



Ride & Stride 2009 Results

£108,430 raised



**Friends of Essex Churches Trust
Supporting Churches in Essex and East London**

This year we raised **£108,430**. This figure is up on last year which, in a year when most charities have reported a drop in donations, is a fantastic result. On behalf of FECT please pass on our thanks to everyone who took part: local organisers, riders, walkers and stewards. And particular thanks and congratulations go to the team of three from St Nicholas, Kelvedon Hatch who take the "winners" crown having raised £2,359 between them. Well done!

Vital Statistics

You may be interested to know that this year about 475 cyclists and walkers took part in the Ride & Stride. The Ride & Stride Treasurer received 718 cheques and 680 sponsor forms to process and has written out 300 cheques to return to churches. The team from St Mary the Virgin, Little Baddow managed to find a route which covered 52 churches and chapels in a distance of 43 miles. If anyone can beat that, let me know!

My Ride

It was never my intention to take to my bike but, having been sponsored through our new JustGiving website to ride, I had no option. And what a wonderful day I had riding between churches in the Maldon and Witham areas. I covered 30 miles visiting 16 churches, all of which were open. I was utterly exhausted by the end of the day but can now appreciate the great efforts so many of you go to each year in taking part in the Ride & Stride. I am full of admiration for you all and humbled by some of the distances you are able to cover. If I ever take to my bike again I know now that a few dog walks during the week beforehand are not enough preparation!

Chelmsford and District Organists' Association - 60th Anniversary Celebrations

On 2010 Ride & Stride day the Chelmsford and District Organists' Association are hoping that as many organs in churches and chapels in the Chelmsford Diocese can be played, both by their members and others, in celebration of their 60th anniversary. If any participants in the 2010 Ride & Stride are willing and able to play the organ at any church they visit or steward, the Organists' Association would love to hear about it. Please send details of which organs are played, by whom and, if possible, the music played to Michael Little, Honorary Treasurer (tel: 01245 421023 or email: robert.little9@btopenworld.com).

Tea & Cakes

Last year I asked whether any church would like to publicise the fact that they offer refreshments on Ride & Stride day, or any other day of the year. Some of you responded and a list was put together and advertised on the FECT website. I don't know whether any of you noticed an increase in the number of visitors to your church as a result. Do let me know if you have any feedback - negative or positive - and whether you think we should continue to put together this list.

Just Giving

2009 was the first year we enabled Ride & Stride participants to use the website JustGiving to raise sponsorship monies. Users of the website are able to send emails to friends asking them for sponsorship. Donations are then given and processed on-line. In 2009, there were eleven Ride & Stride participants who used JustGiving raising £1,741 between them on behalf of six different churches. If any of you would like to know more about JustGiving and/or have any feedback as to whether or not we should continue to use JustGiving as a means of raising sponsorship, please let me know.

Admin

Once again I am on the hunt for Area Organisers to act as a link with the local church representatives in Barking, Redbridge, Waltham Forest, Brentwood, Hinckford and Colchester; someone with time to check we have up to date contact details for each of the churches in the area and time to encourage participation. I would love to be able to contact all the churches in the county to thank those who do participate and encourage those who do not but, with over a 1,000 churches on my list, it just isn't possible! So, if anyone would like to help please let me know.

Also, in order to keep costs to a minimum, this year I have tried to cut down on sending out multiple copies of this publication to those of you responsible for more than one church. If in fact you would like more than one copy (and don't - some of you will still receive multiple copies) then please let me know. Thank you again for all your support.

Best wishes.

