**Itinerary for Llandudno weekend Friday 12 to Sunday 14 May 2017**

**Maximum number of places will be 40, cost is £90 per person or £120 for members wanting acceleration.** Llandudno hostel is an independent hostel, near the centre of town , the Mostyn Street shopping centre and just five minute walk to the seafront promenade on the North Bay. The hostel will be providing us with evening meal Friday and Saturday as well as a continental breakfast on the Saturday and Sunday morning. Details of the menu will be circulated later. Cycle storage is outside but behind a locked gate leading into the garden; it is advised that you bring a cycle lock with you help secure your bike. The hostel has sixteen rooms on three floors and a number of double rooms for couples; these will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

**For booking please send me a cheque to ‘Sheffield District CTC’ value £90 or £120 and post to:**

**B. Raynor, 18 Jordanthorpe View Sheffield S8 8DY. Please remember to provide me with your email address and a contact telephone number for changes or updates.** This information will be posted on the website, facebook page and via Ed’s email circulation. Pictures of the hostel and Llandudno will be shown at the Slide Show at the Fat Cat on Thursday November 17th 7.30 pm, where bookings can also be taken**. Remember, this event is expected to be fully booked by the end of this year so please book early.**

**This year there will be three options for members wishing to ride to and from the Spring weekend hostel this year based in Llandudno, North Wales.**

**Option 1. The Headbangers:** Meet at Hassop Station at 08:00 on Friday 12 May. This group will be riding at a ‘more brisk pace’ to the Plodders group. The route they will be using will be the same as the Plodders so if one of the Headbangers has a mechanical problem, or is struggling to maintain the pace, they can drop back and be collected by the Plodders. This group will be led by Ken (lad) Woodhouse. Distance from Hassop to Llandudno approx. 105 miles. Cost £90 per person.

**Option 2. The Plodders :** Meet at Baslow bus shelter at 08:00 on Friday 12 May. Riding at a steadier pace but still averaging around 11-12 mph for the full ride. Ride will be the same route as Headbangers but the split should enable the cafes to manage better and as a result will shorten the time spent at the cafes. This group will be led by Barry Raynor. Distance from Baslow to Llandudno 110 miles. Cost £90 per person.

**Option 3 Accelerated group:** Meet at car park in Millhouses Park at far end nearer Beauchief at 10.00 am. There is a maximum of 8 people in this group, space allocated on a first come first serve basis. A firm have been hired to accelerate 8 members and their bikes from Millhouses Park to the second café stop (lunch) at Spinneys near Cranage Cheshire. This acceleration effectively takes all the hills out of the ride leaving an easier totally flat route to Llandudno. After lunch this smaller group will join with the Plodders for the rest of the journey through Cheshire and North Wales. Distance from Spinneys to Llandudno 72 miles. Cost £120 per person.

**The route: Baslow, 08:00,** Pilsley, Hassop Station, Wye Valley Trail, A6 Buxton, A537 Cat and Fiddle, **Peak View Café** **20 miles.** Macclesfield, B5392, Siddington, Lower Withington, Jodrell Bank, Goostry, **Spinneys Café 39 miles.** B5082, Davenham, London Rd, Cross River Weaver at salt mine, Bradford Rd, West on trail (disused railway line to mine) Clay Lane, Little Budworth, Oulton Park, Utkinson Lane, Wood Lane, Guy Lane, Waverton join towpath Shropshire Union Canal 62 miles, stay on towpath through Chester 66 miles, When canal turns north after 1 mile join cyclpath/disused railway line west, past Hawarden Bridge railway station, off trail at Connah’s Quay 74 miles, B5429, A548 Flint, Bagillt, A548 Prestatyn, At Ffrith ride through park to sea front promenade cycle route, **Rhyl café 96 miles,** Join road to cross bridge over River Clywd, rejoin NCN 5 on seafront, Abergele, Old Colwyn, Colwyn Bay, Rhos on Sea, Penrhyn Hill, Penrhynside, Ride down promenade at Llandudno, turn into town Vaughan Street SP Railway Station, towards station turn right Charlton Street, hostel is on your left.

**Saturday:** Two rides will be on offer. The short ride will be ‘Sea, mountains and waterfall tour’ A scenic 37 mile ride. Riding through the town to the Pier Head and around the Marine Drive, turning left to climb past St Tudno’s Church (Where Llandudno gets its name) to the Summit for a coffee. Back down to the Marine Drive and around the Marine Drive to the West Shore where we pick up the cycle track down to Deganwy, Llandudno Junction and over the Conway Estuary to Conway. Turn left at station and up and over the Sychnant Pass and drop to Penmaenmawr. We then continue along quiet road running alongside North Wales Expressway to Llanfairfechan to Abergwyngregyn, up valley road to café at end. It is a short walk from here to Aber Falls. Retrace route back through Llanfairfechan, Penamaenmawr, along cycle path next to railway line, round Penmaenbach tunnel to Conway for another café stop at quayside. Return to Llandudno via Deganwy and West Shore total 37 miles. Ride led by Barry Raynor

The Second ride is still to be arranged but will probably be longer.

**Sunday:** Leaving hostel at 08:00. Riding as two groups we will be retracing the same route to Rhos on Sea and picking up the NCN 5 to Rhyl for a coffee stop. We then proceed down coast road A548 to Connah’s Quay to pick up the trail through Chester to Waverton. Using the same route past the salt mine to Spinneys Cranage for dinner arriving as two separate groups. Expected time of arrival should be 2 pm. **The accelerated group will leave us at this point**. The other two groups continue through Goostry, Siddington, Macclesfield, Cat and Fiddle pass, Buxton, Wye Valley Trail, Bakewell and Sheffield. (A third café stop may be sought around the Buxton area)

Arrangements can be made for Bank transfers should you prefer this method of payment. Full payments only please no deposits. Remember this event is very popular and we can only accommodate 40 places.