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**EDITORIAL.**

Welcome to the first magazine of the Northants and Milton Keynes District Association. This is also the first time I have had the dubious honour of editing a magazine.

Many of probably know me, but for those who do not - Hello! I hope this will be the first of many editorial columns.

It was decided at the 1989 A.G.M (Annual Groan and Moan) that we should have a D.A. magazine. There are several purposes behind this. The first and foremost purpose is to encourage greater interaction between the sections of the D.A. Members should know what is going on in the neighbouring sections. If your local section is doing something really boring, then you can see what else is on offer on the other side of the known world.

Secondly a D.A magazine has a much wider coverage than a section mag has. Not only can this reduce printing costs, but there should be wider variety of articles, thus making for more interesting reading.

Thirdly, it becomes easier for smaller sections, or new

sections to spread the word about what they are doing, and to ask for support from other areas for their events.

There are probably lots of other reasons as well, but I cannot think of them at the moment.

Happy cycling, Ed.

### ITS YOUR MAGAZINE.....

Yes, its your very own magazine folks. Its up to you to write stuff to put in it. I am not going to write it all, for one thing I don't have time and for another, nobody would ever read it anyway.

The first thing the mag needs is a name, something original and clean would probably be best, but at least lets have some original suggestions. With any luck there will be one outstanding name which lots of people like, then nobody will have to choose from a long list. Being a pessimist myself, I can't see this happening somehow.

As well as a name of course, the mag needs articles. All sorts of articles. Runs reports, Recipes, Equipment reviews, D.I.Y boggles to bikes, Home made equipment, Cartoons, Poems, Sketches, Rights reports, Roughstuff reports, Routes, Sales and wants, Letters, Pub & Cafe recommendations, Complaints, Crosswords, Competitions, Puzzles, Future events and what not, etc.

For the time being the mag will probably be produced quarterly, that is if there is enough to put in it. The exact format is not known yet, this will depend on the method used to produce it, therefore the first couple of issues may be somewhat dissimilar.

### SECTION EVENTS CALENDAR

Lunches are not normally booked on Saturday/Sunday runs, therefore food cannot be guaranteed to be available, so bring enough food with you to last the day. Runs will normally back for tea. Also carry spare inner tube(s), tools, puncture kit and waterproofs. Full length mudguards would be appreciated by others in the group! Please maintain road discipline and single out if requested to do so. Inform someone, preferably the runs leader if you intend to leave the run. This is to save on search parties.

### Kettering Section

#### MARCH

Thu 1st Old - The White Horse, Evening ride.  
Sun 4th Naseby.  
Sat 10th Drayton Park.  
Thu 15th Social Eve. 7 Lancaster Road Rothwell  
Sat 24th/  
Sun 25th National Dinner & Conference - Cheltenham  
Sat 31st Sywell Country Park.

#### APRIL

Thu 5th Orlingbury - Queens Arms, Evening Ride  
Sat 7th/  
Sun 8th Lutterworth Spring Weekend.  
Thu 19th Social Eve. 28 Brooksdale Close Kett  
Sun 22nd Thrapston (Joint with Northampton section)  
Thu 26th Lt. Harrowden - The Ten O'clock. Eve Ride.  
Sat 28th Clipston.  
Sun 29th D.A. Tourist Trial (See later)

#### MAY

Thu 3rd Walgrave - The White Swan Evening Ride.  
4th - 7th Home counties Rally, Hants (Camping)

Thu 10th Holcot - The White Swan. Evening Ride.  
 Sat 12th Kirby Hall  
 Sun 13th Hilly 100km Hilly (See later)  
 Thu 17th Social Eve. 7 Lancaster Rd Rothwell.  
 Sun 20th Meriden Memorial Service Early start (Breakfast may  
 be arranged if enough support.)  
 Thu 24th Gretton - Hatton Arms. Evening ride.  
 Thu 31st Mears Ashby - Griffins Head, Evening ride

All clubruns start at London Road car park (by Cornmarket  
 Hall) Kettering. Sunday all day rides at 9.30 am; Sturday afternoon  
 rides at 2.00 pm; Evening rides at 7.30 pm. Social evenings 8.00pm.  
 Also rides for beginners and families approx one per month contact  
 Dianne Bully on Kett. 722960 for details.  
 For more details generally phone Max on Kett. 712507

