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"Village Green in April"

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Steer

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Stefan Eichenseher, John Steer, Brian Penny

Closing date for the November / December 2016 edition is on **15 October 2016**.

The Editor reserves the right to edit contributions for reasons of space, clarity or libel.

## **Editor's Foreword**

Evidently I had completely lost the deadline for the Peggy Thorndyke 100/100 in the last issue, as the event was already over before you even got the magazine.

Remember, the **David Doo Photographic Competition** is in full swing: Entries **opened on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016** and close **on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2016**. Please see page 19 for more information.

The committee took the opportunity to reverse a decision made at the last AGM, when Adrian Leeds was introduced as the new treasurer. As my circumstances have changed so that I am now still in the area (and able to attend committee meetings), the committee agreed that I should re-take the reins.

As a first new measure I would like to introduce the opportunity of online payments for event entries. The starter example should be the Colchester 100/100, for which people who wish to pre-enter should use the Online-Entry-Ref: **Col100/100**. This is also given in the advert on page 20. Please note on the entry form that you paid online. The organiser can then cross-check with the treasurer.

I hope that in the future we are able to set up online payment via the website, although the webmaster will probably have the last word on this.

After a sunny Summer Gathering, there is now the **AGM** coming up on **12<sup>th</sup> November 2016**, which is the most important meeting for all formal and informal member groups under the banner of the Essex CTC. See page 21 for details.

I would expect a good number of people attending, especially as there is **FREE** lunch.

Finally, this leaves me to say – as always – those who are fit go forth and cycle. I hope that you are all out and about and have fun on your bikes!

Your editor,

**Stefan Eichenseher**



## ***The President's Piece***

The Tri-Vets event went very well and was enjoyed by those taking part. What I found amazing was when I was shaking hands and congratulating the riders, as I gave them their certificates, how many had either very cold hands, which were damp, or the opposite very warm and dry hands. Congratulations to all who took part and we hope to see you in three years' time at the next event.

There is still some riding in the sun and warm weather to be had even though the days are getting shorter and the nights longer. I hope to see you out on the road some time.

The Windmill and the Peggy Thorndike events have been and gone for another year. The 40/40 event seemed to have about 40 entrants, even though there were mainly SEG's that rode the forty miles while the others rode the forty kilometres.

The inter-groups summer meet at "The Hurdlemakers" was very well attended by all sections. The service was rather slow and the planned BBQ never happened - for whatever reason (other than the one given to Brian Penny by the landlord) he said that someone by the name of Brian Penny had phoned up and cancelled the B-B-Q (what a cheek these dummies have)

Norman Brooks' funeral was very well attended by by the CTC and 40+ members (who are probably all CTC members anyway)

There is no need to add (Cycling UK) to our shirts as we can carry on with just CTC on them, now is the time to order your Essex CTC winter jacket, they are wind-proof and shower-proof.

Brian Penny is taking new orders for jackets and short sleeved shirts, he just needs a few more then he can put in a new order, his number is in the Spotlight under officers of the EMG, contact him for more details.

Stay safe and enjoy your cycling, wherever you ride and may the puncture fairy be kind to you.

Don't forget to talk to cyclists that you see along the way and give them an Essex CTC business card. They might be interested in joining your local cycling group that they didn't know existed, whether it's the CTC or Cycling UK.

***John Steer***



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## **Member Groups' Reports**

### **Chelmsford Member Group**

**26<sup>th</sup> June 2016 - Windmill 210KM** - This year's conditions were perfect for cycling with no rain, little wind and a bright fresh start. I tagged along with Jason and therefore made sound progress, pausing only briefly at Finchingfield for a chat with Tom Deakins, before heading off again. We flew through Belchamp St. Paul and were doing steady 14's between stops, so an impromptu "elevenses" at Clare outside the Co-op was a welcome breather and refuel. We made lunch at Greggs in Newmarket on time around one p.m. This was a more or less functional process involving a large coffee and a bland, doughy baguette with a rather hot chilli chicken filling. All grist to the mill anyway. By 4 o'clock we were in Saffron Walden, where we discovered a rather posh cyclists' café-cum-cycle shop. (Town centre, opposite the public toilets). Although we had been heading towards the loos at the time, the delicious home-made Granola and fresh ground coffee proved too strong a draw and another refreshing stop was taken. (Note to self: Must go back there!).

