

The Bert Bailey Memorial Veterans' 100

As most of you will know by now I have resigned from the position of organiser for the Bert Bailey Memorial Veterans' 100. I have had the honour of organising this, the flagship event in our Club's annual programme of events, for seven years and have enjoyed every minute of it.

All things come to an end and I feel that now is the right time for someone younger than me (and most people are!) to take over the reins of this long established and prestigious event. It has acquired an excellent reputation throughout the CTC over the many years it has been run as is shown by the wide geographical distribution of the riders who enter, and it's a matter of some importance to cycling in the North West in general, and to the Club in particular that it continues. Next year's ride in this, the longest running event in our Club's history, will be the 50th in the series, and it would be a mortal shame if the event did not continue.

It is a simple and easy event to organise and the halls and caterers for 2015 have already been booked. If you are put off by the prospect of the work involved (nowhere near as much as you might think) it may be that two or three people could organise it between them. Some of you may want to do the ride and are put off by thinking that the organiser/s can't do so, but there is no reason why the organiser/s should not ride as most others have done before me.

If anybody would like to have more information about running this event please call me on 01829-770224 and I will be very happy to discuss it with you. I will also be available to my successor/s for advice in case it should be requested. I look forward to hearing from you.

David Ackerley.