Saturday 12 May A choice of 400 km. events for enthusiasts, to be completed in 27 hours.

NOT QUITE THE SPURN HEAD 400 - a flattish 400km ride and **THE OLD 240** - John Whiteley's favourite: a hilly 400km ride, *Meet at Mytholmroyd Community Centre 5:15am. Contact Chris Crossland 01422 832853*

Sunday 13 May **CAR ASSISTED RIDE** for an easy ride to the **Coxwold Cyclists' Service. Meet at 8:15 am at Bethel Street Car Park, Brighouse.** *Please contact Reid Anderson 07763 328804 if you would like to come along.*

Thursday 17 May BLACKST-ONE, TWO, THREE

Three different climbs and descents of Blackstone Edge. **START** Bus shelter by Mytholmroyd Library, Cragg Road, Mytholmroyd. Meet at 7:00pm
Contact: Graham Lloyd egrahamllloyd@yahoo.co.uk

Saturday 2 June **NORLAND CIRCUIT RIDES** 16 miles in 2 hours or 36 miles in 3 hours. *Meet 1:45pm at Norland Town Bus Stop, Clough Road, Norland, Sowerby Bridge. Details from Reid Anderson 07763 328804*

Wednesday 6 June TREVOR LEVER MEMORIAL

HALIFAX TO SKIPTON & BACK RIDES: 32 miles in 2 or 2½ hours. Meet 6.45pm at Causeway Foot Inn, 13 Causeway Foot, Halifax HX2 8XX (about 4½ miles north of Halifax on A629). *Contact Chris Crossland 01422 832853*

Sunday 10 June **CAR ASSISTED RIDE** for an easy ride from Howden into east Yorkshire. *Meet at 8:15 am at*

Bethel Street Car Park, Brighouse. *Please contact Reid Anderson 07763 328804 if you would like to come along.*

Saturday 16 June 600 km. AUDAX EVENTS

The 3 Coasts 600 and The East & West Coasts 600. Meet at 5.45am at Mytholmroyd Community Centre. *Details from Chris Crossland 01422 832853*

Sunday 17 June THE GOOD COMPANIONS 200km.

Audax Meet at 8.15am at Mytholmroyd Community Centre. *Details from Chris Crossland 01422 832853*

Sat 30 June through Sun 1 July

MORECAMBE MIDNIGHT MIDSUMMER MADNESS 130 miles Standard Ride The popular Morecambe midnight ride. Meet at 11.30 pm Saturday, at The Oddfellows Rooms, Unity House, Coleridge Street, Halifax. *Details from David Dodwell 07931 284843*

Saturday 7 July CALDERDALE CYCLE QUEST

Registration from 09:30, Mass start at 10:00, The Secret Café, Tenterfields Industrial Estate, Luddendenfoot. You will be given a map with up to 25 information controls marked on it. Visit as many controls as you can. The rider who visits the most is the winner.

Please email organiser Graham Lloyd to reserve a map: egrahamllloyd@yahoo.co.uk

Thursday 12 July BUCKSTONES 25 MILES IN 2 HOURS

STANDARD RIDE Meet 7:00pm at junction of New Hey Road and A643 Brighouse Road, near Ainley Top. *Details from Simon Roberts 07932 974567.*

Sunday 12 August **CAR ASSISTED RIDE** to take part in the **JOHN RADFORD MEMORIAL RIDE** from Fairburn. **Meet at Bethel Street Car Park, Brighouse. START TIME** to be arranged. *Please contact Reid Anderson 07763 328804 if you would like to come along.*

Sunday 2 September **CAR ASSISTED RIDE** for a visit to the Yorkshire Dales. **Meet at 8:15 am Meet at Halifax, Bull Green Car Park** *Please contact Reid Anderson 07763 328804 if you would like to come along.*

Sunday 9 September STANDARD RIDES

50 miles in 5 hours Meet at 8:45am

30 miles in 3 hours Meet at 9:15am

Both start at Gooder St. car park, Brighouse
Details from Geoff Pearce 07881 874713

Thursday 20 September CLOSING THURSDAY

EVENING SUPPER RUN Details to be arranged.
Contact Dave Power 07761 166743 for details

Sunday 14 October AUTUMN AUDAX RIDES

SEASON OF MISTS 105 km. Challenging touring in the Yorkshire & Lancashire hills. Meet 8:45am

MELLOW FRUITFULNESS 55 km. Not quite as hard! Meet at 9:45am. Both start at Mytholmroyd Community Centre. *Contact Chris Crossland 01422 832853*

Sunday 21 October **32 miles GROUP RIDE and FREEWHEEL COMPETITION** MEET 8:45am at Brig Royd car park, West Vale, by Stainland Rd/Rochdale Rd traffic lights. *Contact Simon Roberts 07817 218128*

Dave Dodwell writes

Welcome to the Calderdale CTC 2018 Summer Sunday rides and weekend rides programme. After a winter of snow, wind and cancelled or truncated rides, we're all looking forward to warmer days, more daylight hours, and seeing more of our delightful countryside. With the longer days, our regular Sunday rides start 30 minutes earlier than in Winter, and there is the option to stay out for longer.

