



● The CTC Tourist Competition involves day rides of different distances, as well as special events like map reading

# CTC TOURIST COMPETITION

With the 2015 season just getting underway, CTC's **Mark Slater** reveals the winners of the 2014 competition

**AFTER 190 EVENTS** and nearly 800,000km ridden, the 2014 CTC Tourist Competition finished in a dead heat. Even the tie-break rule couldn't separate Peter Dilworth (Chester & North Wales) and Mark Beauchamp (North Hampshire).

Chester & North Wales were victorious in other categories too: Lowri Evans was once again the winner of the women's and women's veterans competitions, and Chester & North Wales won the team competition for the tenth time. Stevenage and North Herts picked up both junior trophies, which were won by brother and sister Kieran and Lauren Higham.

If you rode even one Tourist Competition event last year, you will automatically have earned points. So how did you do? The full results are online: [bit.ly/ctcTouristComp14](http://bit.ly/ctcTouristComp14).

The 2015 season kicked off in March and it couldn't be easier to try out. There are events across the UK. Go online to [bit.ly/ctcTouristComp15](http://bit.ly/ctcTouristComp15) to find one close to you. It's different from most competitions.

Tourist Competition veteran Lowri Evans explains how. 'The main thing is to have fun,' said Tourist 'It is about taking part and meeting people. Don't be put off if you can't ride events in all of the categories; you don't have to be able to ride a 200k or 300k event to do well. Choose events that you

think you will enjoy. It helps if you read the rules so that you have some understanding of the event categories and how the points are awarded. Lots of organisers put a huge amount of time and effort into arranging events; take the time to say thank you and enjoy having a chat.'

As well as earning points, participants can gain awards in the other element of the CTC Tourist Competition, the Mille Miglia. Each rider's distance cycled in Tourist Competition events over the year is totted up, and certificates and bronze, silver and gold medallions are available to those riding far enough. To view your Mille Miglia results for 2014, go to [bit.ly/ctcMilleMiglia14](http://bit.ly/ctcMilleMiglia14).

On a personal note, I would like to thank Dan Moore and Luke Peters for steering the competition through its transition period over the last two years, and for bringing this extraordinary competition to the saddles of every CTC member. In 2015, both Dan and Luke will be handing the reins over to Mark Stogsdill. Mark is a keen Tourist Competition participant and he has some great ideas to elevate its profile in 2015.

**For more information on how you can enter the competition or become an organiser of a CTC Tourist Competition event, please email us at [competitions@ctc.org.uk](mailto:competitions@ctc.org.uk) or call 01483 238323.**

## CYCLE SHORTS

### ● WELSH FESTIVAL OF CYCLING

The Welsh Festival of Cycling returns to Llandoverly in mid Wales from 23-28 July. It's based at Llandoverly Rugby Club, where pitches for tents, caravans and motorhomes will be available. There will be four rides per day, from short family rides to 70-mile ones into the surrounding hills, including audax rides and Tourist Competition events. Those wishing to explore off-road are also catered for. Registration is £15 per adult and £2 for under-16s. A tent pitch costs £30 for five nights, a caravan or motorhome £35, plus £16/£20 for each adult beyond the first. **See [bit.ly/1C2Fpkx](http://bit.ly/1C2Fpkx) or contact Emrys Jones: 01952 257522, [demrys2jones@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:demrys2jones@hotmail.co.uk)**

### ● MERIDEN CYCLE RALLY

The CTC Heart of England Meriden Cycle Rally is on the weekend of 16-17 May this year. There are four organised rides on the Saturday: 160k and 105k audax rides, plus 20- and 30-mile leisure rides. On the Sunday, the 94th Cyclists' Memorial Service will be held on Meriden Green. Over 400 riders attended the memorial last year to remember those cyclists who died during WW1 and other conflicts. The service starts at 11am. **For more details, see [ctc-heartofengland.org.uk](http://ctc-heartofengland.org.uk).**

### ● NEW TOURING FESTIVAL

The Cycle Touring Festival takes place at Waddow Hall in Lancashire on 1-3 May. It will feature dozens of speakers, filmmakers, planning specialists and cycle touring gear experts from across the UK. There is room for several hundred attendees to camp in the venue's grounds. Tickets are available now, priced at £65 for the full weekend, including camping accommodation and meals. Day tickets will also be available at a later date. **See [cycletouringfestival.co.uk](http://cycletouringfestival.co.uk).**

### ● AUK NATIONAL 400

The Audax UK National 400, organised this year by CTC Highland, takes place on the weekend of 25-26 July. The 250-mile event (400k) starts and finishes in Dingwall in the north of Scotland and passes through outstanding scenery. The event is supported at village halls en route, where participants can feed and rest. Entry is £35 and is restricted to 100 riders. **For details or to enter, see [aukweb.net](http://aukweb.net).**