The sugar and coffee propelled us up the long climb to Barley like 2 hyperactive children and from there we reached the Ugley club hut at half past 5. Another good rest was enjoyed at "Chez Victoria" with black coffee and yet more cake and choc bickies, served by our esteemed host, Brian Penny. 50km later I checked the Margaretting info clue before (at 128 miles into the ride!) - facing the fiendishly inserted London Hill (11%!). Anyhow, I got back to HQ in 11 hrs 24 minutes, greeted by the ever cheerful Stefan. My cycle computer said I'd been pedalling 9 and a half hours (including to-and-from mileage) so the arithmetic proves I spent roughly 2 hours eating and drinking. A most enjoyable day and many thanks to the organisers! **Adrian Leeds**

**July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016** - Leaving Chelmsford today we had 7 up. Adrian led us out to Danbury to give Dave S plenty of exercise on his Claud Butler fixie. Along The Ridge we encountered a team laying tar and chippings. Because the freshly laid chippings made riding difficult we resorted to using the pathway, as far as we could. Loose chippings continued down Spring Elms Lane so we turned off at the first opportunity. Some who had got ahead of the leader then went missing!

In Maldon there was some discussion where we were having our dorkey (see note at end), as there was a discrepancy between the Spotlight entry and that on the web site. We know one member didn't have the internet

so it had to be the Wilkins tearoom called “The Lock” at Heybridge Basin. Here we met three more members and finally the three we lost earlier.

With Heybridge Basin and Goldhanger being almost within spitting distance Adrian took us on a northerly loop arriving at “The Chequers” at about 12.40. It was surprisingly empty giving us a choice of inside or outside seating. By this time there were eight of us, which was just the right number for a garden table. John Davis started working out how many more Tri-Vets he can get in before he is 100! He has done 12 and revealed he did his first one aged 48. This was in an interim period when they were gradually increasing the minimum entry age for both men and women to 50.

The intended tea stop was “Bunsay Downs”, but the road chip problem ruled that out. There was then the suggestion of “The White Elm” at Bickenacre, which would have been good for my return to Wickford, but then it swung to “Perrywood” near Tiptree in favour of John D!

Not wishing to go too far north I peeled off before Little Totham and headed for Maldon. Straight up Market Hill, across Stow Maries Aerodrome and onto Rettendon Turnpike. I so missed the latter on the revised Peggy Thorndike route! 64 miles for me.

Dorkey= elevenses; mid-morning snack

From a book on Suffolk dialect called “Sloightly on th’ huh” **Mel Martin**

**July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016** - I left Wickford with the SEG’s but within two miles I made my own way to Blackmore to meet the Chelmsford Group for elevenses.

John B led six of us to Galleywood, where Norman departed back to his car in Chelmsford. After skirting round Gt Baddow we went up Woodhill Road to find it with heavy traffic and much of it in a hurry. We later found out this was caused by hold-ups on the A414.

We arrived at “The Hurdlemakers” at 12.40, but had been beaten by the Taylors and Betty. I then started to suffer from watering eyes, which was certainly not caused by the barbeque, as there wasn’t one. We were told someone called Brian Penny phoned to cancel it. This was all rather odd and we think this was a cover for the fact there was no one available to man the BBQ.

All four Essex Groups were well represented. It was sunny, everybody was happy and we all got fed eventually! A group photo was taken and then some started to depart. About 15.10 I rode homewards with the SEG’s. **Mel Martin**

## Colchester Member Group

*[Unfortunately, there were no reports available from the Colchester Informal Member Group. Ed.]*

## Haverling Member Group

**June 5<sup>th</sup>** - Gordon led eleven to elevenses at RSPB Rainham Marshes via Ingrebourne Way, route 136, with a bit of rough-stuff thrown in! Drinks in the "Visitors Centre" then back home. Sun came out to play and a bit of mountain climbing for some on the return!

**June 12<sup>th</sup>** - Steve Gregson made the numbers up to nine for our trip to Ramsden Heath. Dark clouds threatened as we set off along Fen Lane. At Dunton we crossed swords with the boot sale traffic, then after a little climb up to Little Burstead our jackets went on before continuing through Billericay. A loop via leafy Goatsmoor Lane took us to "Hall and Co" for our elevenses break.

Our snacks were supplemented by lemon cake kindly supplied by Wail! After a good chinwag Steve said goodbye and the rest of us set off into the drizzle for home. We passed south of Buttsbury Wash and wet feet for one (!). On to Hutton and The Avenue then a whizz downhill from Warley. Forty miles. **David Rowlands**

**June 19<sup>th</sup>** - Eight of us set off for a trip to Mill Green. We were due to arrive at our morning tea stop at Blackmore a bit earlier than planned, so I attempted a detour which, though didn't go quite according to plan, got us to "The Tea Rooms" in good time.

Three returned home while five carried on to "The Viper" using a rather innovative (off-road) route suggested by my Sat Nav app (which I'm about to ditch!)

After a hearty lunch it was back through Doddington and South Weald to home bringing us up to forty miles. **Joe Collins**

While Joe and Co were at "The Viper" five more Haverling riders took part in the Essex Tri-Vets, a marathon eating session *[in three parts, Ed.]* with a 100 mile ride thrown in! Great organisation, great catering, a great route. Weather was well behaved, just a bit of cloud for the last hour or so.

**June 26<sup>th</sup>** - Five left Upminster early on a grey Sunday bound for Norton Heath; uneventful save for a splashing in Hay Green ford and being buzzed by a large peloton near Blackmore.