Start Times

Unless otherwise indicated, for our regular Sunday rides, meet at 8:45am for a 9:00 am start. Note that other events may have different start times and the time to meet for those is indicated.

Start Points

For Sunday rides (unless otherwise indicated)

- 1. 2nd Sunday of the month:** Brighthouse Bethel Street car park (opposite Wetherspoons 'Richard Oastler').
- 2. Last Sunday of the month:** Mytholmroyd Community Centre car park.
- 3. All other Sundays:** Halifax Bull Green Car Park (opposite Wetherspoons 'Barum Top').

Duration and Speed

Each ride has a mid-morning café stop; there is the option at this point to return home for around lunchtime under the guidance of an experienced rider. Most rides will carry on to the lunch stop and return by late afternoon, although with agreement we might stay out longer if the weather is kind. Some 'Short Rides' (often when a longer event is also taking place) will turn around after the mid-morning stop. On 6 May, Stage 4 of the Tour de Yorkshire (the "Yorkshire Terrier") is starting from the Piece Hall, Halifax, and the ride will be watching the Tour riders leave before riding off to see the race en route.

Note: Ride leaders may change the route on the day, depending on the weather and the people on the ride. If you plan to join the ride en route, please phone the leader to let them know. Follow us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ctccalderdale/> for the latest information. We tend to average 10-12mph riding speed (depending on hills!), the aim being to chat and enjoy the scenery. We will not leave anyone behind.



NEW RIDERS ARE WELCOME on all our rides; you may want to phone the ride leader to get more details of the ride (see below), or you can contact me at dmdodwell@gmail.com

Car-assisted Rides

These enable us to visit destinations beyond the range of our normal Sunday rides. Four car assisted rides are planned this year. We will be riding to the Coxwold Cyclists Church Service in May; to the East Yorkshire countryside in June; to join the John Radford Memorial rides at Fairburn in August; and to the Yorkshire Dales in September. All welcome, especially if you can offer seats in cars / space for bikes to enable those without cars to participate. These rides feature quiet, fairly flat roads and range in distance between 30 and 40 miles, aiming to return late afternoon. If you would like to participate, particularly if you can offer spaces for riders and/or their bikes, please contact Reid Anderson on 07763 328 804

Trips away

Included in our calendar are events that we take part in but do not organise. The York Cycle Rally (<http://yorkrally.org>) weekend is on 23/24 June; the Welsh Festival of Cycling (www.ctcchesterandnwales.org.uk) is from 19-23 July, and the CTC Birthday Rides (<http://birthdayrides.org>) in Staffordshire take place 13 -19 August. This year a contingent from our club are joining the *Semaine Federale de Cyclotourisme*, a massively popular annual event in France where

around 12,000 cyclists spend a week cycling and socialising; this year it is taking place in Epinal <http://sf2018.ffct.org/>. Members make their own way to these events and book their own accommodation, but if you would like more information, or would like to organise a car-share,

contact dmdowell@gmail.com

Standard rides & Audax events marked **

These events offer the chance to ride a set distance inside a set time limit. For more details, see the Calderdale CTC Events Calendar on pp.11-13

START POINT DETAILS

Br	Brighouse, Bethel Street car park
BrG	Brighouse, Gooder Street car park
F	Fairburn Village Hall, near Castleford
HP	Halifax Pool
Hx	Halifax, Barum Top
I	Illingworth, Morrisons
MyCC	Mytholmroyd, Community Centre
Nor	Norland Town Bus Stop near school
Odd	Halifax, Oddfellows Rooms, Coleridge St.
PH	Piece Hall, Halifax
SR	Spring Rock Inn, Upper Greetland
TSC	The Secret Cafe, Tenterfields,
WV	West Vale, Brig Royd car park, Luddendenfoot

RIDE LEADERS

For further details concerning a particular ride or event, please contact the designated ride leader or organiser, who will be pleased to answer any enquiries.

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Dave Dodwell	07931 284843
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Geoff Pearce	07881 874713
Simon Roberts	07954 176928
Keith Robinson	07802 923547
Alan Simpson	07443 895430

