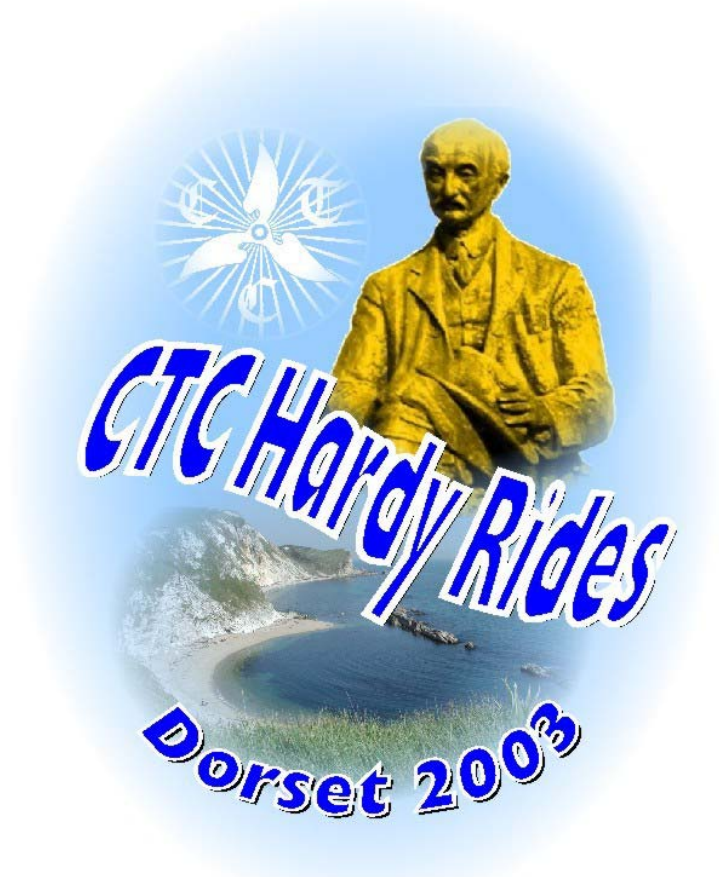


A week of cycling and events
Celebrating CTC's 125th Birthday



2 - 9 August 2003

Warmwell, Dorset
Hosted by Wessex CTC

www.ctcbirthdayrides.org



CTC - the national cyclists' organisation



As we approach our 125th anniversary I am delighted to find our organisation in excellent shape.

Our membership is at near record levels and as the use of the bicycle becomes more commonplace as a means of transport as well as for pleasure, we can expect many others to find out about the value of membership to our Club.

Our Birthday Rides have always been a highly successful and memorable occasion - like-minded people pedalling along and enjoying the sheer pleasure of the basic things in life - and this occasion will be made even more special by the fact we are, as a club, ageing so well.

David Durose hosted me at Warmwell Holiday Park a couple of years ago. At that time he suggested we might like to look at celebrating our 125th at the same venue. Well, we are, and thank you David and all your valued helpers from Wessex CTC and elsewhere for the great effort to set the project up with our staff from Headquarters. We are going to make the most of the occasion at a venue that is exclusively for our use throughout the week and, because of its idyllic location, we shall all enjoy the myriad of lanes that abound outside the front door.

Our Birthday will be celebrated by all those involved in cycling; representatives from the other sporting and leisure cycling bodies will be along to have fun with us. It will provide a unique chance to chew over the many problems that may face our sport and pastime in the years' ahead. Our Club will be represented by all of the regions and DAs and I am looking forward to meeting everyone during a hectic week at Warmwell. To our foreign friends, it is a great chance to see some of Britain's finest roads and a chance for us to return the friendship that they have always shown us when visiting their countries.

As I write, the CTC has been a willing beneficiary of a number of Lottery Awards and despite our over-crowded roads our Club continues to fight with success for the right to ride openly and freely. Long may we be successful.

To you all, enjoy our 125th celebrations.

Phil Liggett
President CTC

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For regular updates on what's happening visit the Birthday Rides website at www.ctcbirthdayrides.org

Introduction

If you like cycling you'll love riding in Dorset, the heart of Thomas Hardy's Wessex.

