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COLNE GRAND PRIX

Including the Sprint for Success race...
And introducing the Future Stars race!

FREE 2015
The race is run under the rules of British Cycling and organised by Cycle Sport Pendle. For a full report and tonight’s racing results please visit the Elite Circuit series pages at www.britishcycling.org.uk or go to www.pendle.gov.uk/colnegrandprix.

Experience the thrills of street racing as the UK’s top cyclists battle it out through our historic town!

This year we’ve three exciting high speed races starting with the Future Stars race organised by Cycle Sport Pendle and sponsored by Marsden Building Society. Young riders from around the region will compete for the first time on the Grand Prix circuit.

Straight after, watch up and coming riders in the FORT VALE Sprint for Success race. Then top cycling teams will power through town in a blur of lycra for the Welcome Cottages Colne Grand Prix.

It’s a fantastic opening to the Pendle Cycling Festival 2015 with lots of events, free guided rides and the all-important Tour of Britain Stage 2 race. It’s coming to Pendle and the Ribble Valley for the first time on Monday 7 September with a stunning finish in Colne. More details in this programme and also from www.tourofbritainstage2.co.uk and www.visitpendle.com

Welcome to the 12th Colne Grand Prix – part of Britain’s Elite Men’s Circuit Series

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As well as our major sponsors there are a number of local businesses who support the race:
Staff at Marsden Building Society share our passion for cycling and are keen to support young riders in Pendle. That’s why they’ve teamed up with Cycle Sport Pendle to create a new race on Colne Grand Prix night called Future Stars.

Chief Executive, Rob Pheasey said: “As a local mutual, we are delighted to be supporting Colne Grand Prix and celebrating the talent we have in Pendle. We take real pride in our community and recognise the importance of supporting local initiatives.”

Left to right: Marsden Building Society’s Chief Executive Rob Pheasey; Ephraim & Georgia Ashworth; Rhiannon Gornall; Hannah Wilson & Christopher Doyle, Manager of the new Colne branch. Pictured outside the Marsden’s new, bigger branch on Albert Road Colne, which opened earlier this year.
Many world class riders have raced the Colne Grand Prix since it started over decade ago. Here are just some of the legends who’ve sweated it out on our high speed circuit...

**Bradley Wiggins CBE**

In 2012 ‘Wiggo’ became the first British rider to win the Tour de France. We saw him first... at the first ever Colne Grand Prix in 2004!

**Mark Cavendish MBE**

The fastest road cyclist in the world raced the first Colne Grand Prix in 2014 – aged just 19. ‘Cav’ went on to win 25 Tour de France stages and was named Tour de France’s best sprinter of all time by the French newspaper L’Equipe.

**Ed Clancy MBE**

Four time world champion and world record holder ‘Iron Man’ Ed proved his mettle at the Colne Grand Prix with an awesome sprint to first place in 2013.

**Ian Wilkinson**

Pendle’s own ‘superman’ won the Colne Grand Prix in 2008 and will be racing tonight. He’s a powerhouse who muscles his way to the front of a sprint, ‘Wilko’ as he’s also known, will also be racing in the Tour of Britain. Stage 2, Clitheroe to Colne on Monday 7 September will be the toughest of the international race.
The world’s top cyclists, tens of thousands of spectators and over 200 million viewers worldwide will be focused on Ribble Valley and Pendle this September for Stage Two of the 2015 Aviva Tour of Britain. Will you be there?

Stage Two will see 20 of the world’s top cycling teams, including Olympic and world champions, and Tour de France stage winners, power through Ribble Valley and Pendle from Clitheroe to a fighting finish in Colne. It’s the first time that the historic international race has come to our area. And Pendle Hill will be the stunning centrepiece for one of the Tour of Britain’s toughest ever stages.

More details about the route including King of the Mountain stages, spectator hubs, parking and great viewpoints to watch the race will be released soon.

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Cycling Events
There are lots of guided rides and activities in Pendle including for beginners as well as experienced cyclists.

For details www.visitpendle.com including how to find the Steven Burke Sports Hub which includes a traffic free circuit for cycling.

Friday 17th July – Tour of Britain Schools Competition – 9.30am at the Steven Burke Sports Hub. Five Pendle schools battle it out in a number of races. Come down and cheer them on! For further information contact Neil Stewart on 01282 682240.

Sunday 30th August – Rides with CTC. Long or short rides to suit you. Meet for both rides at Higherford Bus Terminus 9am. The long route goes to Ribblehead, with lunch in Ingleton and is 87 miles. The short ride goes to Settle with lunch in Settle and is 40 miles. Organised by Burnley and Pendle CTC.

Tuesday 1st September – CTC Evening Social Ride – Meet 6.30pm opposite The White Bear Pub, Gisburn Road, Barrowford and finish at the Cross Gaits, Blacko. All welcome for 15 to 20 mile ride, with pace adjusted to suit new riders, followed by social in the pub afterwards. Organised by Burnley & Pendle CTC. Contact Chris 01282 427678.

Saturday 5th September – The Tour of Pendle Ride (Part 1) - Ride the first half of the Tour of Pendle 28km/17.5 miles. Some steep hills, but you can get off and push! Leisurely pace, stopping at many cafes and ending with about 5 miles on flat canal towpath. Souvenir booklet with full Tour. Meet at Colne Railway Station at 10am. Organised by Burnley & Pendle CTC.

Saturday 5th September – Pendle Cycle Saturday - Racing at the Steven Burke Sports Hub today will be for all youth riders age 8 – 16 and senior riders, from approximately 10am until 3pm. There will also be an event ‘village’. Organised by Cycle Sport Pendle. Contact Chris 01282 617132. www.cyclesportpendle.org.uk

CTC rides – These rides have been kindly organised by Burnley & Pendle CTC. Booking for them is essential. Please call Harry 01282 695728, Chris 01282 617132 or John 01282 712185 to book. For these rides please bring a road worthy bike, clothing appropriate for the weather, and lunch money for the Sunday rides.
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