Date	Start	Time	TEA/COFFEE STOP	LUNCH DESTINATION	LEADER
APRIL					
1	Hx	8:45	EASTER SUNDAY - IMPROMPTU RIDE		
8	MyCC	8:45**	SPRING INTO THE DALES 115 km. Audax		<i>**Entries to (Chris Crossland</i>
8	MyCC	9:45**	LEAP INTO THE AIRE 58 km. Audax		<i>(Chris Crossland</i>
15	Odd	7:45**	THE RED ROSE RIDE 200 km. Audax		<i>**Entries to Dave Dodwell</i>
15	Lotherton Hall		**CAR ASSISTED RIDE to GHS RIDES - POCKLINGTON		
					<i>**Enquiries to Colin Chapman</i>
22	Hx	8:45	TOWNELEY HALL	HAWORTH	Anne Lawther
29	MyCC**	8:45**	STEETON	ADDINGHAM (VILLAGE HALL)	Graham Joyce
			for West Yorkshire CTC / Huddersfield CTC Ride-Out Lunch at 12 noon		
MAY					
6	PH	8:45	TOUR de YORKSHIRE STAGE 4: START - PIECE HALL, HALIFAX		
				OTLEY - CHEVIN BANK	<i>Contact Alan Simpson</i>
12 Sat	MyCC	5:15**	THE OLD 240 400 km. Audax		<i>**Entries to (Chris Crossland</i>
12 Sat	MyCC	5:15**	NOT QUITE THE SPURN HEAD 400 km. Audax		<i>** (Chris Crossland</i>
13	Br	8:15	CAR ASSISTED RIDE	COXWOLD	Reid Anderson
20	Hx	8:45	STEETON	STORITHS	
27	MyCC	8:45	TOWNELEY HALL	WADDINGTON	Reid Anderson
JUNE					
2 Sat	Nor	13:45**	NORLAND CIRCUIT RIDES 16 & 36 miles		<i>** Reid Anderson</i>
3	Hx	8:45	SCAR TOP	EARBY	Peter Howells
10	Br	8:15	CAR ASSISTED RIDE	HOWDEN	Keith Robinson
16 Sat	MyCC	5:45**	The 3 COASTS 600 km. Audax		<i>** Entries to (Chris Crossland</i>
16 Sat	MyCC	5:45**	The EAST & WEST COASTS 600 km. Audax		<i>** (Chris Crossland</i>
17	My	8:15**	THE GOOD COMPANIONS 200 km. Audax		<i>** (Chris Crossland</i>
17	Hx	8:45		GARGRAVE	John Southworth
22,23,24			YORK CYCLE RALLY at The Knavesmire, York		<i>Enquiries to Colin Chapman</i>
24	Hx	7:30	TADCASTER	YORK CYCLE RALLY	
30	Odd	23:30**	MORECAMBE MIDNIGHT RIDE 130 miles		<i>** Entries to Dave Dodwell</i>

Date	Start	Time	TEA/COFFEE STOP	LUNCH DESTINATION	LEADER
JULY					
1	Hx	8:45	IMPROMPTU RIDE	Short Ride	Martin Bird
7 Sat	TSC	9:30**	CALDERDALE CYCLE QUEST		**Graham Lloyd
8	Br	8:45	GUISELEY	HARROGATE	Keith Robinson
15	Hx	8:45	SHELLEY	Short Ride	Martin Bird
19-23			WELSH FESTIVAL OF CYCKLING at Ruthin, Denbighshire		
22	Hx	8:45	TEMPLE NEWSAM	LOTHERTON HALL	Dave Dodwell
29	MyCC	8:45	HOLLINGWORTH LAKE	UPPERMILL	Reid Anderson
AUGUST					
5	Hx	8:45	EMLEY	LANGSETT	Ian Scott
5-12			SEMAINE FÉDÉRALE de CYCLOTOURISME in Épinal, FRANCE		
12	Br	TBA**	CAR ASSISTED RIDE to Fairburn for JOHN RADFORD MEMORIAL RIDE		**Reid Anderson
13-19			CTC BIRTHDAY RIDES at YARNFIELD PARK, near Stone, Staffs.		
19	Hx	8:45	GUISELEY	BURNSALL	Peter Howells
26	MyCC	8:45	GAWTHORPE HALL	CHIPPING	Graham Joyce
SEPTEMBER					
2	Hx	8:15	CAR ASSISTED RIDE to YORKSHIRE DALES		Reid Anderson
9	BrG	8:45**	50 miles in 5 hours STANDARD RIDE		**Geoff & Helen Pearce
9	BrG	9:15**	30 miles in 3 hours STANDARD RIDE		**Geoff & Helen Pearce
16	Hx	8:45	SCAR TOP	FOULRIDGE	Alan Simpson
23	Hx	8:45	STEETON	BOLTON ABBEY	Ian Scott
30	MyCC	9:15	CLARION HOUSE, NEWCHURCH		Dave Dodwell
OCTOBER - Advance Notice					
14	MyCC	8:45**	SEASON OF MISTS 105 km. Audax		**Entries to (Chris Crossland
	MyCC	9:45**	MELLOW FRUITFULNESS 55 km. Audax		** (Chris Crossland
21	WV	8:45**	32 miles Group Ride and Freewheeling Competition		**Simon Roberts



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Calderdale CTC

THURSDAY EVENING Rides

DATE START DESTINATION LEADER

APRIL

5 **HP** **Opening Supper Run** DP
to The Jubilee Refreshment Rooms, Sowerby Bridge Railway Station. Details from Dave Power 07761 166743