CTC and Wessex CTC have combined to create a holiday programme, including road and offroad rides, competitions and social events, aimed at suiting the diverse interests and needs of cyclists young and old. We hope that by being together in Dorset for the week your experiences will come to reflect the true nature of CTC, as well as giving a fitting focus for the celebration of our 125th Anniversary.

We trust that anyone who is looking for a wide variety of beautiful rural and coastal scenery, together with lots of interesting places to visit, will end the week feeling content that their stay in Dorset has more than satisfied their appetite. From its rolling chalk hills and valleys in the west, across the lush pasturelands of the north, to the wild heaths and quiet river meadows of the east, Dorset has it all. Moreover, its seaside necklace of high stone cliffs and hidden shingle coves, its unique limestone island cleaved to the mainland by a high bank of graduated pebbles and its fossil laden, grass topped headlands, all linked together, are now recognised as World Heritage sites - equal to the Great Barrier Reef. What's more, we will show you that all of these exciting and spectacular places can be visited by cycle; as well as some of those more traditional family holiday attractions.



So come to the CTC Birthday Rides, from 2 – 9 August 2003, and we promise you will have an unforgettable time, just by riding your bike. What could be better!

The essence of Dorset, its landscapes and the development of its identity are graphically recorded in the novels and poems of Thomas Hardy. Hardy was a noted long distance cyclist and we are pleased to associate his name with these rides and references will be given to his works, where the scenes he depicts are relevant to the various ride schedules.

By car, Dorset is accessed on the A37 from the north and the A31/A35, going east to west across the county. There are no motorways.

South Dorset is a very popular destination for those who are seeking a traditional English family holiday. Weymouth, in particular, has an excellent sunshine record.

The Birthday Rides - Wessex 2003 will be centred on Crossways village, a modern development, six miles east of Dorchester, the historic County Town of Dorset, and seven miles from the Georgian, "blue flag" beach resort of Weymouth. Crossways village is on the rail line to Waterloo, and Dorchester is connected by rail to Swansea and Bristol (nearest station is Moreton). The B3390 road passes along one side of the village and there is a network of comparatively flat, quiet lanes and by-ways that lead away from the village, which are ideal for cycling. Heathland mountain biking and walking are immediately accessed from the village and the South West Coastal Path is nearby.



Registration Procedure

If you would like to join in the celebrations we urge you to make your booking early and tell your family and friends to do likewise. Complete and return the enclosed Registration and Booking Form to Della McGavin, CTC Birthday Rides 2003, CTC, 69 Meadrow, Godalming, Surrey GU7 3HS.

You will then receive confirmation and a registration number by return which will enable you to book your discounted lodge accommodation at Warmwell Holiday Park. If you wish to use alternative accommodation a list of caravan/camp sites, B&B and self catering accommodation is on page 4. You are urged to book early as you will be in competition with many other tourists who come to the area in early August. Please note that check-in will be at Crossways Village Hall to avoid congestion at Warmwell Holiday Park. If you are staying at the holiday park you must check-in at the village hall before taking up your accommodation (lodges are available from 4pm).

HQ & Accommodation

The Warmwell Holiday Park has been booked by CTC for the exclusive use of Birthday Riders throughout the week and it will also serve as Event Headquarters. The site is owned by Haven Holidays and consists of about three hundred separate, timber-clad lodges situated in a 40 acre, landscaped area of wooded heathland. All the lodges are self-contained units, with a veranda, lounge, kitchen area and shower or bathrooms. They vary in size from one bedroom (4 berth) to three bedroom (8 berth) units and there are three standards of comfort and amenities, gold, silver and bronze. Car parking is adjacent. In the communal area there is a reception hall, three restaurants, a bar and coffee lounge, a dance and entertainments hall and a large indoor swimming pool. Many other entertainment facilities that one would expect at a modern holiday park are available for both adults and children, including a 110m dry ski slope, crazy golf, ten-pin bowling and lots more (there is a small charge for some activities). You may also stay an extra week at the discounted price although there is no guarantee of being able to stay in the same lodge. For further information pick up a Haven brochure available from good travel agents from mid-October.