Tea and toast were ordered as we waited for Alex and p.....e victim Gordon to arrive.

South Hertfordshire CTC were already here in force waiting for the off. A & G arrived and we said farewell to our two ladies, then set off for lunch. We were led through Good Easter, Great Waltham and Terling (complete with swollen ford!) and on to sunny Witham and the delights of Weatherspoon's food.

Return was via Danbury (after a bit of ford action in the flooded causeway) and on to Chelmsford, where the wicked p.....e fairy struck our Gordon again!

Threeses at another Weatherspoon's ("The Ivory Peg"); then home via Writtle and Blackmore, where we said farewell to S Herts.

Back to Upminster with 80 miles bagged. Meanwhile - Gerald Howgate was our sole representative at "The Windmill Audax" rides completing 210Km

**July 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Gordon led fifteen on a short sunny ride to "Blackmore Tea Rooms" and back.

**July 10<sup>th</sup>** - seven set off on a grey, muggy Sunday to Warley Hill (first of many!), S Weald and Stapleford Abbots, where a refreshing drizzle started! Up to Lambourne End and down into the Roding Valley to "The Bridge Deli" Abridge for our elevenses stop.

More ups and downs and more drizzle to Theydon Bois and Ivy Chimneys, Fiddlers Hamlet then the ascent to Coopersale for lunch in "The Garnon Bushes".

'Roasts only', so three indulged, while the rest tucked into their sarnies.

Return was drier, as the sun eventually burned its way through; that wind picked up though!

Up and down again via Toot Hill, Berwick Lane then across the Rodings again for the drag up to Bentley. Last bit was Lincolns Lane, South Weald and back to Upminster clocking up a hilly 40 miles. **David Rowlands**

**July 17<sup>th</sup>** - Five set off on a warm, increasingly sunny Sunday along" the Great Warley hills, through Blackmore to "Norton Heath Café for elevenses.

Wai and Helen went home while Chan, Kelvin and I continued along the remarkably gravelly Sustrans route to the café at "Harlow Garden Centre" for a nice lunch.

Kelvin took a direct route home while Chan and I took the scenic route through the hills of Coopersale, Stapleford Tawney, Wigley Bush Lane then back home. Overall just a shade under 50 miles. **Joe Collins**

**July 24<sup>th</sup>** - Four of us went to the Essex CTC summer gathering at Woodham Mortimer. Eleveses at "Hall and Co" was a noisy affair thanks to a supercar meet in "The White Horse" car park!

Thirty odd Essex CTC riders gathered at "The Hurdlemakers Arms". No BBQ! It didn't spoil the day though. Return via Stock. 60 miles racked up.

**David Rowlands**


## **Advertising in Spotlight**

*by Martin Pipe*

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Please note, notice would be required, in keeping with the magazine's two-month production schedule (see closing date on page 4). 

## **Letter to the editor**

*By Steve Gregson*

Hi Stefan,

Re- slide show editor's comment on May 29<sup>th</sup>

- 1) actually my system is a digital compact camera,
- 2) approx. 200 photos on a trip
- 3) choose interesting 20 photos after a long trip and print off 20 hard copies
- 4) take the 20 around when I think there may be folk interested

Keep up the good work.

**Steve** 

## Forthcoming Events



*Organisers: please advise the editor of anything you wish to be included*

Date	Event	Organiser
1 Sept	<b>[EMG] Photographic Competition</b> Entries open: <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sept</b> - Closing date: <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2016</b>	Lynda Collins
25 Sep	<b>[EMG] Colchester 100 m/ 100km</b> , start from Playgolf Colchester, Bakers Lane, CO3 4AU, OS168 TL972261	Malcolm Mitchell 07531 511112
9 Oct	<b>[MG] Havering Group AGM</b> , 10.30 am Thames Chase Visitor Centre Pike Lane, Upminster, RM14 3NS	Alex Kornfeld 01708 229924
9 Oct	<b>Submit your Events Card</b> Claim your Standard/Premier Award	Lynda Collins
29 Oct	<b>[EDARF &amp; VRC] - Autumn Meet</b> , at Langdon Hills Golf and Country Club, Essex RM14 3TY, 12:30	Peter Smith 01992 573591
12 Nov	<b>[EMG] Essex CTC MG AGM</b> , 10:30 am at the Chelmer Club hut, Meteor Way, OS167, TL698067 (refreshments are provided)	Lynda Collins, 01245 320 733

If not stated, please see the *Impressum* (p. 4) for organisers' contacts or see our website at <http://www.essexcycling.co.uk/events.htm>.

## Your Events Card is now due!



Your completed **Events Card** (evidence of events completed throughout the year) needs to be submitted to the Essex CTC MG Secretary, Lynda Collins, **by the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2016** to claim your Standard or Premier Award.