12 **EB** **OLD LINDLEY** MB
 19 **MyCC** **HARDCASTLE/SHACKLETON** GJ

26 **KX** **CRAGG VALE** DP

MAY

3 **EB** **BERRY MILL** MB

10 **I** **HARDEN** DD

17 **MyL** **BLACKST-ONE-TWO-THREE**
***STANDARD RIDE: 3 different ascents of Blackstone Edge, and 3 descents. GL*

24 **SX** **SUNNY VALE** AS

31 **EB** **MERRYDALE CLOUGH** CL
(a very challenging ride)

JUNE

Wed 6 ***STANDARD RIDE to Skipton and back: 32 miles in 2 or 2½ hours. Meet 6:45pm Causeway Foot Inn* CC

7 **SB** **BAITINGS** LA

14 **HP** **MEMORIALS RIDE** AS

21 **I** **BLACKMOOR/HOWARTH** DP

28 **EB** **CASTLE HILL** MB

JULY

5 **SX** **THORNTON** DD

12 ***STANDARD RIDE to DENSHAW via BUCKSTONES and back: 25 miles in 2 hours. Meet 7:00 pm at Junction of New Hey Road & A643 Brighouse Road, near Ainley Top* SR

19 **SB** **HUBBERTON CURRY RIDE** DP

26 **EB** **RESERVOIRS RIDE** PH

AUGUST

2 **EB** **JAGGER GREEN** DP

9 **SB** **SCAPEGOAT HILL** DS

16 **HP** **NORTHOWRAM** AS

23 **KX** **LUDDENDEN DEAN** PH

30 **KX** **CASTLE CARR** JS

SEPTEMBER

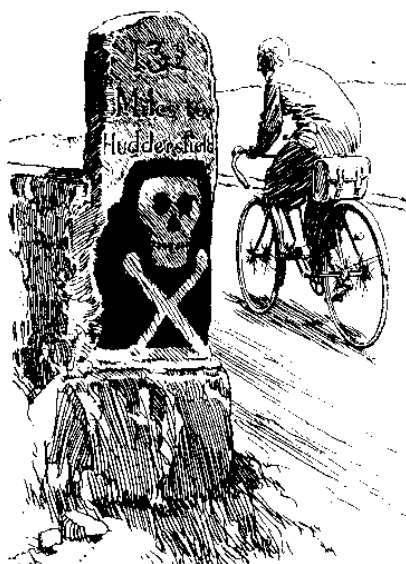
6 **EB** **NORLAND** MB

13 **EB** **SCAMMONDEN** DS

20 **HP** **Closing Supper Run** DP

Details from Dave Power 07761 166743

***Denotes a ride/event in the CALDERDALE CTC Events Calendar. More details on pp. 11-13*



please remember to bring lights with you.

To take part in these rides, meet at 7:00pm for a 7:15pm start every Thursday, except for Wednesday 6 June when meet 6:45pm for a 7:00pm start at The Causeway Foot Inn, 13 Causeway Foot, Halifax HX2 8X X (approx. 4½ miles North of Halifax on A629). Yes, this ride is still on a Wednesday.

Dave Power

MEETING POINTS

EB Elland Bridge
HP Halifax Pool
I Illingworth - Morrisons Service Station
KX King Cross - One Stop supermarket
MyCC Mytholmroyd Community Centre
MyL Mytholmroyd Library, Cragg Road
SB Sowerby Bridge Market, Wharf Street
SX Stump Cross Inn

LEADERS

AS Alan Simpson 07443 895430
CC Chris Crossland 07835 269760
CL Carl Lister 07855 125114
DD Dave Dodwell 07931 284843
DP Dave Power 07761 166743
DS Dave Scott 07887 217124
GJ Graham Joyce 07713 242345
GL Graham Lloyd 07570 123811
JS John Southworth 07791 210922
LA Lucy Armour 01422 612796
MB Martin Bird 07720 350466
PH Peter Howells 07761 850192
SR Simon Roberts 07954 176928

These rides use the longer evenings to explore roads, lanes, and sometimes tracks within an easy distance of Halifax. While we aim to finish the rides during the hours of daylight, we do sometimes get carried away, so

CALDERDALE CTC Cycling Events 2018

As usual, the cycling events in this programme cater for riders of all abilities, and are open to all, whether CTC members or not. Standard Rides and Audax events offer the opportunity to complete non-competitive touring rides over a variety of distances inside usually generous time limits. Audax events are organised under the rules of Audax United Kingdom, the long distance cyclists' association, and are part of a national calendar, attracting riders from all over the country. Standard Rides are local events offering a little more informality but with a similar sense of achievement. More details can be obtained from the organisers or the Events Secretary. Contact details are on Page 12.

Sun 8 April 9.00 am

SPRING INTO THE DALES 110 km. Audax

START *Mytholmroyd Community Centre*

ENTRY FEE £5.00 ORGANISER Chris Crossland

115 hilly km with 2 café stops, taking you from the heart of West Yorkshire into the foothills of the Dales and back again, with a generous time allowance based on a minimum speed of 12 kilometres per hour.

