

## **CHARLIE WESTLAKE 'SPORTIVE' BIKE RIDE (100 km / 62 miles)**

**Organised by Bury CTC with Bury Clarion. Time allowed: 7 hours**

### **THIS EVENT IS NOT A RACE OR SPEED COMPETITION. STOP AT CONTROLS.**

**START 09.30** CASTLE LEISURE CENTRE and join A58 direction Bolton.

After *Blockbuster Express*, turn R at TL on to Ainsworth Rd. (B6196) to **AINSWORTH**.

Follow the bend R, along Arthur Lane and down to **Harwood** and **Bradshaw Chapel**.

As the road rises turn sharp R at the TL (**great care**) on to the B6472. Continue until the TL at the **A666 T JUNCTION** where turn R to join the A666 direction Blackburn.

In **Egerton** turn L onto minor road (Longworth Road) signed 'Delph Sailing Club'.

Climb to Belmont reservoir (ignore the No Through Road sign at the X). You will have to dismount to push your bike under the barrier, then stop at **CONTROL (10.00 to 10.45)**. (16km)

Descend to T junction where turn R and climb through Belmont village. Continue to moor summit and turn R onto minor road signed 'Tockholes'. Descend through **TOCKHOLES** (care-speed humps). After crossing motorway, turn R at the X at the Black Bull pub (24 km).

After a short climb, descend (**10% - great care**) to the X at **Earcroft**.

Cross the A666 (**care**) on to Sandy Lane and continue down to mini roundabout (27.5 km).

Turn R and steep climb (1 in 8 - 12%) to **LOWER DARWEN**. SO at TL to big roundabout at

**Guide**. With care go across to B6231 signed 'Oswaldtwistle'. At **BRITANNIA**

**ROUNDABOUT** (31 km) Britannia pub stop at **CONTROL (10.30 to 11.30)**.

**TURN LEFT** onto the B6232 and descend to X where turn R on to B6130.

Then SO at **INTACK** TL on to Whitebirk Roundabout where turn R and soon, keeping to the left, join the dual carriageway **ring road**. (Look for the cycle path alongside and join it.)

As the road climbs turn R at the second set of TL signed 'Great Harwood' (**great care**) to enter **Whalley Old Rd** and proceed up to **YORK** village. From York descend steeply (**care**, speed bumps and sharp left hairpin bend at bottom). Turn R and enter **WHALLEY** (45 km) (*shops / toilets at bus station*). Continue through **BARROW**, **CLITHEROE** (following 'through traffic' signs), to **CHATBURN**, where turn R to **DOWNHAM** (56.5 km).

Descend to the bridge and cross the stream then left and get into a low gear for **long climb** with Pendle Hill looming up before you. At X turn R and descend (**great care**) through **BARLEY** (63 km). Fork L at **BARLEY GREEN** signed 'Barley Picnic Site'. (Good café).

Continue to X where **OPTION** to turn R and ride short distance up to **CLARION**

**CLUBHOUSE** (pint mugs of tea – bring your own food - view Charlie's memorial seat).

Otherwise SO and climb steeply. At the top continue R to **FENCE** where turn R on to

**Wheatley Lane Rd** (74 km) then R at T junction (A6068) and immediately turn L on to Greenhead Lane. After passing under the railway bridge, turn second L on to **Windermere**

**Avenue**. At TL go SO on to the A6114 signed 'Towneley Hall'. Continue up past

Towneley Hall entrance to TL where SO signed 'A671 Bacup' Nearing the top (Crown Point), turn R onto B6238 signed 'Rawtenstall' and descend to **WATERFOOT** (90 km)

where turn R at mini-roundabout and ride towards Rawtenstall.

Continue and fork left at mini-roundabout before **RAWTENSTALL** to Tesco TL where take first L to **EDENFIELD** (97 km) where fork L at the mini-roundabout onto the A680 direction 'Rochdale' and climb to **OWD BETTS** pub (100 km) **FINISH CONTROL (13.15 to 16.30)**

**Abbreviations: TL = Traffic Lights. SO = Straight on. R = Right. L = Left. X = Crossroads**  
**(If you abandon, please ring 07963 701799 to inform the organiser)**