You can also pass your card to your group secretary, who will pass it on to the secretary of the Essex CTC Member Group (Lynda Collins)



## Chelmsford Informal Member Group – Runs List

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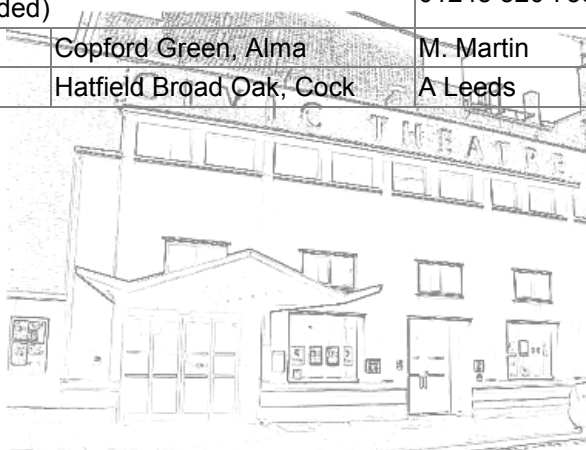
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(near the Civic Theatre) 9am for 9.15am

All day rides start **9.15am**

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Date	11ses	Destination	Leader
Sep 18	Tiptree, Perywoods	Maldon, Wetherspoon's	M Cockersole
25 Sep	<b>[EMG] Colchester 100 m/ 100km</b> , start from Playgolf Colchester, Bakers Lane, CO3 4AU, OS168 TL972261		Malcolm Mitchell 07531 511112
<b>ALT:</b>	Informal	Informal	
Oct 02	White Roding, Bretts	Broxted, Prince of Wales	M. Martin or JB
Oct 09	Andrewsfield	Castle Hedingham, Bell	A Leeds
Oct 16	Blackmore	Matching Tye, Fox	M Cockersole
Oct 23	Tiptree, Perywoods	Maldon, Wetherspoon's	JB or M Martin
29 Oct	<b>[EDARF &amp; VRC] - Autumn Meet</b> , at Langdon Hills Golf and Country Club, Essex RM14 3TY, 12:30		Peter Smith 01992 573591
Oct 30	Billericay, Wetherspoon's	Stondon Massey, Bricklayers	A Leeds
Nov 06	Blake End, Timbers	Finchingfield, Red Lion	m Cockersole
<b>12 Nov</b>	<b>[EMG] Essex CTC MG AGM</b> , 10:30 am at the Chelmer Club hut, Meteor Way, OS167, TL698067 (refreshments are provided)		Lynda Collins, 01245 320 733
Nov 13	Maldon, Fig Tree	Copford Green, Alma	M. Martin
Nov 20	Ongar, Budworth Hall	Hatfield Broad Oak, Cock	A Leeds



## Haverling Member Group – Runs List



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**Rides Start:** Roomes (Home & Fashion) Store, Station Road, Upminster

All rides meet 08:45 for 09:00 start unless otherwise stated

Date	Destination	Leader
Sep 18	Destination to be decided on the day.	Alan Pine
Sep 25	<b>[EMG] Colchester 100 m/ 100km</b> , start from Playgolf Colchester, CO3 4AU, OS168 TL972261	Malcolm Mitchell 07531 511112
<b>ALT:</b>	Maldon	Dave Rowlands
Oct 02	Short Ride, Beginners Welcome	Joseph Collins 07505 874713
<b>Oct 9</b>	<b>[MG] Haverling Group AGM, 10.30 am</b> Thames Chase Visitor Centre, RM14 3NS	Alex Kornfeld 01708 229924
Oct 16	Destination to be decided on the day.	Alan Pine
Oct 23	Destination to be decided on the day.	Kelvin Dane 07922 111790
Oct 29	<b>[EDARF &amp; VRC] - Autumn Meet</b> , at Langdon Hills Golf and Country Club, Essex RM14 3TY, 12:30	Peter Smith 01992 573591
Oct 30	Destination to be decided on the day.	Joseph Collins
Nov 06	Short Ride, Beginners Welcome	Gordon Peel 07711 609230
<b>12 Nov</b>	<b>[EMG] Essex CTC MG AGM</b> , 10:30 am at the Chelmer Club hut, Meteor Way, OS167, TL698067 (refreshments are provided)	Lynda Collins, 01245 320 733
Nov 13	Hatfield Broad Oak	David Rowlands
Nov 20	Destination to be decided on the day.	Kelvin Dane

### Note:

First Sunday of the month:

Short half-day ride for those wanting a shorter or easier ride

The group out on a bright sunny winter's day





## Southeast Essex Informal MG – Runs List



**Contact:** John Steer

☎ 01702 529 638– [segssec@btinternet.com](mailto:segssec@btinternet.com)

**Runs start:** from the Wickford Café Restaurant, 3-5 The Broadway, Wickford SS11 7AD - Sundays at 9.15am for **9.30am**, unless otherwise stated.