Sun 8 April 10.00am

LEAP INTO THE AIRE 54 km. Audax

START *Mytholmroyd Community Centre*

ENTRY FEE £4.50

ORGANISER Chris Crossland

58 hilly km with 2 café stops, taking you from the Pennine centre of Hebden Bridge into Airedale, and back again, with a generous time allowance based on a minimum speed of 8 kph.

Sun 15 April 8.00am

THE RED ROSE RIDE 200 km. Audax

START *The Oddfellows' Rooms, Coleridge Street, Halifax*

ENTRY FEE £6.00 ORGANISER Dave Dodwell

To the Lancashire coast. via the trough of Bowland

Sun 15 April

GHS RIDES Pocklington 60 miles approx.

Join Calderdale CTC riders to take part in these long established rides honouring historic CTC stalwart

G. H. Stancer. For details of car-assisted ride to start at Lotherton Hall:

CONTACT: Colin Chapman 01422 834342

Sun 29 April 12 noon

WEST YORKSHIRE CTC / HUDDERSFIELD &

DISTRICT CTC RIDE-OUT MEET

at *Addingham Village Hall*

ORGANISER *Geoff and Helen Pearce*

Soup, tea, coffee, cakes etc., provided. Please bring a packed lunch. Join the Calderdale CTC group cycling there at 8.45 am at Mytholmroyd Community Centre

Details from 07881 874713

Sat 12 May

5.30am

A choice of 400 km. events: The Old 240 is scenic and challenging, the Spurn Head less so unless the wind blows.

THE OLD 240

400 km. Audax

START *Mytholmroyd Community Centre*

ENTRY FEE £8.00 ORGANISER Chris Crossland

One of Audax UK's toughest and most scenic events, climbing its way through classic Pennine landscapes

NOT QUITE THE SPURN HEAD 400 km. Audax

START *Mytholmroyd Community Centre*

ENTRY FEE £8.00 ORGANISER Chris Crossland

The road and café at Spurn Point have gone, but the event remains, and the Isle of Axholme replaces the sand and pavé.

Thursday 17 May 7.15 pm

BLACKST-ONE, TWO, THREE

Standard Ride of 26 miles in 2^{1/2} hours.

START *Bus shelter by Mytholmroyd Library, Cragg Road, Mytholmroyd.*

ENTRY FEE £1.00

Three different ascents and descents of Blackstone

Edge: Up Cragg Vale, left to Ripponden, back up

over the top to Littleborough and around the

roundabout to climb Blackstone Edge, finishing at

the Robin Hood pub, Cragg Vale

ORGANISER Graham Lloyd

(In association with Halifax Imperial Wheelers)

Sat 2 June

2.00pm

NORLAND CIRCUIT RIDES

START *Norland Town Bus Stop near church/school*

ENTRY FEE 50p

ORGANISER Reid Anderson

16 miles in 2 hours, or 36 miles in 2½ or 3 hours

Wed 6 June

7.00pm

THE TREVOR LEVER MEMORIAL HALIFAX TO

SKIPTON & BACK RIDES 32 miles in 2 or 2½ hours

START *The Causeway Foot Inn, 13 Causeway Foot, Halifax HX2 8XX (approx. 4½ miles North of Halifax on A629)*

ENTRY FEE £1.00 ORGANISER *Chris Crossland*

(In association with Halifax Imperial Wheelers)

Sat 16 June 6.00am

A choice of 600 km. events

START *Mytholmroyd Community Centre*

ENTRY FEE £10.00

ORGANISER Chris Crossland

THE 3 COASTS 607 km. Audax

Stage 1 (383 km): to Bridlington, then back to base.

Stage 2 (224 km): to Blackpool & Glasson Dock, then to the weighers' seaport of Hollingworth Lake; returning home on England's longest continuous downhill road.

THE EAST & WEST COASTS 603 km. Audax

Like The 3 Coasts but more flat roads in the Fylde, less time in the hills, and only 2 coasts!

Sun 17 June 8.30am

THE GOOD COMPANIONS 200 km. Audax

START *Mytholmroyd Community Centre*

ENTRY FEE £5.00 ORGANISER Chris Crossland

Join the riders of the 3 Coasts 600 km. events as they are on their last legs on the last leg of their ride.

Sat 30 June through Sun 1 July

Start 12:00 midnight Sat

MORECAMBE MIDNIGHT MIDSUMMER

MADNESS 130 miles Standard Ride

START *The Oddfellows' Rooms, Coleridge Street, Halifax*

ENTRY FEE £10.00 ORGANISER Dave Dodwell

The popular midnight rides to Morecambe.

Breakfast and a snack included in the entry fee.

Sat 7 July

CALDERDALE CYCLE QUEST

Registration from 09:30, Mass start at 10:00.