There are three high quality caravanning and camping sites within one mile of the Event Headquarters. There is also an ample and wide range of bed and breakfast and self-catering accommodation within a six mile radius. For further information on all types of accommodation contact the information offices listed on page 8.

CAMPING AND CARAVANNING SITES

Warmwell Country Touring Park (Opposite Event HQ), Warmwell Road, Crossways, Dorchester, DT2 8JD, tel 01305 852313, fax: 01305 851824, 190 pitches for caravans and tents, OS 194: SY766878

Crossways Caravan Club Site (1 mile from Event HQ), Crossways, Dorchester, DT2 8BE, tel 01305 852032, 138 pitches (no tents), open to non-members, OS194 : SY778889

Camping and Caravanning Club Site (1 mile from Event HQ), Moreton Glade Touring Park, Station Road, Moreton, Dorchester, Dorset, tel 01305 853801 or 01305 854326, 130 pitches, open to non-members, OS 194 : SY781891

Sandyholm Caravan Park (2 miles from Event HQ), Moreton Road, Owermoigne, Dorchester, DT2 8HZ, tel: 01305 852677, static caravans - 21 x 6 berth and 3 x 4 berth, caravans - 60 pitches, tents - 50 pitches, OS 194 : SY769867

Whitemead Caravan Park (5 miles from Event HQ), East Burton, Wool, Wareham, BH20 6HG, tel 01929 462241, OS 194 : SY838869

CARAVAN CLUB CERTIFIED LOCATIONS

John and Jill Sharam, **Benville Nurseries** (2.5 miles from Event HQ), Moreton Road, Owermoigne, Dorchester, DT2 8HY, tel 01305 852386, OS 194 : SY768862

Mr & Mrs Canavan, **Wynyards Farm** (5 miles from Event HQ), Winfrith Newburgh, Dorchester, DT2 8DQ, tel 01305 854094, OS 194 : SY802847

Mrs Banfield, **Adminster Farm** (4 miles from Event HQ), Puddletown, Dorchester, DT2 8SP, tel 01305 848309, OS 194: SY767934

HOTELS

Yalbury Cottage Hotel (5 miles from Event HQ), Lower Bockhampton, Dorchester, DT2 8PZ, tel 01305 262382, fax 01305 266412

BED & BREAKFAST

High Mead, 10 Warmwell Road, Crossways, Dorchester, DT2 8BS, tel 01305 852178

Vartrees, Dick o' th' Banks, Crossways, Dorchester, tel 01305 852704

The Frampton Arms, Station Road, Moreton, Dorchester, DT2, tel 01305 852253

Lower Lewell Farmhouse (3 miles from Event HQ), West Stafford, Dorchester, DT2 8AP, tel 01305 267169

Long Barn House (4.5 miles from Event HQ), 1 Barton Mews, West Stafford, Dorchester, DT2 8UB, tel 01305 266899

Keepers Cottage (4.5 miles from Event HQ), West Stafford, Dorchester, DT2 8AA, tel 01305 264389

Church Cottage (4.5 miles from Event HQ), West Knighton, Dorchester, DT2 8PF, tel 01305 852243

East Burton House (5 miles from Event HQ), East Burton, Wool, Wareham, BH20 6HE, tel 01929 463857

Rosedale (5 miles from Event H.Q. - on A353), Osmington, Nr Weymouth, DT3 6EW, tel 01305 832056

Wynards Farm (5 miles from Event HQ), Chaldon Road, Winfrith Newburgh, Dorchester DT2 8DQ, tel 01305 852660

Garden Cottage (5 miles from Event HQ), 3 Bladen Valley, Briantspuddle, Dorchester, DT2 7HP, tel 01929 471287

Long Acre Barn (5 miles from Event HQ), The Old Dairy, Briantspuddle, Dorchester, DT2 7HT, tel 01929 472531

Coneygar (6 miles from Event HQ), Turnerspuddle, Dorchester, DT2 7JA, tel 01929 471375

Fingle Bridge (6 miles from Event HQ), Duck Street, Wool, Wareham, BH20 6DE, tel 01929 462739

Rose Mullion (6 miles from Event HQ), Station Road, Wool, Wareham, BH20 6BL, tel 01929 462542