**Club Nights** are the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month 8.00pm @ St Laurence & All Saints Church Hall, Eastwoodbury Lane, Eastwood, SS2 6RH

**Note:** \* When **EMG** or **MG** events take place the local ride will include a booked Elevenes venue, but not a specific pub for lunch, unless otherwise stated.

### Check out

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Date	Eleveneses	Lunch Destination	
18-Sep	Woodham Walter (Bunsay Downs Golf Club)	Little Braxted (The Green Man)	
25 Sep	<b>[EMG] Colchester 100 m/ 100km</b> , start from Playgolf Colchester, Bakers Lane, CO3 4AU, OS168 TL972261		Malcolm Mitchell 07531 511112
<b>ALT:</b>	Butts Green (Garden Centre)	Ramsden Heath (Nags Head)	
2 Oct	Margaretting (Saddlery)	Cock Clarks (Fox & Hounds)	
9 Oct	<b>[IMG] Crab &amp; Winkle, Canterbury, Kent</b> CT1 1YW. 10am start		Mel Martin 01268 572081
<b>ALT:</b>	S. Woodham Ferrers (Tropical Wings)	see <u>Note</u> above*	
16 Oct	Chelmsford (Recess Coffee Shop)	Littley Green (Compasses)	
29 Oct	<b>[EDARF &amp; VRC] - Autumn Meet</b> , at Langdon Hills Golf and Country Club, Essex RM14 3TY, 12:30		Peter Smith 01992 573591
23 Oct	Maldon (Morrisons)	Kelvedon (Railway Tavern)	
30 Oct	Blackmore (Blackmore Tearooms)	West Hanningfield (Three Compasses)	
6 Nov	Maldon (Barge Tearoom)	Little Totham (The Swan)	
<b>12 Nov</b>	<b>[EMG] Essex CTC MG AGM</b> , 10:30 am at the Chelmer Club hut, Meteor Way, OS167, TL698067 (refreshments are provided)		Lynda Collins, 01245 320 733
13 Nov	Writtle (Lordship Tearooms)	Mill Green (The Viper)	
20 Nov	Ramsden Heath (Hall & Co.)	Mundon (White Horse)	
27 Nov	Butts Green (Garden Centre)	Writtle (Rose & Crown)	

## Colchester Informal Member Group – Runs List

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All rides meet Leisure World Container  
by Skatepark at 9:30am

Date	11ses	Destination	Leader
Sep 11	Raydon, Brett Vale Golf Club	TBC	Gillian Walker
Sep 18	Dedham, Munnings Art Museum	Harwich, New Bell Inn	Des McCarron
25 Sep	<b>[EMG] Colchester 100 m/ 100km</b> , start from Playgolf Colchester, Bakers Lane, CO3 4AU, OS168 TL972261		Malcolm Mitchell 07531 511112
<b>ALT:</b>	Easy Ride		Alan Palmer
Oct 02	Abberton, Visitor Centre	Goldhanger, Chequers	Gillian Walker
Oct 09	Tiptree, Woodlands Tea Room	Cressing Temple Barns	Paul & Caroline Avison
Oct 16	Tiptree	Little Baddow, Papermill Lock	Des McCarron
Oct 23	Tiptree, Woodlands	Little Green, Compasses	TBC
29 Oct	<b>[EDARF &amp; VRC] - Autumn Meet</b> , at Langdon Hills Golf and Country Club, Essex RM14 3TY, 12:30		Peter Smith 01992 573591
Oct 30	TBC	TBC	TBC
Nov 06	TBC	TBC	TBC
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### Note:

Members are welcome to attend Bike Drinks, for all local cyclists, held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, 8pm at "The New Inn", Chappel St South (CO2 7AX).

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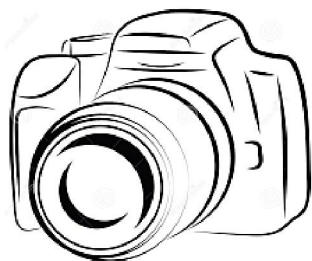
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The New Inn, Colchester

## **2016 David Doo Photographic Prize**

*By Lynda Collins*

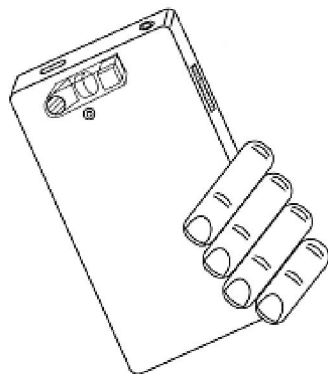


This year, we are once again organising the David Doo Photographic Competition - named in honour of the late Chelmsford member, who was also a keen photographer. The competition is intended to be a fitting annual tribute to him.


Cycling and photography are complementary hobbies, as the frequent use of cameras on tours and Sunday rides amply demonstrates. Our beautiful countryside and the camaraderie of wheelman ship are natural photographic subjects.