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**For photos of the 2009 Ride & Stride visit the
website: www.foect.org.uk**

**2010
Ride
& Stride
Saturday
11th
September**

BARKING & DAGENHAM		AREA 1	£
Barking/Dagenham	St Elizabeth		106.00
Barking/Little Wakering	All Saints/St Mary		85.50
Becontree West	St Thomas		432.00
Becontree West	St Cedd		153.00
			776.50

EPPING FOREST		AREA 2	£
Coopersale	St Alban		100.00
Epping	St John Baptist		220.00
Stapleford Abbots	St Mary		165.00
Theydon Garnon	All Saints		280.00
Waltham Abbey	Waltham Abbey		236.00
			1,001.00

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HARLOW		AREA 3	£
Bush End	St John Evangelist		155.00
Harlow	St Mary/St Hugh		32.00
Harlow	St Mary-at-Latton		334.00
Harlow	St Mary Magdelene		273.50
Hatfield Broad Oak	Our Lady of Lourdes		285.00
Hatfield Broad Oak	Our Lady R.C.		355.00
Hatfield Heath	Holy Trinity		100.00
Hatfield Heath	URC		180.00
Little Hallingbury	St Mary Virgin		278.00
Sheering	St Mary		370.00
Wimbish	All Saints		587.50
			2,950.00

Sheering, St Mary

We were disappointed that several churches were not attended. It's so nice to have a chat to someone who attends the church when we visit. On route there seemed to be quite a number out cycling.

Hatfield Broadoak, Our Lady of Lourdes

Four young people rode for our church aged 7 (first time), 11 (2nd time), 13 (6th time) and 15 (7th time). They are a credit to our parish. It was just great to receive the Song Cycle at 5.15pm who sang a motet "The Eucharist" just as people were arriving for 5.30pm mass – wonderful.

Area Organiser: Edna Halls
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HAVERING		AREA 4	£
Hornchurch	Holy Cross		305.00
Hornchurch	Nelmes URC		208.50
North Ockendon	St Mary Magdelene		392.00
Romford	Trinity Methodist		210.00
Upminster	St Laurence		765.00
			1,880.50

Upminster, St Laurence

Our Ride & Stride event was a bit different this year. With the church pilgrimage to Jerusalem underway and most of the regular walkers were on the pilgrimage, we decided on a church walk within the old City of Jerusalem. It may have been bending the Ride & Stride guidelines somewhat but we felt it was at least kept to the spirit of the event.

Hornchurch, Holy Cross

This year the Song Cycle started at Saffron Walden Parish Church – a huge church in a relatively small town. We managed to see 8 different churches before we had even cycled a mile. But cycling into Radwinter, the hills got steeper and the distance between the churches got longer. We were told our route was mainly downhill. It was all lies! It was very hard work in places but we managed to fit in 29 different churches over 25 miles.

NEWHAM		AREA 5	£
Forest Gate	Emmanuel		270.21
Plaistow	Memorial Community Ch		1,677.00
			1,947.21

Plaistow, Memorial Community Church

Saturday was a beautiful day. Seven of us took up the challenge for the ride from Theydon Bois ending in Epping. En route we passed 11 churches where we stopped to gather proof of our journey and, of course, to admire the age old buildings. It was a great and enjoyable experience and the stiffness is fast disappearing. I've gained new confidence cycling on the roads and definitely will continue with this form of exercise in future.

Area Organiser: Miss Philippa King
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Contact our membership secretary: Keith Gardner,
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ONGAR	AREA 6	£
Greensted juxta Ongar	St Andrews	171.00
Ongar	URC	88.00
Moreton	St Mary Virgin	550.00
Norton Mandeville	All Saints	75.00
Stapleford Tawney	St Mary Virgin	15.00
Stondon Massey	SS Peter/Paul	251.80
Theydon Mount	SS Mary/Michael	350.00
		1,500.80

Theydon Mount, St Michael

In the 12 years plus that I have manned St Michael's church, I have never welcomed so many riders/striders – 18 in total. I had a busy time welcoming people, serving refreshments and waving them off – not enough time to clean St Michael's properly!