SELF CATERING

Apple Orchard, (adjacent to Warmwell Holiday Park), Skippet Heath, Warmwell Road, Warmwell, Dorchester, DT2 8JD, tel 01305 853702

Beech Farm (1.5 miles from Event HQ), Warmwell, Dorchester, DT2 8LZ, tel 01305 852414

The Courtyard (2 miles from Event HQ), Moreford Hall, Moreton, Dorchester, DT2 8BA, tel 01305 853499

Glebe Cottage (2 miles from Event HQ), Moreton, Dorchester, DT2 8RQ, tel 01929 462468

Lewell Mill Farm (3 miles from Event HQ), Lewell, West Stafford, Dorchester, DT2 8AN, tel 01305 269681

Old Dairy & Clyffe Dairy Cottages (4 miles from Event HQ), c/o Clyffe Farm, Tincleton, Dorchester, DT2 8QR, tel 01305 848252, fax 01305 848702

Hastings Farm, Tincleton, Dorchester, DT2 8QP, tel 01305 848627

Holland Farm Cottage (4 miles from Event HQ), Tincleton, Dorchester, DT2 8QP, tel 01305 848934

Yoah Cottage (4 miles from Event HQ), West Knighton, Dorchester, DT2 8PE, tel 01305 852087

The Stables (4 miles from Event HQ), Pallington, Dorchester, DT2 8QU, tel 01305 849344

Barton House Loft (4 miles from Event HQ), Barton Close, West Stafford, Dorchester, DT2 8AD, tel 01305 250472

Holcombe Valley Cottages (5 miles from Event HQ), Broadmayne, Dorchester, DT2 8PW, tel 01305 852817

Weatherbury Cottages (5 miles from Event HQ), Puddletown, Dorchester, DT2 8RT, tel 01305 848358

Greenwood Grange Cottages (6 miles from Event HQ - 19 cottages), Higher Bockhampton, Dorchester, DT2 8QH, tel 01305 268874, fax 01305 267512

YOUTH HOSTELS

For details of local youth hostels please contact 0870 870 8808 or visit www.yha.org.uk