START *The Secret Café, Tenterfields Industrial Estate, Luddendenfoot.*

ENTRY FEE £2.00 ORGANISER Graham Lloyd

The Secret Café is open from 08:00 so you can arrive early for breakfast. You will be given a map with up to 25 information controls marked on it. It is up to you to decide on your route. You have two hours to visit as many controls as you can. The rider who visits the most controls is the best Cycle Quester! (and wins a prize!)

Please email organiser to reserve a map: egrahamlloyd@yahoo.co.uk or post on the CTC Calderdale Facebook thread when that is posted.

Thursday 12 July 7.15 pm

25 MILES IN 2 HOURS Standard Ride

START *Junction of New Hey Road & A643*

Brighouse Road, near Ainley Top

ENTRY FEE £1.00 ORGANISER Simon Roberts

Sun 12 August

JOHN RADFORD MEMORIAL RIDE

START Fairburn Village Hall, near Castleford

Organised by Huddersfield CTC.

For details please contact

Peter Charnley 01484 539715

Sun 9 September

30 & 50 miles STANDARD RIDES

9.00am 50 miles in 5 hours

9.30am 30 miles in 3 hours

START Gooder St. car park, Brighouse, by bus station

ENTRY FEE £1.00

ORGANISER Geoff and Helen Pearce

Sun 14 October

9.00am

SEASON OF MISTS 105 km. Audax

START *Mytholmroyd Community Centre*

ENTRY FEE £5.00 ORGANISER Chris Crossland

Challenging Autumn touring in the Yorkshire and Lancashire hills.

Sun 14 October

10.00am

MELLOW FRUITFULNESS 55 km. Audax

START *Mytholmroyd Community Centre*

ENTRY FEE £4.50 ORGANISER Chris Crossland

Autumn touring in the Yorkshire & Lancashire hills.

Sun 21 October

9.00am

32 Miles GROUP RIDE & FREEWHEEL

COMPETITION

START West Vale, Brig Royd car park by Stainland Road/Rochdale Road traffic lights

ENTRY FEE £1.00

ORGANISER Simon Roberts

OTHER DATES TO NOTE

TOUR de YORKSHIRE 3 - 6 May

YORK CYCLE RALLY

22-24 June at the Knavesmire, York

<http://yorkrally.org/>

WELSH FESTIVAL OF CYCLING

19-23 July at Ruthin

<http://www.ctcchesterandnwales.org.uk>

SEMAINE FÉDÉRALE de CYCLOTOURISME

5-12 August in Épinal, FRANCE

<http://sf2018.ffct.org>

CTC BIRTHDAY RIDES

13-19 August at Yarnfield Park Training & Conference Centre, near Stone, Staffs.

<http://www.birthdayrides.org>

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Simon Roberts	07932 974567	Email: simonroberts4713@gmail.com

For more details of West Yorkshire CTC and Calderdale CTC Audax events, including route sheets and ride photographs, look at <http://www.westyorkshiresr.org.uk>

Advance entries for Audax events are appreciated and can be made on the Audax UK website by browsing to <http://www.aukweb.net/events/> and selecting the appropriate event.

Calderdale CTC Awards Scheme

This applies to Cycling UK members resident in the Calderdale CTC area as defined at 1 Jan 2017, and other members participating regularly in Calderdale CTC rides and activities. There is a variety of awards based in varying degrees on points gained in events in this calendar as well as participation in member group rides and activities.

West Yorkshire-wide Awards Scheme

This is open to Cycling UK members resident in the former West Yorkshire CTC area as defined at 1 Jan 2017 (roughly Bradford, Calderdale, and Leeds) and makes awards to its members who complete any events in this calendar based on the points system below. Taking part in an event automatically enters you in the scheme.

Award	Min. No. Rides	Min. No. Points
Medal	3	25
Plaque	4	40
Gold Award	5	55
Special Award	6	70

Points are awarded for each completed event at the rate of 1 per 10 miles or 16 kilometres rounded to the nearest whole number, with half point rounded up, e.g. 50 miles in 5 hours – 5 points, 32 miles in 2 or 2½ hours – 3 points. West Yorkshire CTC permanent Audax events also earn points, but at the abbreviated rate of 1 point per 100 km. or part thereof to the nearest whole number as above.

Other events where a distance is not specified may also earn points, e.g. FREEWHEEL COMPETITION - 3 points. Most of the Audax events, as well as a few others, can also be ridden as "Permanent" events, i.e. they are available to ride all year round at the rider's convenience. For most enjoyment, it is of

course better to ride with others on the day of the event. There are more details on the above website. Event organisers events receive points as if they had successfully completed the event on application to the Events Secretary. Only actual points earned by riding will count for trophies.