Area Organiser: Barbara Williams

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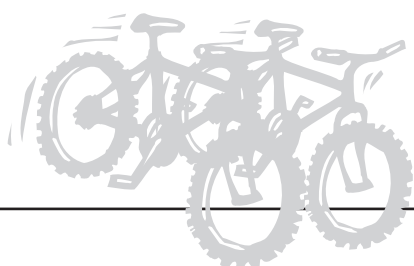
REDBRIDGE	AREA 7	£
Great Ilford	St Mary	270.00
Seven Kings	St John	280.00
Wansted	St Gabriels	1,340.20
		1,890.20

Wansted, St Gabriel

With the support of my local (Redbridge) cycling group, I was able to visit 19 churches in the Saffron Walden and surrounding area. This was my 23rd ride for FECT, my first being in 1985. I am now 81 so may not manage many (any?) more, though I'm looking forward to being fit enough next year, God willing! [June Cocksedge]

Barkingside, St George

I was able to keep our church open from 10 to 6 and as it was such lovely weather had the pleasure of sitting outside near the church entrance. A number of church people came to do odd jobs and chatted and I made drinks for them. A couple of Eastern Orthodox Christians who were passing dropped in for a chat and a view (Grants Hill is very cosmopolitan). And in the afternoon 4 cyclists came.



WALTHAM FOREST	AREA 8	£
Leyton	Emmanuel	672.50
Leytonstone	St John Baptist	259.50
Leytonstone	St Margarets	532.00
		1,464.00

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BRENTWOOD	AREA 9	£
Bentley Common	St Paul	170.00
Brentwood	St George the Martyr	55.00
Brentwood	St Thomas	1,249.00
Brentwood	URC	242.00
Buttsbury	St Mary	177.00
Fryerning	St Mary Virgin	587.00
Ingatestone	SS John/Erconwald	306.00
Ingatestone	SS Mary & Edmund	589.05
Ingatestone	URC	65.00
Kelvedon Hatch	St Nicholas	2,359.10
Little Warley	St Peter	31.50
Mountnessing	St Giles	188.00
Navestock	St Thomas	1,263.50
Shenfield	St Mary Virgin	822.90
West Hordon	St Francis	160.00
		8,265.05

Fryerning, St Mary

For the sixth successive year, the Morris/Williams families took part in the Ride & Stride – they biked around 15 miles and visited 9 churches. At the URC in Ingatestone, the two delightful ladies there had only had one other visitor all morning and their hospitality was fantastic!

Navestock, St Thomas

Ride & Stride coincides with Heritage Open Day and our Hive of Activity Day, so St Thomas was open and buzzing all day with refreshments laid on, bells ringing and choir rehearsing.

Shenfield, St Mary

An enterprising parishioner sold apples from her garden to raise funds.

Ingatestone, St Edmund & St Mary

Our local scout group once again organised their own cycle ride. 39 scouts took ranging from Beavers to Explorers and each section rode a different route visiting various local churches.

BASILDON	AREA 10	£
Basildon	All Saints/St Chad	41.00
Basildon	St Andrew/Holy Cross	150.41
Billericay	Emmanuel	215.00
Billericay	St John Outwood/C	200.00
Bowers Gifford	St Margaret	115.00
Pitsea	St Gabriel	466.00
Ramsden Bellhouse	St Mary Virgin	574.00
		1,761.41

Bowers Gifford, St Margaret

A wonderful welcome again from St Mary's, South Benfleet. It was their Flower Festival – quite magnificent. We picked blackberries again, but results disappointing – I have never known the ground so dry. This year our little church on the marshes was open all day, but sadly again, no-one called on us. The detour is well worth while.

Area Organiser: Mrs Beryl Clements

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CHELMSFORD NORTH AREA 11a		£
Broomfield	SS Mary/Leonard	240.00
Chelmsford	All Saints	364.00
Chelmsford	Cathedral	636.00
Chelmsford	St Andrew	311.00
Chelmsford	Trinity Methodist	50.00
Chelmsford	URC	233.00
Great Leighs	St Mary	250.00
Great Waltham/ Ford End	SS Mary/Lawrence/ John	213.00
Highwood	St Paul	260.00
Little Leighs	St John	701.11
Little Waltham	St Martin	440.00
Little Waltham	URC	619.00
Pleshey	Holy Trinity	460.00
Roxwell	St Michael/All Saints	200.00
Springfield	All Saints	565.00
Writtle	All Saints	372.00
		5,914.11

Springfield, All Saints

Once again (he's done it every year since the Sponsorship Event was inaugurated), Frank (aged 86) got round his 25 churches covering 42 miles. This is a remarkable achievement for a man of his years who puts his rude good health down to the two "Bs" – Beer and Bicycles!