Programme

Friday 1 August	WELCOME AND CHECK-IN AT CROSSWAYS VILLAGE HALL (10am - 4pm)
Saturday 2 August	WELCOME AND CHECK-IN AT CROSSWAYS VILLAGE HALL (10am - 8pm) "Find Your Way About" - led rides into Dorchester, visiting Dorchester Assize Court (Tolpuddle Martyrs), Max Gate (NT Home of Thomas Hardy), shops, supermarkets, banks and other necessary facilities Welcome to Dorset (illustrated talk and question time)
Sunday 3 August	Church Service at St Nicholas's, Moreton Road rides to Studland (with ferry crossing to Poole), Swanage, Wareham, Corfe Castle (with steam train ride to seaside), Lulworth Castle, Lulworth Cove and Bovington. Offroad ride – Dorset Dirt 50k Randonnee (organised by West Dorset Section) <i>Rides visit Wareham Town Hall where there will be an exhibition of the Life Achievements of Arthur T Moss - President of CTC (1979-81), St Aldhelm's Head (Norman Church), Tynham Village (abandoned 1941), Corfe Castle (NT), Arne Bird Sanctuary (RSPB), Bovington Tank Museum, Lawrence of Arabia's Cottage (NT), Moreton Church (Lawrence Whistler windows and Lawrence of Arabia's grave).</i> Evening entertainment
Monday 4 August	Road rides to Stourhead, Shaftesbury, Sturminster Newton, Milton Abbas, Bere Regis and Athelhampton. Offroad ride to Lulworth Cove <i>Rides visit Stourhead House and Gardens (NT), Shaftesbury's Gold Hill (Hovis advert), Milton Abbas village and school (featured in RF Delderfield's TV series "To Serve Them All Our Days"), Bere Regis Church (hammer beam roof and Turberville Tomb – adapted by Thomas Hardy to such inventive effect in "Tess of the D'Urbervilles"), Athelhampton House and Gardens (15th Century).</i> Evening entertainment
Tuesday 5 August	Road rides to Hardy's Monument, Portesham, Abbotsbury, Portland Bill, Lulworth Cove, Tolpuddle, Bockhampton and Stinsford. Offroad ride to Cerne Abbas <i>Rides visit Hardy's Monument and Portesham, Abbotsbury – a picturesque village with an interesting church adjacent to the famous Swannery, St Catherine's Mount and Tith Barn Visitor Centre, Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door, Tolpuddle with its Martyr's tree and Museum, Hardy's Cottage (NT).</i> Birthday Tea - all rides will end at Kingston Maurward House (4 miles from Event HQ) where the traditional tea and cake cutting will take place on the terrace overlooking the lake. Evening entertainment
Wednesday 6 August	Road rides to Sherborne, Yeovilton, Cerne Abbas, Piddletrenthide, Puddletown, Bockhampton and Athelhampton. Offroad ride to Hardy's Monument <i>Rides visit Sherborne Abbey and Castle, Yeovilton RNAS, Museum (Fleet Air Arm aeroplanes), Cerne Abbas (a quintessential Dorset village overlooked by The Giant), Piddle Valley and Puddletown (the setting Hardy used for "Far from the Madding Crowd").</i> 200k Quantock Leap & 150k Giant Step Randonnees (organised by Audax UK) starting Crossways VH Evening 10 mile time trial on P451 organised by CC Weymouth Travelogue given by Cass Gilbert, World Cycle Adventurer
Thursday 7 August	Road rides to Bridport, West Bay, Lyme Regis, Abbotsbury, Weymouth and Dorchester. Offroad ride to Portland <i>Rides visit Bridport and West Bay on the World Heritage Coast, Lyme Regis where "The French Lieutenant's Woman" was filmed, Pilsden Pen the highest point in Dorset (247m), Sutton Poyntz (Wessex Water Museum and the setting of Hardy's novel "The Trumpet Major"), Weymouth with its blue flag beach and harbour, Dorchester the setting for Hardy's Novel "The Mayor of Casterbridge".</i> Celebratory Dinner at Kingston Maurward House
Friday 8 August	Road rides to Blandford, Cranborne, Wimborne, Bere Regis, Weymouth, Bovington and Wool. Offroad ride to Milton Abbas. <i>Rides visit Blandford (Georgian town on River Stour and home to the Signals Regiment Museum), Wimborne Minster - 12th Century with chained library (1686) and model town, Kingston Lacey House and Gardens (NT), Bovington (home of Tank Regiment), Monkey World (primate rescue centre).</i> Farewell Dorset Barn Dance - the Black Sheep Band

Events

It is hoped that the Raleigh Get Set Scheme will be available for the children attending the Birthday Rides and from local schools, together with children's events at the Holiday Park.



Cycling Time Trials (RTTC) is planning to hold a Circuit Time Trial for novices and Get Set riders. So why not take off those panniers and have a go!

The evening 10 mile time trial will be promoted by CC Weymouth using the 1999 RTTC National Championship course (P451) on the A352 starting two miles from our Event HQ (course record – Matt Illingworth 20.17).



Audax events organised by members of Wessex CTC are well known to that select band of long distance cyclists. We are pleased to say that those members are organising an extra event for the Birthday Rides programme and, no doubt, it will be a severe test of those who choose to take part. For an entry form contact Annemarie, 3 Silchester Close, Bournemouth, BH2 6PY, tel 01202 294835, email annemariemanley@yahoo.co.uk, www.wessexctc.org

The Dorset Dirt 50k is also part of the Birthday Rides programme. For an entry form contact Ken Reed, 66 Old Castle Road, Weymouth, Dorset DT4 8QE or download from the website www.wessexctc.org

The Birthday Tea will take place at Kingston Maurward House, a graceful Georgian residence overlooking the gardens and lake. Thomas Hardy knew it well because it is adjacent to Stinsford, where he attended church and Lower Bockhampton, where he started school (the school is now a private house) and High Bockhampton, where he was born and grew up. This area Hardy called Melstock and it forms the backdrop to his novel, *Under the Greenwood Tree*. The Celebratory Dinner will be held at Kingston Maurward House in the splendid conference hall.



