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# Down the Road

East Kent DA Newsletter



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## "Accidental" Death

The CTC has demanded tougher action against those who kill at the wheel following the death in a road accident of a cyclist who held ten world records.

A new CTC campaign called CycleSafe will target police, judiciary, local authorities and other road users following the death of Bruce Bursford, 41, in a collision with a lorry.

Father of two, Mr Bursford from Dereham, Norfolk, died on a training ride when hit by the lorry. The driver admitted to being distracted by his mobile 'phone whilst travelling at around 60 mph and is to be prosecuted for driving without due care and attention [as was the driver who was recently caught by police driving whilst eating a Kit-Kat].

Shirley Holbrook, who was behind the lorry in her Vauxhall Cavalier said "I saw the cyclist. He had bright white clothes on and could be clearly seen. I was waiting behind the lorry for him to pull out and I expected him to put his indicators on. But he didn't pull out. Something white flew though the air and landed on the side of the road. I realised that the truck had hit him.

"Accident investigator PC Nicholas Kett said "In my opinion the accident was caused by the lorry

driver failing to see the cyclist ahead of him"

The coroner, however, has recorded a verdict of accidental. The accident took place on a clear day and the lorry driver had plenty of time to see and avoid him without putting him in any danger.

Those with a duty to protect are clearly refusing to value cyclists' lives and their right to ride.

Stuart Reid

### footnote. A couple of definitions:

**accident** - an unforeseen or unexpected event; a mishap

**negligence** - lack of proper care; an act of carelessness or neglect; omission of duty, especially for the interests of others as the law may require.

## Flying Gate Weekend (1st to 3rd September)

Ever had a passion for these distinctive cycles? Now is the time to immerse yourself in the loyal following at Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire.

For further details please see the Flying Gate page on the West Kent CTC web site.

Lorna Stanley

## East Meets West

East Kent members have had

some great rides with four of the West Kent DA recently.

On 9th April we met Doug, Jason and Roger at Ashford International Station. Doug led a superb circular ride of 45 miles stopping for coffee at Tenterton Steam Railway Station and also, unusually, at a pub for lunch. It was lovely to see different countryside and the spirit of camaraderie was superb. The route was repeated on 2nd July.

Also on the 29th April Mary Cairns and I joined West Kent to travel by car to Ghent for the "Het von Volk", the two "Flying Gate" bikes causing much interest in the Flemish.

Lorna Stanley

## Keep in Touch

A hard copy of Down the Road complete with runs list is available in cycle shops throughout East Kent and can also be sent to you in return for a stamped addressed envelope. Send your SAE, comments and articles to: Peter Horlock, Flat 2, Pierrepont Court, Albert Road, Ramsgate, CT11 8DR

Comments and submissions for the web site should be directed to: Jason Wood, 13 Denbigh Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 9HS email [jason.a.wood@btinternet.com](mailto:jason.a.wood@btinternet.com)

# Runs List

Date	Time	Start	Destination
3/9/00	10:15	Sarre Windmill (TR260650)	The Endeavour, Wootton (TR225465)
3/9/00		Les Belle d'Europe, St Omer	Further details from Lorna
10/9/00	10:15	Cafe at Reculver (TR225693)	Griffins Head, Chillenden (TR271536)
17/9/00	10:15	Wingham Bird Park (TR254584)	Hop Pocket, Bossingham (TR150490)
17/9/00		Les Belle d'Europe, Boulogne	Further details from Lorna
24/9/00	10:15	Jaspers, Church St, Canterbury (TR154577)	The Tickled Trout, Wye (TR048469)
24/9/00		Les Belle d'Europe, Roubaix	Further details from Lorna
1/10/00	10:15	Wingham Bird Park (TR254584)	The Plough, Lewson Street (TQ963614)
1/10/00		Les Belle d'Europe, Mouscron	Further details from Lorna

Runs Secretary: Lorna Stanley 01304 832492

Please endeavour to be at the start by the times indicated. Runs will start prompt 15 minutes thereafter. If you are not a regular rider please contact the Runs Secretary to confirm that the ride will start as listed, just in case there has been an alteration.

## Using the Trains

- Canterbury** Jaspers is a pleasant stroll through the city centre from the West Station and is close to Canterbury Cycle Mart.
- Sandwich** Sandwich can be reached on the Canterbury East line from Snowdown station then an easy ride via Chillenden and Woodnesborough, nearly all downhill. On other lines head for Ramsgate and cycle alongside the A258, with the new cycle path, or go further on to Sandwich station by train.
- Deal** - Deal can be reached from Shepherdswell station cycling through Eythorne and Great Mongeham or from Ramsgate station the line goes to both Sandwich and Deal.
- Wingham** Wingham can be reached from Adisham station then cycle along the B2046 or from Sandwich station cycling along the Ash by-pass.
- Dover** Dover is straightforward. Sugar & Spice is about half a mile from Kearsney station. Or use Dover Priory station for a steady ride through the town centre then on to the village of River.

## Belle d'Europe Series? What's that all about?

This is a series of rides organised by clubs in England, France and Belgium. There are a number of different lengths of ride varying from 25 miles to 100 miles, with organised stops for snacks and light refreshments.

The day can be fairly long. For foreign rides we need to catch the early ferry from Dover, usually 6am. The ferry trip takes at least ninety minutes, giving us enough time to get the 9:30 CET start (European time, we lose an hour!). To avoid the early start some riders prefer to make a weekend of it and go over the water the previous day, taking time to appreciate more of the locality.

All rides in the Series are route marked and you will be given a route description leaflet. If you would like further details, such as how to get to the start venues, ferry crossings and the possibility of sharing car transport please call Lorna on the number given above.

Should you fancy taking a trip to Boulogne for the September ride, **be warned**. The Seacat from Folkstone gets fully booked months in advance – dozens of cyclists doing the same as you; that is; leave the car this side of the Channel and travel as a foot passenger with bike.