

WALTER PILKINGTON 'SPORTIVE' BIKE RIDE (50 km / 31 miles)

Organised by Bury CTC with Bury Clarion. Time allowed: 4 hours

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

START 09.45 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 just before you stop at **CONTROL (10.30 to 11.15)**. (15km)

Turn R and 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) stop at the Britannia pub for **CONTROL (11.30 to 12.15)**.

TURN RIGHT onto the B6232 and go over the **ROUNDHILLS** (35 km) then descend to the road bridge at the bottom. The roads bends left then you turn R at TL towards Haslingden.

In **HASLINGDEN** (40 km) SO at TL and descend to first roundabout where SO. Go straight ahead at next roundabout following the cycle route signs 'Edenfield', and descend to **EWOOD BRIDGE** (43 km) then climb to TL where turn R into **EDENFIELD** (45 km).

Fork L at the mini-roundabout onto the A680 direction Rochdale. Soon on your right pass Edenfield Methodist Church and the road 'Dearden Fold' where Walter lived. After the short descent, climb to the finish at **OWD BETTS** pub (49.5 km) **FINISH CONTROL (12.30 to 13.45)**.

(If you abandon, please ring 07963 701799 to inform the organiser)

Note: TL = TRAFFIC LIGHTS SO = STRAIGHT ON
R = RIGHT L = LEFT X = CROSSROADS