

Celebrating people who are passionate about enabling others to cycle

Hi...

I'm delighted that as restrictions have continued to ease,

we are seeing a lot more events being **registered on our website** and some semblance of normality returning with more group riding and other activities. We are continuing to try and keep our **Covid guidance** and resources up-to-date so that everybody planning rides and events is aware of the various requirements in each nation.



Looking ahead to early autumn, we are very pleased that the **annual Cyclists' Memorial Service at Meriden** is currently scheduled to take place on Sunday 5 September – for the 100th time in its history – as is the **Coxwold annual Memorial Service for Cyclists**, which is taking place for the 95th time. We are also looking forward to the **centenary celebrations of CTC Coventry** this year. The group is hoping a **special centenary floral display** planted by the council to commemorate the event will be in bloom as the city itself celebrates its year as **City of Culture**.

Also, read on for news of our exciting Volunteer Celebration, which will take place in October 2021.

**Gjoril Berg**  
Acting volunteering manager (maternity cover)

## Thanking our wonderful volunteers

**VOLUNTEERS' WEEK 2021**



We celebrated another national Volunteers' Week from 1 to 7 June by announcing the names of **some of the amazing Cycling UK volunteers** who have been sent a Going the Extra Mile award certificate for their outstanding contribution to our mission to make the world better by bike.

The awards are in three categories:

- Lifetime Achievement
- Certificates of Appreciation
- Certificates of Thanks

and recognise long service as a volunteer, or express thanks for specific acts or achievements as volunteers. Find out who else has earned a Going the Extra Mile award in the past couple of years on our **Cycling UK Roll of Honour**.

Special congratulations are also due to **Cycling UK-affiliated group Farcycles**, who have just been awarded the **Queen's Award for Voluntary Service**, the highest award for voluntary groups in the UK. **Nominations for this year's awards** are now open until Wednesday 15 September. Contact us if you know any Cycling UK volunteer who you think has **Gone the Extra Mile for cycling** and we'll do the rest.

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**Win!**

Cycling UK members who recommend a friend to join could get their next year's membership **FREE** in our prize draw

[cyclinguk.org/mgm](https://cyclinguk.org/mgm)

## Save the date for our Volunteer Celebration

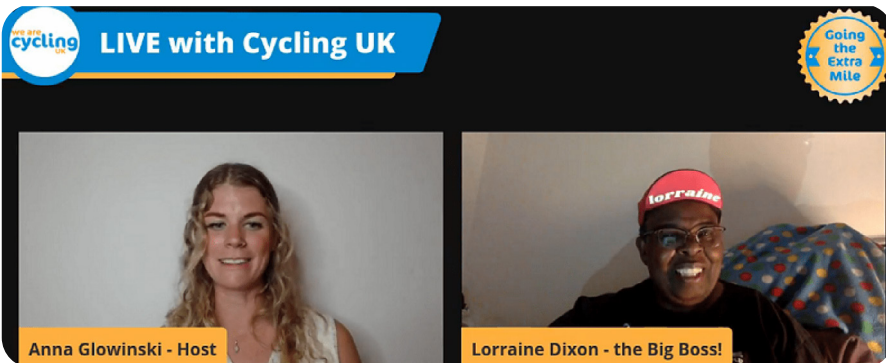
Our annual celebration of all things volunteering will take place on the afternoon and evening of Saturday 9 October with a series of webinars and a panel discussion centred around enabling the cycling movement and welcoming new cyclists to the fold.

Following the success of **last year's event**, we are also planning another fun-filled quiz following the afternoon workshops, as well as an exciting 'virtual' group ride with **FREE** goodie bags for all entrants so look out for further details of that.



## Volunteer of the Season: Khalda Begum

**Khalda** is a volunteer ride leader with Cycling UK's Community Cycle Club Share Calthorpe in Birmingham. She only started riding a bike regularly a few years ago after she was advised to lose weight for medical reasons. Now, she's inspiring other women to ride who might normally get the opportunity and is improving her own confidence, and mental and physical health at the same time.



## Club Confidential

Nearly 70% of our Member Groups have now completed their annual returns so many thanks to them. There is still time to send yours back if you haven't done so – if you are having any issues doing so, please contact our groups officer **Tom Page**.

Tom co-ordinated another Time with Tom webinar for all our groups on Wednesday 30 June, when the topic was how and why to organise rides and events for the forthcoming **Women's Festival of Cycling**. Don't forget that all the past Time with Toms recordings can be found by logging into our volunteer platform Assemble, including the one on **Training Ride Leaders**, which attracted around 40 participants.