The Church Service, traditionally the forerunner to the first ride, will be held at St Nicholas Church, Moreton. This is a particularly beautiful, small village church which, thanks to the blast damage caused by a rogue bomb dropped during the last War, now has an array of Lawrence Whistler etched glass windows, each displaying an aspect of "Light". Attendance at the church will be limited to 200, though it is hoped to have a public address system to those standing outside. The grave of TE Lawrence, Lawrence of Arabia, is situated in Moreton churchyard – some distance away.



The Swanage Steam Railway terminates its ten mile journey at Corfe Castle and there is the opportunity to travel, possibly with your bike, in the guards van between the two towns.

Evening entertainment will be available at Warmwell Holiday Park. Haven Holidays and CTC have combined to make a programme that we hope will appeal to cyclists. There will be a Farewell Dance under the direction of the Black Sheep Band – you'll love it!!

In memory of Arthur T Moss, long time Chairman of Wessex CTC and the President of CTC from January 1979 to his death in August 1981, there will be an exhibition of his Life Achievements, held in the Council Chamber of Wareham Town

Hall. There he presided over the Town Council on seven occasions and was honoured with the Freedom of the Town. Thanks to the cooperation of his daughters, his Scroll and other civic memorabilia will be on display, together with CTC's Arthur Moss Trophy.

There will be a display of "CTC's 125 years" at the Event HQ. This is kindly being put together by Margaret and Bill Squirrel, long-serving members of CTC.

A pictorial record of the participation in the 125th Birthday Rides should be available, if you are in the right place at the right time, through the official photographer. Souvenirs such as mugs and t-shirts will also be available.

Rides

We have planned for each ride to have a mixture of cycling adventure and the opportunity to visit places of interest on the way.

The Brisk (A) rides will be challenging in both distance and terrain, the Moderate (B) rides will seek to please those who wish to take a longer look at some of the places visited, the Leisurely (C) rides are designed for the fairly fit family members and the Leisurely/Family (D) rides will be packed with interesting visits. There will also be offroad rides suitable for all levels of ability as well as family beach rides. Everyone will have the opportunity to visit Stinsford Church, where Thomas Hardy's heart is buried between his two wives and amongst the family's graves.

Each ride will include a stop for refreshment and sustenance at mid-morning, midday and during the afternoon. There will be a mixture of facilities available ranging from Women's Institute pre-booked refreshments and meals (you are advised to carry your own mug or cup) to commercial shops and cafes in the towns. Some riders will of course wish to be entirely self-sufficient – the choice is yours but forward planning will be essential to avoid ending up in desperation!



The route schedules will be accompanied by a booklet, the information in which we hope will give an added dimension of interest to each of the rides. Besides giving general tourist information about places to visit, like Corfe Castle and its fate in the Civil War, Dorchester and its connection with the Bloody Assize and the trial of the Tolpuddle Martyrs, Wimborne Minster and its clock, Cerne Abbas and its Giant, Shaftesbury and the Gold Hill, and Hardy's Monument to Admiral Thomas Masterman Hardy of Trafalgar fame, there will also be references to places that Thomas Hardy describes in his novels and to which he gave a contrived name, such as Casterbridge for Dorchester and Budmouth for Weymouth. For instance, West Stafford Church is where Tess (of the D'Urbervilles) and Angel Clare were supposedly married, or Woolbridge Manor (Wellbridge House) and Bindon Abbey, where they spent their fateful first night together and where Angel carried Tess, in his sleep, across the river to lay her in the open stone coffin. On a visit to Dorchester you will cross over Greys Bridge, adjacent to Ten Hatches Hole, where Michael Henchard, the Mayor of Casterbridge, saw his effigy and contemplated suicide. Further up London Road you will find the unchanged façade of The Kings Arms Hotel, with its first floor bay window over the entrance, where Elizabeth-Jane, with her mother, saw her father addressing a public meeting.

