CTC Milton Keynes

Milton Keynes members—
Philip Ashbourn, 76 Redbridge, Stantonbury, Milton Keynes, would welcome
help in getting a CTC Section going in
this area of North Bucks. A meeting to
test support will be held at the above
address on December 15 at 8 pm.

Cycletouring Magazine, Notice Board, December 1976

Alternative name - MKCTC; Milton Keynes Cycling Club; MKCC

Succeeded the Milton Keynes Section (founded in 1976) of the Bedfordshire District Association in 1980.

In 1979 it changed its name to the Milton Keynes Cycling Club. The CTC objected, but in 1980 a compromise was reached allowing it to function as both the MKCC and the Milton Keynes Section of the CTC.

Became part of the Northamptonshire and North Buckinghamshire District Association in 1990.

MILTON KEYNES & NORTHAMPTON Proposed new DA

The requisite number of signatures having been sent to Headquarters in accordance with DA regulations, a special general meeting will be held at Harley Hall, Groveway (H9), Walton, Milton Keynes, on March 9 at 10.30 am, to consider re-establishment of activities in the area of the former Northamptonshire DA.

The agenda will include proposals to ask the CTC Council to approve a change of name to "Milton Keynes & Northamptonshire DA" and an alteration of the boundary to take in that part of Buckinghamshire with postcodes MK1 - 18 inclusive.

Milton Keynes Section P. Ashbourn, 8 Cotman Close, Greenleys,

Milton Keynes 316897. Mar 2, 50 and 100m reliability (see 'box', ad

pages).

Mar 9 Tour of MK linear parks cycleways. Harley Hall 1.30, after special meeting (above). Parker, tel (work) 679101.

Cycletouring Magazine Feb 1980

Date

1980-1990

History

Founded in 1980, succeeding a previous Northamptonshire District Association that had been dissolved in 1969. Renamed Northamptonshire and North Buckinghamshire District Association in 1990.

Relationships

Cyclists' Touring Club: Parent body

Cyclists' Touring Club; Northamptonshire District Association: Predecessor

Cyclists' Touring Club; Northamptonshire and Milton Keynes District Association; Milton Keynes **Section: Subordinate body**

Cyclists' Touring Club; Northamptonshire and North Buckinghamshire District Association: Successor



RAIL NEWS

The disheartening news of British Railways Board's revision of the 'Bikes go free' scheme on 2nd January has met almost universal criticism. The indications are, however, that the individual regions will be able to produce their own formulae to deal with the delicate problem of their services becoming too popular amongst cyclists. As yet we do not know of the likely outcome but I do not expect that London Midland Region will be as restrictive as their Southern or Eastern counterparts. Readers are reminded that the present restrictions do not affect northward journeys from Bletchley, or, significantly, southerly journeys from Wolverton at any time during the day.

A leaflet, 'Taking Your Cycle By Train' is available from British Rail upon request. Amongst a list of useful hints for cyclists are these:

- * Always label your machine showing your name and destination station. This is a condition.
- * Check particularly when travelling at weekends to see if engineering works are scheduled when you want to travel. It is not possible to accommodate cycles on substitute road services.
- * Groups of 5 or more cyclists intending to travel by the same train should contact the entraining station for possible assistance outward and return.

Mike Bowley.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Fermation of Northamptenshire + Milton Keynes DA of the CTC

By the time you read this, the new DA should be a reality. This will be a big step forward in organised cycling in this area and I should like to place on record the help we have received from the Northampton CTC, particularly Bruce Cadenhead, Geoff Carverhill, Mick Holliday and Jeremy Hollis. I hope that CTC members in the area of the new DA will give full support to the enthusiasts who will comprise the officers and committee of the new DA. While I am realistic enough net to expect every CTC member in the area to join in local activities, I should certainly like to see as many as possible. If you feel that your interests are net catered for, please let me, or any other officers or committee members of the new DA know, or, better still, volunteer to run something yourself. We will give you all the backing you need.

MKCC Jerseys, Tracksuit Tops, Hats + Badges

The great failure of last year's Audax UK programme, culminating in PBP, was the lack of any club clothing for the riders. This was especially noticeable in PBP, where the British riders appeared generally scruffy. While many of the old guard of the CTC may view this kind of thing with something akin to horror, it must be remembered that the early CTC members always wore a club uniform. Indeed, the old Northamptonshire DA had a colour - orange. Most of us active in MKCC recognise that to attract newcomers to club cycling we have to compete in the same area as the racing clubs and that we, therefore, need to project a bright and up to date image.

To this end, Gareth has been instrumental in arranging for the following to be stocked by Phil Corley at his Great Linford Local Centre Bike Shop;

Saba Campitello red 100% acrylic racing jerseys with short zip, long sleeves (or short as required), 3 rear pockets, with cuffs and collar finished in World Championship bands (price roughly £12)