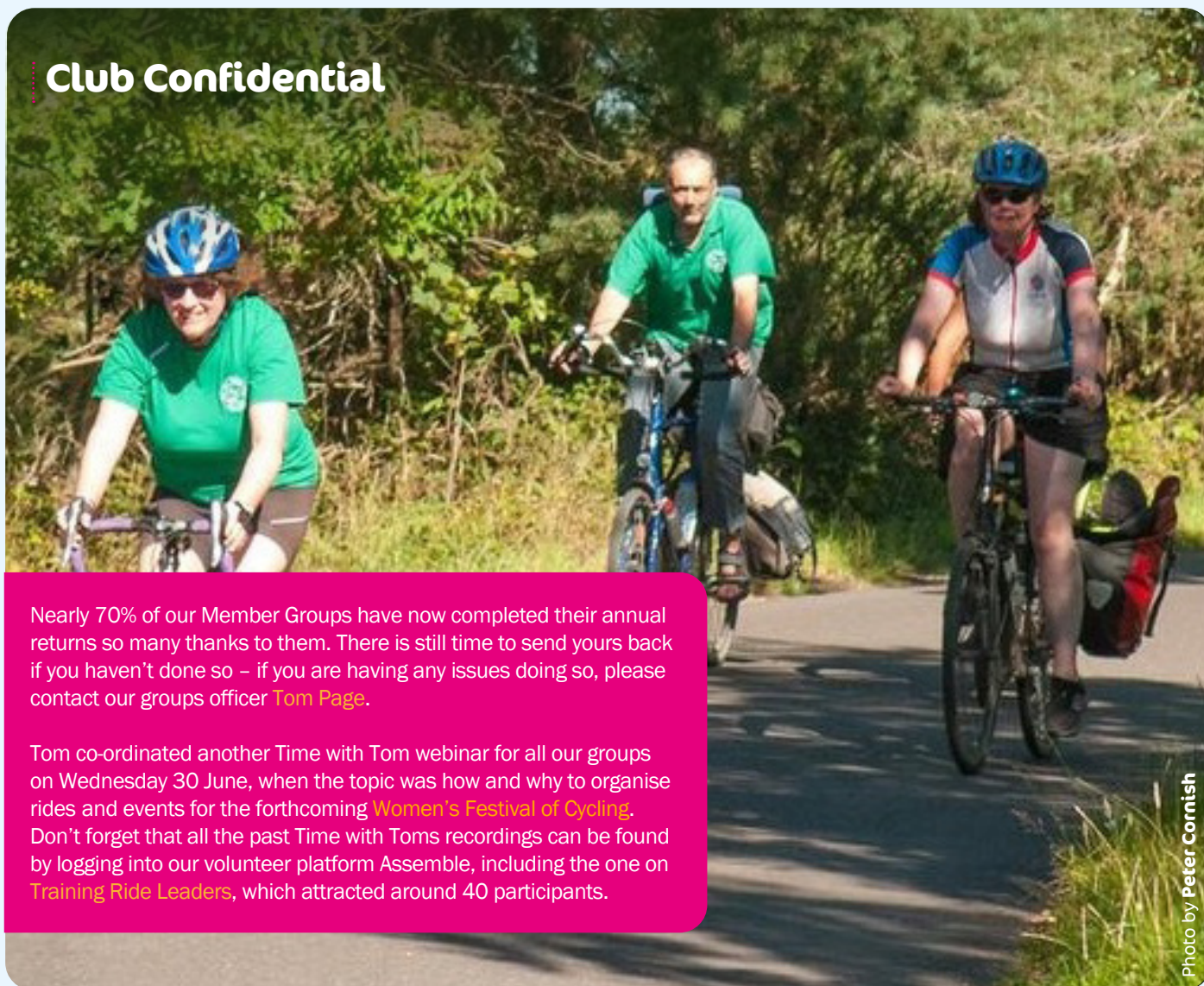


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## Group of the Season



With Pride month taking place in June, we asked Bailey Lathrop of Cycling UK affiliated group **Velociposse CC** to give us the lowdown on her role as one of the London-based club's diversity and inclusion officers.

Aiming to appeal to cyclists who identify as non-binary, female or trans, and provide a safe and inclusive space for them to take part in both leisure and competitive cycling activities, Velociposse has grown its membership rapidly in recent years.

Our volunteer **diversity and inclusion champion's toolkit** could help make your group or club more inclusive too.

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### Brand new

You may have noticed a small change to the Cycling UK logo in recent weeks with a refresh to the brand as we drop 'The Cyclists' Champion' strapline.

Information about the new logo and brand guidelines can be found in the **Important resources for all volunteers folder** in our Document Hub on Assemble or by logging in to our website and going to the publicity officer's toolkit in **the Toolkits for Cycling Groups** section.

## Your group needs you!



Cycling groups are great places to make friends and find like-minded people with which to enjoy your favourite pastime. Find out which roles might be available and what's involved in them in **Tom Page's article**.

We also have some **current volunteer opportunities available** so why not check those out too and see if you can give something back in your local area? For example **Fife and Kinross CTC** has multiple committee roles on offer and we are looking for ride leaders in Portsmouth and Nottingham for our community cycle clubs.

## Safeguarding training

We are happy to report that many of our groups have recently completed our optional safeguarding training for cycling club welfare officers and others who have a responsibility for ensuring that everyone in their group is looked after and kept safe. We hope to run this important module again in the future so do let us know if you'd like to attend.