### Milton Keynes section:

#### MARCH

Sun 4th Souldern c.c 9.30  
 Sun 11th Mentmore c.c 9.30  
 Thu 15th Social Eve: Books on cycling h.s 19.45  
 Sun 18th Farthingstone. c.c 9.30  
 Sun 25th Stevington c.c 9.30

#### APRIL

Sun 1st Follies Frolic c.c 9.30  
 Sun 8th Speen c.c 9.00  
 Sun 22nd Wardington c.c 9.30  
 Sun 29th D.A Touridt Trial (see later)

#### MAY

Sun 6th Ivinghoe Y.H c.c. 10.00  
 Sun 13th D.A. Hilly 100km (see later)  
 " " Salcey Forest picnic d.n.p. 10.00  
 Sun 20th Meriden Memorial Service. (See Margaret for details)  
 Sun 27th Old warden w.l. 9.30

c.c = Cofferridge Close, Stony Stratford.

h.s = Haversham School, Manor Road.

d.n.p = Dolphin P.H. Newport Pagnell

w.l = Willen Lake

Also short easy rides from Winslow Library Saturdays 2.30

For more details phone Margaret on Winslow 2770

### Northampton Section:

#### MARCH

Sun 4th Sudborough 'B' - Paul Bass.  
 Sat 10th/  
 Sun 11th Bobs Spring Walking Weekend.\* Bob Hastings  
 Sun 18th Dudley's Surprise 'C' - Dudley Binnington.  
 Sun 25th Clipston 'B' - Mark Bailey.

#### APRIL

Sun 1st Aynho 'B' - Kevin Mclaughlin.  
 Sat 7th/  
 Sun 8th Lutterworth weekend - Chris Bass.\*  
 Sun 8th Farthingstone 'B/C' - Stewart Leahy  
 Fri 13th/  
 Mon 16th Easter Tour: Cheddar - Alan Clements.\*  
 Sun 22nd Thrapston 'c' - Alan Clements.  
 Sun 29th D.A. Tourist Trial - See Below.

#### MAY

Sat 5th/



Mon 7th I.O.W Camping 'C/D' - Bob Hastings.\*  
 Sun 6th Edgehill 'B' - Stewart Leahy.  
 Sun 13th D.A. 100km - See Below.  
 Sat 19th/  
 Sun 20th Meriden - camping - Bob Hastings.\*  
 Sun 20th Meriden 'A' - Alan Clements. 7.15 am start  
 Sat 26th/  
 Mon 28th Norfolk Broads - Alan Clements.

A = >80 miles  
 B = 60 - 80 miles  
 C = 40 - 60 miles  
 D = <40 miles

\* Names to Organiser A.S.A.P.

All Sunday Runs start at the Guilhall N'pton at 9.00 unless otherwise stated.

For more details Phone Alan on N'pton 752906 (Note: new phone number)

### D. A. EVENTS 1990.

As usual the D.A. is promoting a series of events for which successful riders will gain a certificate for each event. There are a total of eight qualifying events over the summer months. If you complete all the events you will win a trophy! Completing lesser numbers of events will win you bronze, silver or gold award certificates as appropriate. Please note that the map reading contest does not count for this award scheme. There will be prizes at stake for both the Tourist Trial and the Mapreading Contest.

Sun 29th April Tourist Trial. Organiser: P.Bass Start: 45  
 Road Club Hall Wellingborough. 9.30  
  
 Sun 13th May 100 km Hilly. Organiser: R. Daniels.  
 Start: Pitsford Res. Causeway Car park 9.30  
  
 Sun 10th June Double 25. Organiser: C. Lowrey  
 Start: Olney Mkt. Square. 9.30 & 2.30. Can be  
 Ridden as either a 25 mile, starting morning or  
 afternoon, or a 50 mile starting in morning.  
  
 Sat 30th June All Night Ride. Organiser: S. Holt. Details to  
 follow.  
  
 Sun 22nd July 100/200km Randonnee. Organisers: A. Clements/  
 G. Stevens. Start: Salcey Forest Car park  
 8.00 for 200km, 9.00 for 100km.  
  
 Sun 19th Aug Roughstuff Ride. Organiser: S. Leahy. Details  
 to follow.  
  
 Sat 1st/Sun 2nd  
 September Harvest weekend. Lilford Park Organiser:  
 Max Scott. More details to follow.  
 A weekend of social events, camping  
 and various rides.  
  
