

CTC Dumfries and Galloway Member Group



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Dear Member,

Please find enclosed or attached the Ride Lists for February to June 2012. There are some rides and events in the lists I would like to mention specially:-

- **WWT Caerlaverock (Sunday 26th February).** A civilised ride to the Wildlife & Wetland Centre, for lunch and a free tour lead by WWT's Learning Manager Brian Morrell.
- **Minnigaff Weekend (Sat and Sun 14th & 15th April).** Organised by the Ayrshire Group. Members are very welcome to come on rides. These meet up at the Minnigaff Youth Hostel from about 9 am.
- **Spring Fling Rides.** In response to the Queen's Jubilee weekend this year we are running three, on 2nd, 3rd & 4th June. See lists for more info.
- **Portrack Gardens Open Day.** Sunday afternoon, 6th May. We haven't been for a few years, and Charles Jencks' Garden of Cosmic Speculation is well worth a visit. Pipe band too - outdoors!
- **200 km Audax (Sat 23rd June).** Starts are at Minnigaff and Dumfries, and heading lots of places in D&G. Please contact Tom Hanley (01387 261969) for details and registration, or see our website.
- **Red kite Trail.** Usually in October, and though there is always lots of Red Kite activity at Bellymack farm, there has been a paucity of smaller birds at the regular hides so late in the season. So we've decided to move this lovely ride to **Sat 30th June**, again accompanied by RSPB's Calum Murray.

And I would also like to draw your attention to a series of **Sportives** in D&G over the summer:-

- **Stewartry Sportive.** A new venture for our MG. In conjunction with the Dalbeattie Community Initiative we are organising a Sportive on **Sunday September 16th**. Routes of 16, 50 and 75 miles from Dalbeattie. Entry forms are already available from our website (www.dandgcycling.org) or call Betty Howard on 01556 610998, or book directly through www.sientries.co.uk. The event is part of a 'Three of the Best' sequence in D&G including **The Solway Sportive** on Sun 20th May (www.dumfriescc.btck.co.uk), and **The reCycle Sportive** on Saturday 11th August (www.gallowayrecyclesportive.co.uk) or Keith Mannion on 01557 330770). Sportives are very popular these days – book soon to avoid disappointment, as they say.

We have agreed to continue the £5 voluntary sub to help with expenses – my thanks to those who have already contributed at the 2011 AGM. Details for those who wish to contribute this year are on the slip below.

Finally, but not least, my thanks to all those who have offered rides, or volunteered to lead. I will, of course, be on as many of the rides and events as I can, and look forward to seeing many of you out with us enjoying the great scenery and countryside in Dumfries and Galloway, and perhaps taking our ease a few cafes.

Best regards

Michael Gray

Mike Gray, Secretary, CTC Dumfries and Galloway Member Group

Dear Member. Though the CTC annual funding for small groups, such as ours, has now been raised this is still only around about half the annual running costs of the Member Group (mostly printing and postage, and AGM costs). At the 2010 AGM, following a member survey, we decided to institute a £5 voluntary local sub from members.

If you wish to contribute please send a cheque for £5 (payable to 'CTC D&G Member Group') to Ted Norfolk, Cliff Cottage, Monreith, Newtown Stewart, DG8 9LJ

Thank you

Mike Gray