



## Peak Audax

Long distance cycling with Manchester & District CTC

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**Happy New Year!** The Audax season runs from November to October, and I hope you had a good 2008-09 and met all your cycling goals.

With just a short time to go it's looking good for Peak Audax to capture the CTC trophy at the Audax UK Presentation Night. If you've got any events planned for the current season, make sure you get them ridden before the end of October!

**Peak Audax AGM** Peak Audax doesn't actually hold an AGM as it forms part of **Manchester & District CTC** which has its own AGM on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2009 in Manchester City Centre. Come along and vote for Mike, who is standing again as Peak Audax Secretary. If you've got any ideas of other things Peak Audax should be doing, or any additional events you've got in mind, please let Mike know. The AGM starts at 13:30 at the Friends Meeting House, Mount Street (opposite the back of Central Library) or see [www.ManchesterCTC.co.uk](http://www.ManchesterCTC.co.uk) for further details.

**Audax UK AGM** This year's AGM, Annual Dinner and Presentation for Audax UK is to be held in York on Saturday November 28<sup>th</sup>.

It's great opportunity to relax and socialise with the riders you may have met during the year and York is easy to get to from the Peak Audax area. Try the Transpennine train from Manchester. Better still, you could cycle there! If you can come up with a 200km route to York, ride a Dinner Dart by sending off the entry form to Sheila Simpson (see AUK Calendar).

A booking form for accommodation was sent with the most recent *Arrivée*, or can be found at [www.aukweb.net/official/booking\\_form.pdf](http://www.aukweb.net/official/booking_form.pdf).

**Into 2010 with Peak Audax** The calendar of events for 2010 is now taking shape at [www.PeakAudax.co.uk](http://www.PeakAudax.co.uk) and we've got the usual mix of rides lined up for your delight.

**The Winter Series:** a 200km each month, from November to February, starting from the Stockport area and heading out on the fairly flat Cheshire Plain into Wales and Staffordshire. There's also a shorter alternative if you think 200km too far at this time of year.

The Series starts off with the **Eureka 200** and **Cheshire Safari 160** in November. And don't forget the **Hoppy New Year** on the first Saturday in 2010 to ride off the Christmas excess.

**Spring in the Peak:** Oliver is offering a choice of 100km routes this year from Hathersage on 20<sup>th</sup> March; the **Roaches Revenge** and **Stanage Surprise**.

Then on the Wednesday following Easter, Mike offers you the **Monyash Peak 100**. Last year's event proved much tougher than planned, with the high winds providing quite a stiff challenge. If you prefer something with less climbing, try the 100km ride to Great Budworth Ice Cream Farm, the **Wednesday Icecream Sundae 100**.

A new ride this year from Dave Catlow on the Wednesday after Spring Bank Holiday (2<sup>nd</sup> June) is the **Old Lead Miner's Trail 120** starting from Chapel en le Frith.

**Leominster weekend:** fancy a trip out to Leominster to ride Danial Webb's challenging rides into Wales and back? The **Cambrian 200**, the **Cambrian Minor 150** or the **Welsh Marches 120** are your choices on the 10<sup>th</sup> April.

**Sheila's Super Randonneur:** a complete SR series, starting with the **Chirk 200**, the **Plains 300**, **Plains 400** from Poynton and finishing with the **Cambrian 600** from Hazel Grove, you will ride out over the Cheshire Plains and into Wales, where things get a bit more lumpy.

**Saddleworth Rides:** Don Black's rides next year from Denshaw are the **Roun' t' West Ridin' 200**, the **Slaidburn Century** and a trip to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park on the **Bretton 100**.

**Marple Grimpeurs:** We shall be running the usual 5 Marple Wednesday rides next summer. These popular rides into the Peak District kick off with the Dark Peak 100 on 28<sup>th</sup> July.

**Peak Audax club membership** It's free! If you are a member of CTC or AUK, you can nominate Peak Audax as either your club or your CTC group for your Audax Championship points. *Peak Audax*, *Manchester DA* and *Manchester & District CTC* are now effectively synonymous, so why not plump for **Peak Audax**. Have a word with Mike, or visit the Audax Gateway

**Keep in touch** Further updates of what we are doing here at Peak Audax can be found at [www.PeakAudax.co.uk](http://www.PeakAudax.co.uk) and in the pages of *Northern Wheel* (available from local bike shops and from Peter Barnes on 0161 436 7590). See also the pages of *Arrivée* and *Cycle* magazines