President's Cup: Senior members (i.e. over the age of 16 on Oct 31st in year of event) must complete two of the following Association rides:-

- (1) The Red Rose Ride 200 km. Audax **or** The Good Companions 200 km. Audax **or** Morecambe Midsummer Midnight Madness 130 miles Standard Ride
- (2) Spring Into The Dales 110 km Audax **or** Leap Into The Aire 58 km. Audax
- (3) Season of Mists 105 km. Audax **or** Mellow Fruitfulness 55 km. Audax

plus at least 4 other events. The rider amassing the most points will win the President's Cup. In the event of a tie the other rides completed will be taken into account - the highest number of points from the minimum number of rides until the tie is broken.

The Centenary Cup will be awarded to the junior member, aged 16 years or under on Oct 31st in year of events, with the highest tally of points under the Awards Scheme.

Full details of either or both awards schemes are available on request from the Calderdale CTC Events Secretary Chris Crossland. Email chris.crossland@halifaxctc.org.uk

This events programme is published by Calderdale CTC, a Cycling UK member group.
www.calderdalectc.org.uk

EASY RIDES WITH CALDERDALE CTC

Reid Anderson would like to see more CTC members out on their bikes

As you can see from elsewhere in the Gazette, Calderdale CTC has an extensive Spring and Summer rides programme, with rides on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. A few years ago we organised a complementary "Easy Rides" programme. This was aimed at newcomers and novice cyclists using cycleways and (as far as practicable) quiet routes. Our friends at Huddersfield CTC currently have a similar arrangement once a month on Saturday mornings.

This magazine is sent to over 400 Cycling UK members living in the Calderdale CTC area, which covers all of Calderdale and some adjoining areas of Bradford. We know from our records that probably only about a quarter of those Members currently participate in our existing rides programme. Whilst this is a similar or even higher participation level to that which applies with other Cycling UK member groups, we think that we ought to extend our rides offer in the hope that local Cycling UK members who do not currently ride with us have the opportunity to do so. This way they would get the chance to meet with other CUK Members, and to enjoy the companionship of group riding. We want to cater for people who say "I would like to ride with you, but I have heard your rides are too fast / have too many hills / last all day" etc. So we are doing something to correct that view of what our rides are like.

We are currently working up a series of Easy Rides for the coming season. The intention is that the rides would last for no more than 3 hours, at a VERY easy pace, and, as always with Calderdale CTC rides, include a cafe stop or even stops. The rides would take place on a Saturday with either a 9.30 am or 2.00 pm start. To begin with the rides would start in Halifax at a location where riders could, if more convenient to them, park up beforehand. If we encounter any hills, we will walk them!

Details of the rides will appear during April on the Group website www.calderdalectc.org.uk and on the Group Facebook page CTC Calderdale. In the meantime, if you would be interested in joining us on one of these rides and have ideas for destinations, routes etc., we would be delighted to hear from you. Please call or message me, Reid Anderson, on 0776 332 8804.

HILDA LAWTHER

A Life In Cycling

Born in 1925, Hilda passed away on 3 December, 2017. She was one of Calderdale CTC's most senior members and had been a keen enthusiastic cyclist from the age of 12. She joined the CTC in 1943, and came across the Halifax CTC when she joined a tour advertised in the CTC magazine. Meeting new friends led to marriage to Halifax CTC member Pearson Lawther in 1955. This was a true cycling family with a later arrival, daughter Anne, regularly joining them on a tandem. As the years, and the miles, rolled by, Hilda was friendly, welcoming, and encouraging to all, always interested in other people's cycling achievements and always enjoying her own cycling.

Hilda's daughter Anne Lawther writes:

I would like to thank all the wonderful friends at Calderdale CTC for the support they have given. Hilda joined the club in the early 1940's and continued to be a member up to her death in December 2017. It was heart warming seeing so many of you at her Thanksgiving Service. The CTC was such an important part of her life. Hilda cycled regularly up to the age of 82 and continued to attend the winter clubroom as often as she could. I very much appreciate the support and the generous donations given. May we all enjoy cycling with the joy and spirit of happiness Hilda had.

Come and join us on the

Calderdale CTC

Spring Audax Rides

Our most popular events
(usually attracting about 200 riders)

Spring Into The Dales

9.00 am start

115 hilly kilometres with 2 cafe stops
and

LEAP INTO THE AIRE

10.00 am start

58 hilly kilometres with 2 cafe stops

Sunday 8 April 2018

**Start: Mytholmroyd Community Centre,
Caldene Avenue, Mytholmroyd**

Details from Chris Crossland Tel: 01422 832853

Email: chris.crossland@halifaxctc.org.uk

Web: www.WestYorkshireSR.org.uk

CALDERDALE CTC - 90 years on

Chris Crossland Looks Back to The Early Years

Calderdale CTC is 90 years old - Who'd a thowt it?

Possibly not the Halifax cyclists who gathered at the Fleece Inn, Elland on 12 April 1928 and agreed to form the Halifax Section of the Cyclists' Touring Club. They acknowledged a gift of seven shillings and sixpence from the Huddersfield section and elected a committee to administer the fledgling section's affairs. The notes of the meeting record "It was agreed that members would meet at Calder & Hebble Inn on Thursday evenings at 7-30 for short runs".