Chelmsford, Trinity Methodist Church

The person undertaking the last shift sadly saw no-one but his hopes were raised when a cyclist pulled up on the pavement edge opposite only to find, after a map was pulled out and studied before being put away, that the prospect cycled off the wrong way, up the one way street!!

Ian Dudley, 2009 Area Organiser

What a marvellous day I had visiting all 35 churches and chapels in the Chelmsford North area. Each visit was met with a welcome as warm as the autumn sunshine and it was really gratifying to witness just how much these buildings are cherished. In recent months, the congregation at the URC in Little Waltham have restored this lovely building with the assistance from an FECT grant. It was wonderful to see the results. The Churchwarden at St Mary's, Great Leighs, was full of infectious enthusiasm for this ancient building with its rare round tower. And I thoroughly recommend a visit to the medieval wayside Black Chapel in North End with adjoining Chaplains House which has been described as being "like an unturned boat".

Area Organiser: Rose Bateman

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CHELMSFORD SOUTH AREA 11b		£
Bicknacre	St Andrews	160.00
Boreham	St Andrew	500.00
Danbury	St John Baptist	401.00
Danbury	RC Martyrs	100.00
Downham	St Margaret	110.00
East Hanningfield	All Saints	300.00
Little Baddow	St Mary Virgin	545.00
Little Baddow	URC	214.00
Moulsham	St John Baptist	100.00
Moulsham Lodge	St Luke	172.00
Sandon	St Andrew	608.50
South Hanningfield	St Peter	160.00
Stock	All saints	20.00
Stock	Our Lady/St Joseph	172.50
West Hanningfield	SS Mary/Edward	909.00
Widford	St Mary/Holy Spirit	356.00
Woodham Ferrers	Congregational	150.00
		4,978.00

Little Baddow, St Mary the Virgin

An excellent day for cycling. It was good to find several more churches and chapels open and with someone to sign forms. We have managed to find a route which covers 52 churches and chapels in a distance of 43 miles.

Boreham, St Andrew

We had a busy day with our 21 visitors including a lady doing her own cycle ride. She stopped when she saw the church was open and asked what was going on. We explained and she asked had we any spare forms as she would like to join in. She took my address and I did not expect to hear any more but the following Saturday she rang me up and said she was coming to deliver her sponsor money. God moves in a mysterious way!

Danbury, St John

Lovely to have a family from St John's riding for the first time. Their two boys, aged 6 and 9, rode tandem and visited 12 churches. My trusty, rusty old steed notched up 41 miles this year visiting 35 churches. [Caroline Lambert]

Chelmsford, Christ Church URC

Kathleen Patterson's effort (aged 91), with her friend, was quite remarkable – walking 12 miles plus and visiting 23 churches.

Area Organiser: Mr Roy Radford

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MALDON & DENGIE AREA 12		£
Althorne	St Andrews	220.00
Burnham-on-Crouch	St Mary Virgin	134.00
Heybridge	St Andrew	40.00
Heybridge Basin	St George	136.00
Maldon	Assumption of our Lady	100.00
Maldon	Methodist	197.00
Maldon	URC	172.46
Maldon/Mundon	St Mary	294.00
Purleigh	All Saints	233.00
Southminster	St Leonards	22.10
Steeple	St Lawrence/All Saints	210.00
Tillingham	St Nicholas	487.50
Woodham Mortimer	St Margaret	175.00
Woodham Walter	St Michael	423.00
		2,844.06

Althorne, St Andrew

As we stewards have to sit and chat and drink coffee and eat cake all day, we decided to share the idea – had tea/coffee, cake and book for £1 donation all day and made £104 extra. It would be nice to have more visitors next year.