We advise you to equip yourselves with a copy of the following maps: OS Landranger 194 (Dorchester/Weymouth) and OS Outdoor Leisure 15 (Purbeck & South Dorset). Those who anticipate riding the longer distances (Brisk and Moderate) will also require OS Landranger 183, 184, 193 and 195. A full set of route sheets will be provided when you initially check in. There will not be designated runs leaders, though local members will be identifiable on runs and at refreshment and meal stops. Riders will be advised to carry their mobile phone and an emergency number linked into Event HQ and for those in dire circumstances a recovery vehicle and cycle trailer will be on call. A cycle shop will be present at Event HQ and a qualified cycle mechanic will be on hand, mornings and evenings, to attend to breakdowns and maintenance (no on-site workshop facilities).



Information & Booking Conditions

DIRECTIONS TO WARMWELL HOLIDAY PARK AND CROSSWAYS VILLAGE HALL (CHECK-IN)

From the North & West: Head towards Dorchester and follow the ring road East towards Poole. At A352 turn right, signed Wareham. At Max Gate Roundabout take third exit and at next roundabout take second exit - Wareham A352. After 4 miles, at Warmwell Roundabout take first exit, B3390, to Warmwell Village and Warmwell Holiday Park - 2 miles. Pass Holiday Park, on left, and take first turning right signed Moign Combe and Village Hall. In 120 yards on left - car park and check-in.

From the East: On A35/A31 towards Dorchester. After Bere Regis take next turning left, signed Tolpuddle and Affpuddle. At T junction, turn left and at B3390 turn right signed Affpuddle. After 4 miles cross rail line. A further mile on, through Crossways Villae, take turning left signed Moign Combe and Village Hall. In 120 yards on left - car park and check-in. Warmwell Holiday Park is on B3390, 0.5 miles further along Warmwell Road on the right.

If traveling by train leave Moreton Station and turn right towards Warmwell. After 1 mile turn left, signed Moign Combe and Village Hall. In 120 yards on left - check-in. Warmwell Holiday Park is on B3390, 0.5 miles further along Warmwell Road on the right.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

South West Trains – there is at least one service per hour, between 0600 hrs and 2300 hrs, each way, each day between Weymouth, Dorchester and Poole, all of them stopping at Moreton. Carriage of cycles is limited. There are also regular bus services between Crossways village and Weymouth and Dorchester, but no provision for the carriage of cycles. You are advised to find out about cycle carriage before starting your journey.

For further information on travel and accommodation, please contact: West Dorset District Council, Tourist Information, Dorchester, tel 01305 267992, fax 01305 266079, www.westdorset.com, or Purbeck District Council, Information Office, Wareham, tel 01929 552740, e-mail PurbeckTIC@compuserve.com

RECOMMENDED READING

If you really want to make your stay in Dorset a memorable experience we suggest you spend some of this winter reading books that will give an added dimension to all that you see and experience. The following may help as a guide:

- Dorset: the Complete Guide (an illustrated guide to the county's towns and villages by Jo Draper (CTC member)
Dovecote Press – ISBN 0 946159 40-8
- The Hardy Guide by Hermann Lea (Touring companion of Thomas Hardy)
Penguin Books – Volume 1 ISBN 0 14 00.8799 0; Volume 2 ISBN 0 14 00.8800 8
- In the Steps of Thomas Hardy by Anne-Marie Edwards
Countryside Books – ISBN 1 85306 047X
- Walking Dorset History by Jo Draper & Christopher Chaplin (CTC members)
Dovecote Press – ISBN 1 874336 37 7
- Cycle Touring & Campaigning – August/September 1999 page 50-51
“Novelist, poet ... cyclist?” by Peter Davey
- Thomas Hardy novels: Far from the Madding Crowd Tess of the D'Urbervilles
 The Mayor of Casterbridge The Woodlanders
 Under the Greenwood Tree The Districted Preacher and Other Tales
 The Return to the Native

BOOKING CONDITIONS

CTC's policy is that registration and event fees are **non-returnable** unless we are informed of a cancellation at least two weeks prior to the Rides. Cancellations will incur a 10% admin charge.

Accommodation cannot be booked through CTC and has to be booked directly with the establishment.

If you wish to share a lodge with other CTC members, please contact Della McGavin on 01483 520737 who may be able to put you in touch with others who wish to share. However bookings will have to be made direct with Haven Holidays.