What we know from the committee minute books and a couple of surviving photograph albums is that a hard-working group developed and extended their cycling and social activities over the next few years. The years between the wars were a golden age for British cyclists; photographs of those days show quiet rural main roads free of the motor vehicles that now claim them as their domain. The cyclists of Halifax soon extended their "short runs" and turned to a regular weekly programme of rides that would be approved by the section committee in advance at every monthly meeting. They even organised a "Standard Ride" of 100 miles to be completed in 9 hours, and repeated it in 1929.

Unfortunately the anticipated certificates for successful completion of the 1928 event were not forthcoming from the Mid Yorkshire CTC District Association, and the matter was only resolved after the 1929 event when the D.A. ruled that certificates for both years would be made available, but only to CTC members.

In parallel with the introduction of rides longer and more frequent rides, a mid-week clubroom was soon established. Members could take part in various activities including whist, darts, and beetle drives, while lectures on informative topics given by club members and non-members were also popular. The section purchased a lantern slide projector in 1931 so that lectures could be illustrated.

An insurance fund was established. For a modest monthly or annual fee, members could insure against costs incurred as a result of damage to or theft of their cycles and accessories. Committee meetings regularly discussed claims in great detail. After a few years it was agreed that depreciation would be taken into account when fulfilling claims. One meeting considered claims from five riders who had all hit the ground in an accident on a club run. Four claims were paid in full but the fifth was refused as the committee considered that this rider had been the cause of the crash.

The annual dance and the annual dinner became highlights of the year. These and the gymkhana organised in conjunction with the Halifax branch of the

Youth Hostels Association took a lot of committee time.

In 1933 the section conceived its grandest project yet, to have a public lecture in a big local hall to raise the local profile of the CTC and cycling in general. In those days cycling writers (and some cyclists) often used pseudonyms, and the Halifax Section agreed to invite *Petronella*, actually a CTC Councillor, who was known for tales of her travels by bike, to give a lantern lecture at the Upper Hall, Alexandra Street, Halifax, in March 1934. The preparations were detailed and protracted, even including the appointment of an assistant lantern operator. The lecture made a small loss which was not a burden to the section but, curiously there is no mention in the committee minutes of how the lecture went, only a cryptic note recording that *Petronella* had written to the Mid Yorkshire District Association thanking them for the invitation and hospitality, and not to the Halifax Section which had actually invited her and provided her with the hospitality.

As the 1930's drew on, storm clouds seemed to gradually intrude. The Committee considered but turned down a request to publicly deplore the forthcoming 1936 Berlin Olympic Games.

Developments to do with the roads at home came under scrutiny when the District Association asked sections to request their members to write to local newspapers "to express contempt at the report of the Traffic Advisory Council." Shortly afterwards, the committee was asked to deplore the use of rear lamps "as such continued use is calculated to weaken the cyclists' case against such fittings". This was lost by 12 votes to 10, but an accompanying statement declared that the section backed the CTC case against compulsory rear lights.

Following the outbreak of war in 1939, there was uncertainty about how to proceed with normal activities, and the committee introduced a ban on gambling at the clubroom. The issues arising from cycling in blackout conditions were considered and modifications made to the rides programmes as a result. With members engaged in active war service, it was agreed in early 1940 to set up a Comforts Fund to benefit members engaged in active war service. Two meetings later it was approved to open up the fund to any member approved by the Committee, whereupon the Club Treasurer resigned and left the meeting. For the subsequent Christmas, all eligible members were awarded 5 shillings each, and sent a photograph of the Section Committee.

All this is only a taste of the early years. There is much more that happened in those early years, to say nothing of what has happened since. I'm not sure that any similarities between then and now are actually coincidental

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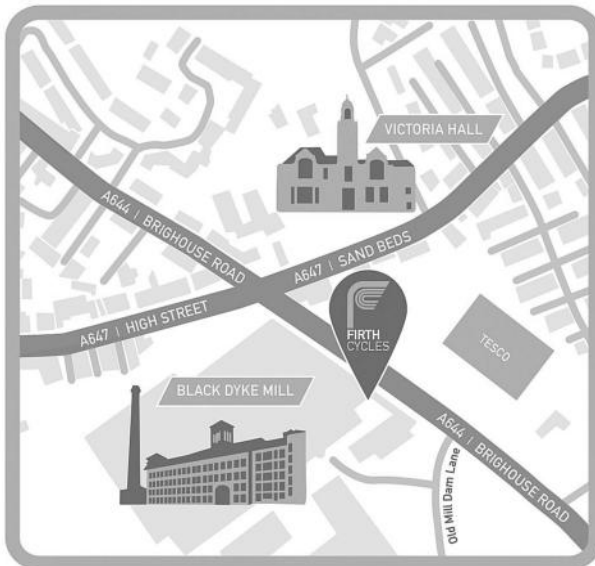


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