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FROM THE EDITOR

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The deadline for the July newsletter seems to have come round very quickly. I can't believe that the school holidays have begun, the Tour de France is over and autumn is on the horizon – it must be a sign of my age! I hope, like me, you have been making the most of the long days and getting out on some good rides, avoiding the localised showers.

As no doubt you are aware by now, this summer marks the 85th anniversary of the founding of the Beds CTC and we have organised two celebratory events, a picnic in Ampthill Park, which took place on the 10th July (please see President Veronica's report) and a ride to Kirby Hall on the 21st August, details of which have been finalised and are also given below. We were delighted to see Dave, our secretary at the picnic, following his operation and treatment and we hope that his recovery continues to go well. It was great to see him back in the saddle – pity we all had to get so wet on the way home!

The new website is now up and running and can be found on: www.ctc-bedfordshire.co.uk. The site is still under development, so we would be glad of your comments or suggestions.

Reminder: Please let us know if you are able to receive your newsletter via email. (This edition has also been added to the website). As we've said before, printing, stuffing envelopes and delivery costs the local group time and money, so please help us out if you can.

At a meeting held by the CTC Council on 10th July 1926, the following resolution was passed:

*'That application be granted to form a District Association to be known as the **Bedfordshire District Association** embracing the whole county of Bedford'*

To celebrate this event 85 years later – to the date – members met up at Ampthill Park for a picnic lunch. Cups of tea were arranged at the Football Club and it was nice to meet the 23 people there. The oldest must have been 79 and the youngest was 4½, so a good age range was covered.

People came from Bedford, Luton, Harlington, Ampthill and Wilstead. Alas, one poor chap took a tumble as he crossed from the road to the footpath and ended up with a bloody knee. Someone took a group photograph, which I hope will be reproduced. Unfortunately there was a sharp downpour on the return journey.

A big 'thank you' to everyone for arranging such an event.

AND SO TO OUR NEXT EVENT ON THE 21ST AUGUST 2011: ANNIVERSARY RIDE TO KIRBY HALL, NEAR CORBY

This is to commemorate the first recorded Beds DA ride. Your editor and committee member, Richard Marshall (who will be the ride leader) carried out a practice run this week and are now able to give you the final details.

This will be a car assisted ride, meeting in Oundle in the long stay car park, East Road. Approaching the town from the A605, Thrapston Road, turn left at the roundabout into Station Road and then left again into East Road.

We plan to meet at 10 am, move to the Market Square for coffee and leave for Kirby Hall at about 10.30 am. The ride is approximately 30 miles in total. We will pass close to Kirby Hall and those who wish to visit hall and grounds may do so – entry is £5.50 (concessions £5). Otherwise, the planned picnic lunch stop is the village green at Gretton, about 2 miles further on. The nearby Talbot Inn provides reasonably priced bar snacks and meals.

For anyone intending to come by train the nearest station is Kettering, about 12 miles from Oundle. Whichever way you intend to get there we hope to see as many of you as possible – for the really fit, of course, there

is always the option of cycling the whole distance!
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