What you submit is entirely up to you - the competition brief is to celebrate cycling in any form. We'll publish the entries on the Essex Cycling website, and your efforts will be judged by impartial photographic professionals.

The winner, whose name will grace an Annual Challenge trophy, will be announced at the Essex CTC AGM in November. There will also be a small trophy to keep.



- The competition is open to all Essex CTC members and there is no entry fee.
- Photographs should be submitted digitally or can be hard copy and sized 7x5in or 6x4in.
- Entries are limited to one photograph per person.
- **Entries** open on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and **close on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2016.**

Please forward your prints to Lynda Collins 142 Hullbridge Road, South Woodham Ferrers, Chelmsford, CM3 5LL. 

## ***EMG Event & “Old-timers’ Meet”***

### ***The Colchester 100 m / 100 km Tourist Competition***

**Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015 from 8.00am**

Start / Finish venue: **Playgolf Colchester** on Bakers Lane

The route is largely unchanged from last year: <https://goo.gl/mGyvpo>

Entry form, route sheet, and GPX files are ready to download:

<http://www.colchesterctc.co.uk/events.html>

**Advanced entry is £4 - Entry on the line is £5**

Online-Entry-Ref: **Col100/100**; Bank details on p.3.

Contact the organiser **Malcolm Mitchell** on **07531 511112**

## ***EDARF & VRC - Autumn Meet***

**SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

***Langdon Hills Golf and Country Club***

***Essex RM14 3TY***

***12.30 noon for 1.00 pm***

***Price for the meal is £10.00***

***(this time only)***

**Bookings please by 22<sup>nd</sup> October to**

**Peter Smith**

**01992 573591**

Raffle donations welcomed!

## **Essex CTC Member Group AGM**

The **Essex CTC Annual General Meeting** will be held  
at the **Chelmer CC Clubhouse**  
in Meteor Way, Waterhouse Lane, Chelmsford,  
(OS167, TL698067)  
on **Saturday**, the **12<sup>th</sup> November 2016**  
commencing at **10.30am**.

Nominations for office are accepted on the day. Propositions must be received by Lynda Collins by **5<sup>th</sup> November**.

If propositions are sent by email, please ensure a seconder is present on the day.

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## **South East Essex Informal Member Group**

**24<sup>th</sup> April – Stebbing** - Nine left Wickford for Chelmsford through a very strong cold headwind and so were glad of a warming beverage and sustenance at the “Recess Coffee Shop”.

Seven went onto Andrewsfield, where we met Mel M and John B who had been to the “Blue Egg” with Martin C but had found it rammed with cyclists. This was to have been a joint meetup with the Colchester contingent, but owing to a puncture they were delayed and only arrived just as we were leaving; but we managed a few words before parting company.

**1<sup>st</sup> May – Kelvedon** - The eighteen who met at the “Wickford Café Restaurant” split into various groups to make their way to Maldon. Upon arrival at the “Request Coffee Shop” four decided to go to the “Crystal Café” instead, two had left us earlier and that left eight with four arriving later. Nine went onto the “Railway Tavern”.

**22<sup>nd</sup> May – Navestock** - Two new venues were tried today and required a slightly longer and hilly morning ride to Weald Country Park and the “Wigley Bush Café” near Brentwood. Lunch was taken at the “Alma Arms” at Horsemanside near Navestock. The pub normally does Sunday roasts only, but we’d arranged in advance with them to have access to the snack menu. In case any other groups venture out this way: you order food and drink at separate tills and receive a flashing gadget to tell you when your food is ready.

**29<sup>th</sup> May – Little Totham** - Thanks to the 40+ group we can now count “D’s Café Diner” in Hatfield Peverel as another welcome addition to the SEG’s list of elevenses venues. Our route took us via Rettendon, East Hanningfield, Danbury, North Hill, Nounsley, Hatfield Peverel, Witham, Little Braxted, Great Totham North and Little Totham (“The Swan”). In future I must steer away from airing controversial topics over lunch, as my casual reference to the rebranding of CTC to Cycling UK led to a heated debate [... and it will continue for some time, Ed. - not biased at all! ;-)].

**5<sup>th</sup> June – Ford End** - We had a new rider out today (David B) and another new pub to try. Fifteen eventually made it to “The Secret Garden Tearooms” in Chelmsford and seven went onto lunch at “The Butcher’s Arms”. **Manchurian**

*[The above additional ride reports fill in what the report writer in the previous edition had omitted. Ed.]*