Area Organiser: Mr Peter Manley

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HADLEIGH	AREA 13	£
Eastwood	St Lawrence/All Saints	243.00
Hadleigh	St James the Less	220.00
Hadleigh	URC	45.00
Leigh-on-sea	Highlands Methodist	46.00
Leigh-on-Sea	St Aidan	298.00
Leigh-on-Sea	St James the Great	500.00
South Benfleet	St Mary	400.00
		1,752.00

Area Organiser: Terry Babbage
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SOUTHEND	AREA 14	£
North Shoebury	St Mary	325.00
Prittlewell	St Lukes	83.60
Prittlewell	St Mary	402.50
South Shoebury	St Andrew/St Peter	1,218.00
Thorpe Bay	St Augustine	188.00
Westcliff-on-Sea	St Alban	175.00
Westcliff-on-Sea	St Andrew/St Peter	129.00
Westcliff-on-Sea	St Peter	465.00
		2,986.10

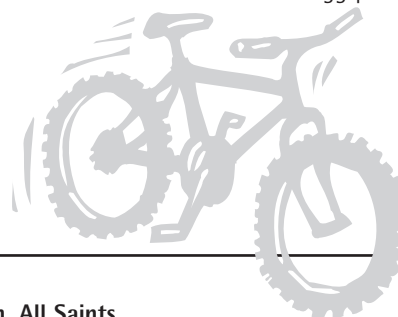
Area Organiser: Don Woracker
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THURROCK	AREA 15	£
Aveley	St Michael	783.50
Bulphan	St Mary Virgin	172.25
Corringham	SS Mary/John	1,043.00
East Tilbury	St Catherine	160.00
Fobbing	St Michael	171.00
Grays/Thurrock	Team Ministry	175.00
Hordon-on-the-Hill	SS Peter/Paul	145.00
North Stifford	St Mary Virgin	115.00
Orsett	ST Giles/All Saints	35.00
Stanford-le-Hope	St Margaret	160.00
		2,959.75

Aveley, St Michael

Four of the six people who rode wore florescent tutus, coloured leggings and coloured let-warmers. As you can imagine, the two males who wore these caused quite a stir.

Area Organiser: Mr Peter Craggs
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ROCHFORD	AREA 16	£
Ashingdon	St Andrew	1,334.94
Canewdon	St Nicholas	102.35
Paglesham	St Peter	100.00
Rawreth	St Nicholas	97.00
Rayleigh	Christchurch URC	325.50
Rayleigh	St Michael/All Angels	131.50
Rettendon	All Saints	210.00
Rochford	St Andrew	273.00
Stambridge	St Mary/All Saints	127.00
		2,701.29

Rettendon, All Saints

It was a wonderful opportunity to sit in the sunshine and paint the view. Although we only had 3 visiting cyclists, we had several people take advantage of the church being open; some just to look around and enjoy cheese rolls and cakes with coffee and some to "look up" their family history.

Rayleigh, Christ Church

From the Saxon/Norman St Mary's Prittlewell, to the former Anglican St Paul's, Salisbury Avenue, which is now the centre of worship for a large Greek Orthodox community. Across the busy A13 to Trinity Methodist where we learned that the immigrant Shona (African) Christians also worship. Another welcome at St Albans, then to Avenue Baptists, who were hosting their fortnightly facility for non-resident parents of whatever faith to be with their children.

Rochford, St Andrew

We had less visitors than last year and our Ride & Stride team were disappointed at the lack of churches in our area that were actually open or even had a list available to sign.