Formation of Northamptonshire + Milton Keynes DA of the CTC

MILTON KEYNES PROGRAMME CYCLING CLUB JAN-MAR 1980

RUNS

Date	Grade	Destination	Start	Leader(s)
6 Jan	Inter	Brixworth (The Old Post House/George) Home for tea	NP 9am	Phil Ashbourn MK 316897
13 Jan	Hard	Baldock Home for tea	НН 9аш	Gareth George MK 565303
20 Jan	Easy	BUCKINGHAM (Baron's Grill) Home for tea	CC 10am	Bob Stuart MK 611709
27 Jan	Hard	Amersham (Broadway Cafe) Tea: Leighton Buzzard (Wimpey) 4pm	нн 9аш	Jeremy Hollis 0604 891108
10 Feb	Easy	MILTON KEYNES BOUNDARY RIDE Lunch: Harley Hall (light refreshments); Home	CC 10am e for tea	R + E Gingell MK 641136
17 Feb	Hard	Beds DA Hilly 25 miles Reliability Ride Lunch: Dunstable (Downs Cafe); Home for tea	DUNS 10am	Dave Prudden MK 612513
24 Feb	Inter	Swineshead (Five Bells) Tea: Warrington (3Ms) or Olney	NP 9am	Mike Bowley MK 604488
2 Mar	Inter/ Hard	Brackley + Back and Stratford on Avon + Back 50 + 100 miles Reliability Rides	HH 8,9 +	Dave Prudden (erg) MK 612513
9 Mar	Easy	TOUR OF THE MILTON KEYNES LINEAR PARKS CYCLEWAYS (finishes at Wolverton); Tea: Wolve		Ian Parker
16 Mar	Hard	Beds DA 50 miles Reliability Ride Lunch: Verney Junction Arms; Home for tea		mPhil Ashbourn MK 316897
23 Mar	Inter	Westen (The Crown) Home for tea	CC 9am	R + E Gingell MK 641136
30 Mar	Hard	Banbury Tea: Buckingham (Baron's Grill)	CC 9am	Gareth George MK 565303

ALL CYCLISTS ARE WELCOME TO SAMPLE OUR RUNS WITHOUT OBLIGATION, PREFERABLY ONE OF THE EASY GRADE ONES WHICH ARE ESPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR NEWCOMERS TO CYCLING. STARTS: CC - COFFERIDGE CLOSE, STONY STRATFORD, DUNS - CALIFORNIA BALLROOM, DUNSTABLE, HH -HARLEY HALL (OPPOSITE HOECHST), WALTON, NP - MARKET HILL (NEAR THE DOLPHIN), NEWPORT PAGNELL

Hot meals and snacks are available at lunch and tea stops but some food should be carried for emergencies, together with lights, spare inner tube, puncture repair outfit, tools and waterproofs. Full size mudguards should be fitted.

THE MILTON KEYNES CYCLING CLUB IS A LOCAL GROUP OF THE CYCLISTS' TOURING CLUB (CTC)

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YOUTH HOSTELLING WEEKEND

2/3 FEB Stow on the Wold YH - for a social evening with the Reading CC/YHA - along the byways by Barts Map Wizard Jeremy Hollis (some of us buy OS maps + know where we are going!). Bookings, with cash (£3), to Phil Ashbourn by 6 January, or direct to YH Warden

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING



SUNDAY 9 MARCH 1980 at Harley Hall, starting at 10.30am to consider the formal re-establishment of CTC activities in the area of the former Northamptonshire DA. The agenda will include proposals to ask the CTC Council to approve a change of name to 'Milton Keynes + Northampton DA' and an alteration of the DA boundary to take in that part of Buckinghamshire with Postcodes MK1 - 18 (incl.)

ALL CTC MEMBERS LIVING IN THE AREA OF THE PROPOSED DA ARE ASKED TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT MEETING. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE IS ONE OF THE VERY FEW ENGLISH COUNTIES WITHOUT A DA. HELP TO CHANGE THIS.

CLUB GENERAL MEETINGS

WEDNESDAYS 2 JAN, 6 FEB + 5 MAR (The first Wednesday in the month)
All the above are at Harley Hall, starting at 8pm and are open to all Club members.
The Club is run on democratic lines, ie all members have the right to participate in decision making. However, all members are asked to come along and take a share of running the Club. NEWCOMERS ARE WELCOME.

CLUBROOM - EVERY FRIDAY EVENING, 7.30PM ONWARDS, AT HARLEY HALL, (OPPOSITE HOECHST), GROVEWAY (H9), WALTON, FOR FREE ADVICE ON ALL ASPECTS OF CYCLING FROM ACTIVE CYCLISTS. Special attractions, eg slide shows, talks, are put on about once a menth. See Clubroom notices or contact Phil Ashbourn for further details.

SOCIAL EVENTS

THURSDAY 31 JAN Fex + Hounds, Deanshanger, 8.30pm; IC Bitter and Burton, Bass THURSDAY 28 FEB Swan, Milton Keynes Village, 8.30pm; Wethered Bitter THURSDAY 27 MAR Albert, Old Bradwell, 8.30pm; Wells Bitter and Farge

These events have been put on to meet the demand from the real ale fans in the Club. All suggestions for future venues, or other events, to Phil Ashbourn or Ron + Eileen Gingell.

DIARY DATES

26 Apr (Sat) Run to Market Harborough (for the South East Olympic Road Race Heat)
3 May (Sat)
17/18 May
24-26 May
Brighton Pedal Power Show (possible YH tour over the Spring Holiday taking in the South Downs etc as well as the Show)

NOTES FOR NEWCOMERS

The Milton Keynes Cycling Club is a local group of the Cyclists' Touring Club, the national association devoted to the encouragement of recreational cycling and the protection of cyclists' interests. Benefits of membership include legal aid, third party insurance, free magazine every two months, touring service, special insurances for bikes and persons, annual handbook of accommodation, repairers and local representatives, organised tours and the like. Local benefits include discounts at bike shops. FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE CYCLISTS' TOURING CLUB + THE MILTON KEYNES CYCLING CLUB CONTACT BOB STUART, CHAIRMAN, MKCC, 9 MASEFIELD CLOSE, NEWPORT PAGNELL (TEL MK 611709), GARETH GEORGE, TREASURER, MKCC, 9 SILVER STREET, STONY STRATFORD (TEL MK 565303), RON + EILEEN GINGELL, 9 LOTHIAN CLOSE, BLETCHLEY (TEL MK 641136) OR PHIL ASHBOURN, SECRETARY MKCC, 8 COTMAN CLOSE, GREENLEYS (TEL MK 316897).