 Sun 14th Oct Hillclimb Competition. Organiser: P.Taylor.  
 Start: Partridge Hill, Nr. Gt. Brickhill. 9.30  
  
 Sun 18th Nov Mapreading Contest. Organiser: M.Lowrey.  
 Start: Winslow 10.00

### BIRTHDAY RIDES 1990.

By now most of you will be aware that the birthday rides are this year being organised by our D.A. To be held 4th - 11th August, at Moulton College, just North of Northampton. For those of you who are in the dark as to what the Birthday Rides are all about, here is a brief description.

Each year during the week which surrounds the anniversary of the formation of the CTC a series of rides and social events is organized in a different location every year. Last year was at Monmouth and next year will be at Hereford. There are usually between 800 and 1000 cyclists attend the rides, so as you can imagine it is quite a Mammoth task to organise. We would like to see as many of you as possible at the rides. To obtain further information, simply use the form in "Cycletouring and Campaigning" Feb and March edition.

There will be rides to suit all abilities, from 30 miles to 125 miles and lots in between. Each evening there are at least two social events, including barn dances, slide shows, bring and buy sales, a formal dinner at the Derngate and live bands. There will be a campsite nearby and rooms will be available at the college. But remember you must book early to avoid disappointment.

If you would like to help with the running of the Birthday rides, even if only for one evening, please contact Paul Bass (address on page one) who will be glad to hear from you. There are plenty of jobs to do, for example: Leading rides, marshalling, collecting tickets, setting up the campsite, making the tea (200 gallon teapot!), etc. etc. If you contact Paul very soon you may be able to choose which job you do. Unfortunately because of insurance we cannot waive the £5.00 event registration fee for people who help out. This is not to say that you must pay just to help, you can help as much as you like for free! However as soon as you actually go on a ride (this includes leading) or attend a social event then you must register.

### DISCOVERY

It is not the fleas that tease in the High Pyrenees  
It is - the horse flies

They bite and delight in their blood appetite.  
They nip and they suck as they deposit their muck  
Which blows up the skin and makes blisters, Wherein  
The poison just coils and eventually boils  
To violently itch and incessantly twitch  
Like a stone in a shoe which you cannot undo.  
You fluently curse, in prose or in verse,  
And you hopelessly scratch for game, set and match.

I resign to my fate, with no little hate,  
As they munch and they crunch and eat me for lunch.

Discovered by Alan Clements.

Anyone who has been to the pyrenees will know the truth of this - Ed.

### MAG SUBSCRIPTIONS:

No subscription rate has yet been set for this mag. The price will ultimately depend on factors such as the distribution, the size and the production method. We will endeavour to keep the price as low as possible whilst still producing some income for the D.A. coffers. By the time the next issue is due I hope to have some idea of the costs. Please help by returning the form at the end of this

issue, so that some idea can be gained of the numbers interested.  
Those of you in Northampton who have subscribed to the section magazine "HUBBUB" which is alas, no more, may have some monies outstanding from their last subscription. This may be carried over and held in credit for this mag. Or if you prefer it can be refunded if you get in touch with George Stevens.

**IS THERE ANYBODY OUT THERE -  
IN DAVENTRY OR WELLINGBOROUGH?**

It would be good if we could get some sections going in the above places; or anywhere else for that matter. If you are interested in starting a section, please contact the secretary or chairman for advice. Starting a section is not a difficult task. All you need is a few like minded people with bikes and after a short time things will almost run themselves as more people join in to help out. Other local sections will also join in with the activities to boost numbers in the early days.

**WANTED... CAN YOU HELP?**

On the first evening of the Birthday Rides we want to put on a slide show of pictures of the local area, to whet people's appetite for what they will be seeing in the subsequent days. To do this we need to borrow some slides. As long as each slide mount is clearly marked it will be returned to its rightful owner. You will probably be surprised how few local slides you have got. If this is the case, then get your cameras out please. Please pass all your suitable slides to Christine Bass, 28 Brooksdale Close Kettering, by the end of June at the latest.

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**SUBSCRIPTION FORM.**



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"I would like to subscribe to this magazine for a period of one year. I understand that this will most likely involve four issues, I will be asked for payment in the near future and that I am under no obligation at this stage."

NAME:.....