Area Organiser: Erica Wyeth
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WITHAM	AREA 17	£
Faulkbourne	St Germanus	125.00
Feering	All Saints	367.00
Great Totham	St Peter	863.60
Hatfield Peverel	St Andrew	274.00
Kelvedon	St Mary Virgin	757.50
Kelvedon	URC	414.50
Layer Breton	St Mary Virgin	1,040.00
Layer de la Haye	St John Baptist	22.00
Layer Marney	St Mary	205.00
Little Totham	All Saints	100.00
Little Totham	Evangelical	92.00
Messing	All Saints	505.00
Tiptree	St Luke	175.50
Tiptree	URC	121.00
Ulting	All Saints	850.00
Wickham Bishops	St Bartholomew	385.00
Witham	Holy Family/All Saints	1,039.00
Witham	St Nicholas	375.50
Witham	URC	20.00
		7,731.60

Wickham Bishops, St Bartholomew

Another lovely day for cycling around the lanes of Essex and most churches were manned and provided a hearty welcome, refreshments and encouragement. At Good Easter I explained to the gentleman on duty that my great great great grandfather lived at a particular farmhouse c.1800. He told me that this was now his house and sent me down to meet his wife and family where they made me most welcome, gave refreshments and a guided tour. What a bonus!

Area Organiser: Mr John Bagley

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HINKFORD	AREA 18	£
Alphamstone	St Barnabas	250.00
Bellchamp St Paul	St Andrew	242.00
Bellchamp Walter	St Mary	95.00
Borley	Parish Church	91.00
Bulmer	St Andrew	670.60
Colne Engaine	St Andrew	1,065.00
Earls Colne	St Andrew	203.00
Gestingthorpe	St Mary	140.00
Great Maplestead	St Giles	135.00
Greenstead Green	St James	325.00
Halstead	Methodist	255.00
Halstead	St Andrew	211.00
Halstead	URC	219.20
Helions Bumpstead	St Andrew	75.00
Middleton	All Saints	321.10
Pebmarsh	St John Baptist	55.00
Sible Heddingham	Baptist Fellowship	274.00
Steeple Bumpstead	St Mary	200.00
Tilbury Juxta	St Margaret	30.00
Toppersfield	St Margaret of Antioch	50.00
Twinstead	St John Evangelist	190.00
White Colne	St Andrew	50.00
Wickham St Paul	All Saints	196.00
		5,342.90

Gestingthorpe, St Mary the Virgin

We had fewer visitors than in previous years and reports suggest other churches fared similarly. Most had done the walk/ride before and obviously enjoyed it. The newcomers likewise seemed to think they would do it again. So worth keeping it going!

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BRAINTREE	AREA 19	£
Black Notley	SS Peter/Paul	51.00
Bocking	St Mary Virgin	202.00
Bocking	St Peter	290.00
Braintree	Baptist	137.10
Braintree	Christchurch	274.00
Cressing	Evangelical	79.00
Rayne	All Saints	140.00
Shalford	St Andrew	182.00
Wethersfield	Parish Church	1,084.22
		2,439.32

Bocking, St Mary

What a shame more people do not take part in this event.

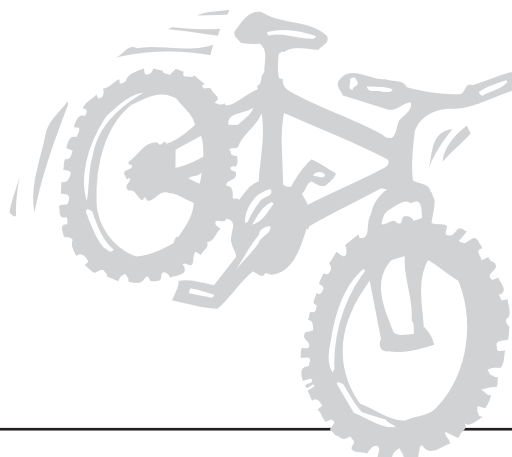
Area Organiser: Roy Radford

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COLCHESTER	AREA 20	£
Colchester	Christchurch URC	516.50
Colchester	Lion Walk URC	43.50
Colchester	SSAndrew/Anne/Matthew	600.00
Colchester	St Barnabas	340.00
Colchester	St Botolph	288.00
Colchester	St Peter	64.00
Colchester New Town	St Stephen	436.90
Colchester	Wycliffe Baptist	250.00
East Mersea	St Edmond	690.00
Fingringhoe	St Andrew	44.00
Greenstead	St John Payne	65.00
Lexdon	St Leonard	373.00
Myland	St Michael	40.00
Peldon	St Mary Virgin	140.00
Rowhedge	St Lawrence	435.00
West Mersea	SS Peter/Paul	954.00
Wormingford	St Andrew	848.00
		6,127.90