**26<sup>th</sup> June, Chelmsford to Little Green** - I knew that I wasn't fit enough to ride either of the Windmill rides in the times given, so Martin F and I decided to drive to Meteor Way [*start venue of the Windmill event, Ed.*] and ride out to Little Green. Our ride out had a few changes added to it, as I wanted to check out some other ways of doing our route to "The Compasses". Instead of going left after the bridge and riding straight to the pub we rode straight on up the road passing some lovely place along the way. We passed a little lane on the right, which would take you to Chatham Green (I must try it sometime). When we got to the end, what a shock! An A-road with traffic racing both ways. We turned round and made our way back to the right road for the pub. But still, I had another route in mind. After you enter the road leading to "The Compasses" there is a lane to the right, which we took. Once again, nice views and properties, but no knowing, if it would take me where I wanted to go. After a time of riding in between open fields, we entered a wooded section of road, which was very wet, as we had had some heavy rain recently. On Martin and I rode hoping for a clue as to where we were. Then it came: Mabb's Farm to the right. We were on the right road which, if you haven't ridden it, comes back out onto the road leading to the pub just a few hundred yards from the watering hole with huffers. Our route back took us through Great Leighs, Fuller Street, Terling for a cupper, then Little Waltham, Broads Green and back to Chelmsford.



**The Compasses Inn,  
Little Green**

**3<sup>rd</sup> July, Writtle to Broads Green** - Two groups set off for the "Lordship Tearooms". On our arrival the faster group had just ordered and was sitting waiting for their food. After we had eaten, our leader (Lynda) lead us by a devious route to the "Walnut Tree" pub. Not much of a group, I think that there were only six of us plus one old man sitting at the bar,



Brian P, Martin P and Ron S, probably topped up their takings for the month with our visit that day.

**17<sup>th</sup> July, Chelmsford to Little Green** - I lead our group to the "Secret Garden", others arrived in dribs and drabs. Finally we set off for "The Compasses" at Little Green and I introduced the group to my new route that I had taken a few weeks previously, who were quite impressed with the quietness of the route and the change of scenery. After lunch we set off taking my route through to Terling then on to Hatfield Peverel, Little Baddow, everywhere we rode there seemed to have been chippings freshly laid making cycling hard work.

**24<sup>th</sup> July, Summer Gathering** - I set off this morning having driven to Lynda and Jon's home, with Lynda, Jon and Ron on a planned route to Maldon instead of the "Althorne Café", as we didn't fancy the Burnham road. As usual service was slow at the "Morrison's Café". Lynda led the route back to the *Summer Gathering* of the groups, but she didn't stop as she was upset by a staff member on a previous occasion at the pub. I know what she means now, as I had ordered my food and bought a pint when out from behind the bar the landlord rushed out knocked my pint and spilt it (without a sorry or let me top it back up) he just rushed out the door. I had to wait for an hour plus for my baguette, which I'm sure had been sitting in the sun all that time as the ham looked like it was going off. Yes, they were busy, but they seemed short-staffed and overwhelmed by the numbers sitting outside. They're off from my Christmas card list ... not that I ever sent them one.

**31<sup>st</sup> July, Mountnessing to Writtle** - Lynda lead the ride out to Mountnessing to a new tea room. Not bad - I would give it another go to see how it improves. Having booked the "Rose & Crown" I was told that there was a Jazz festival taking place with three jazz bands and one of them would be in the pub and the pub would be very crowded. I ask my members, if they wished to still go to the pub. They said no. So we went to the "Brewers Arms" at Bicknacre instead. Boy have they put up their prices: £11.80 for a pint of cider and a baguette (!). I won't be going there in a hurry any time soon.

**7<sup>th</sup> August, Maldon to Layer de la Haye** - Two groups or were there three by the time Brian and Lia turned up and John H came in from Cold Norton. I had worked out a route to Layer-de-la-Haye, which got us to the pub in good time. On our arrival we found John Davis just finishing his lunch. With our food ordered and drinks in hand we sat and chatted to

him, until he left on his journey home. Our return took us through Layer-de-la-Haye, Birch Green, skirting Layer Marney and into Tiptree, where we lost Martin P, then onto Maldon for a tea and loo stop before heading for home.

**14<sup>th</sup> August, 40/40 event** - Good weather, not too hot, nice scenery, no Brock Hill. Oh what changes! Well some of the route for one. I think that the roads seemed to have more potholes than south of Colchester, especially the one leading the start at the "Golf Club". On this event you need good brakes and low gears along with a good set of lungs. I had two of these, but not the third. Still, I made it without having to walk up any hills and for a change we were back at the finish before time ran out on us (we missed out our pub lunch stop). **John Steer**

## **European Cycle Touring Rallies**

*By Steve Gregson*

Some years ago, whilst on a European Cycle Rally in Belgium, we heard about weeks similar to the CTC Birthday rides: around 1,700 cyclists from 17 countries and 3 different length rides plus an off-road ride every day. A big beer tent with the Tour de France on a big screen soon gave rise to friendships and a group of Russian girls who needed to 'sing for their suppers' turned up at later rallies. Economic needs enforced them riding a large part of the way and with many loaves of bread and ham.

A handout for the German Rally in the ex-DDR attracted us, as we had never been there, so off we went. The first three days were in Gera and followed on by four days in Bad Blankenburg, where literally 'treading water' was a highlight of the evenings. I did the 'A'-ride on the Sunday and after an hour of riding, there was an almighty loud complaining from the club's back-marker. "You are supposed to greet any guests, not talk amongst your own club members." Jürgen, just the man for me I thought, and later he was to accompany us on a week's tour into the Czech Republic. He recommended getting a week-end train to begin with, a cheap day pass allowed unlimited travel on Sundays. There were lots of laughs and surprises not least the border in the middle of some woods, which I thought would be secretive but on arrival it was full of cigarette booths! A fussy BandB owner, who asked us to peg out our clothes more orderly on the line, also raised a smile.

Three further German rallies have been enjoyed by Anni and I in Kiel, the Baltic Coast and this year in Bonn. There, a strange hostel awaited some of our German colleagues: a large shed had many small but old caravans

inside, which with tables and chairs in front were quirky, but dry. Alongside, 2 railway sleeper wagons gave only tiny space so were not so popular. All immaculately clean. With Jürgen and fellow Club Solidarity Gera, we had some steady 50 miles trips out into the flattish Rhineland countryside.

For anyone interested, the German 2017 rally is also in a flat area, Hannover. Check it out at [www.brt2017.de](http://www.brt2017.de). The European rally is in Luxembourg and there will no doubt be the usual rallies in Belgium, Sweden and of course the 'biggy' the French Semaine Federale.

Fancy them? It's something different and may bring lifelong friendships even after Brexit.

### **Additional information**

We found our own accommodation, near the Gera club who we know members of. Also in the past, the organisation provided lists and we booked separately. Unfortunately, late booking this year only allowed up to the Thursday night near our friends, but other Gera folk arrived and found hotels in Bonn on arrival. So, if you are not so bothered where you stay as a single entry, late booking of accommodation should be possible.

There are entry costs. We paid per day that we were there: 7 Euros per day. There will be an all-in cost for a week. Sufficient snacks and drinks at the stops. No need to buy a lunch anywhere.

The HQ had a lot of information, as to what there was to do nearby. Also, I think the German Fed organises their annual conferences at that time. ☺

 **Albert Brazier**

*By Barry Brazier*

It has come to my notice that this gentleman was prominent in Essex and, particularly, Southend CTC activities in the 1920's and 30's. He was one of the founding members of the first Southend Section, later its secretary, and for a time was the Essex DA treasurer. The last mention of him seems to be his call up midway through the war years.

Why am I interested? Well my paternal grandfather was named Albert Brazier. He moved to Rayleigh from north Essex in about 1916 and

remained there for the rest of his life. Four of his five children subsequently also remained in south east Essex.

However, there is no recollection among our family of this Albert having any involvement with cycling. It has been confirmed that he never even learned to ride a bicycle. Nor was he called up during the 1939 – 45 war. He had served during the 1914 – 18 conflict, and would have been too old by 1939.

There is no knowledge in the family of another, younger, “Albert Brazier”.

So, is this a simple co-incidence, or is there an unknown branch of my family with cycling genes that have been mysteriously passed down to me?

Does anyone have any reliable information? If so I would be delighted to hear from them. 🚲

***Fun from the 🏠: ... found on my travels through the Internet. [Ed]***



## Thinking of...

... well-known people who enriched the life of our cycling community:

**David Rowlands** got knocked off his bike in Dagenham on 23 August evening. "I'm ok just a grazed knee, bike came off worst, two buckled wheels!" - "Must have had quite an impact to result in two buckled wheels." - "Careless driving, police attended, don't know yet what they intend to do.

Driver pulled out of a side road." 🚲

## Obituaries

### **Eva Paine (died August 2016)**

Her name will be familiar to many CTC members, as she was the editor of the EDARF Magazine for many years. Eva's cycling experiences started with the Grays and Thurrock Section of the CTC and the Romford Wheelers. As well as an organiser for EDARF events, she was also in the Forty Plus.

*[Excerpt from March/April 2016 issue, full obituary to follow Ed.]*

The funeral was on Thursday 25th August at Pitsea/Basildon Crematorium with a private family burial service at Chadwell Cemetery. The wake took place at Langdon Hills Golf Club..

.Our deepest sympathies go to her family and friends. 🚲

**Fun from the** 🌟: ... found on my travels through the Internet.

[Ed]:

<http://themetapicture.com/when-cyclists-go-to-heaven/>



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Chris' route planning resources	<a href="http://www.velocipede.org.uk">www.velocipede.org.uk</a>
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## Cover picture:



Fourth Prize at the Dave Doo Photographic Competition 2015

**Barry Brazier, member of SEG**

"Village Green in April"

The verdict of the judge was:

"A pleasant shot but a bit of a missed opportunity. I would have taken the picture about 20 feet to the left and a bit closer, placing the bikes and tree on the RHS of the frame and concentrate on the sunlit house in the background. Nicely exposed and focused."

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