Colchester, St Barnabas

A wonderful day with a great welcome from each open church and friendly waves from people displaying the Ride & Stride stickers. We finished at our last church St Leonards, Hythe Hill to a welcome afternoon tea and an accompaniment of singers and musicians – most pleasant.



DEDHAM & TEY	AREA 22	£
Aldham	Parish Church	625.00
Boxted	St Peter	420.20
Chapple	St Barnabas	145.00
Coggeshall	St Nicholas	30.00
Dedham	St Mary Virgin	159.83
Eight Ash Green	Methodist	85.00
Fordham	All Saints/St John	20.00
Great Horkesley	All Saints/St John	91.00
Great Tey	St Barnabas	210.00
Langham	St Mary Virgin	140.00
Little Horkesley	SS Peter/Paul	320.00
Little Tey	St James the Less	190.00
Marks Tey	St Andrew	370.00
Mount Bures	St John Baptist	205.00
		3,011.03

Great Horkesley, All Saints

Fewer and fewer people seem to ride/walk or visit our village each year. Most disillusioning for all involved.

Little Horkesley, St Peter & St Paul

The weather was perfect for the event and during the day I greatly enjoyed greeting more travellers than usual. In fact, at lunch time, 22 exceptionally happy and delightful people arrived from Little and Great Leighs. After signing their forms they adjourned to the church yard where they had a picnic. It was an extremely joyful gathering. I must make special mention of one four legged member who ran and walked, by the name of Scamp. A dear little dog and what a character.



Area Organiser: Angela Green
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DUNMOW & STANSTED	AREA 23	£
Aythorpe Roding	St Mary Virgin	210.00
Barnston	Evangelical Mission	227.00
Barnston	St Andrew	310.50
Broxted	St Mary Virgin	460.00
Felsted	Crix Green Mission	25.00
Felsted	Holy Cross	464.00
Good Easter	St Andrew	305.00
Great Bardfield	St Mary Virgin	528.00
Great Canfield	St Mary Virgin	35.00
Great Dunmow	St Mary Virgin	300.00
Great Dunmow	URC New street	289.00
High Easter	St Mary Virgin	40.00
Lindsell	St Mary Virgin	300.00
Little Canfield	All Saints	200.00
Little(Bardfield) Saling	SS Peter/Paul	180.00
Little Dunmow	St Mary Virgin	150.00
Margaret Roding	St Margaret	150.00
Stansted Mount Fitchet	St John	555.00
Stansted	St Thomas	90.00
Takley	Holy Trinity	126.00
Tilty	St Mary Virgin	185.00
		5,129.50

Great Bardfield, St Mary the Virgin

I was not fit enough to cycle – or to walk between villages – so went to Cambridge and hobbled around 39 churches and chapels there, having a quick sit and pray in each. Marvellous to have so many in a limited area.

Little Bardfield Saling, St Peter & St Paul

Council decided to redo all village roads here with lots of loose gravel (later rolled). This made riding a bike pretty uncomfortable!

Margaret Roding, St Margaret

I do enjoy riding around our villages; you see so much more on two wheels than on four. I set off on the Saturday morning with a mission – to arrive at St John's, Stansted, with a change of clothes in my backpack in time for the wedding service of the son of a colleague. Even with an initial very worthwhile detour to Abbess Roding Flower Festival and a bit of "striding" as well as "riding" when the going got tough, I made it taking in ten churches on the way.

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HARWICH	AREA 24	£
Ardleigh	St Mary	56.00
Bradfield	St Lawrence	130.00
Dovercourt	All Saints	386.00
Elmstead Market	St Anne/Laurence	406.00
Great Bromley	St George the Martyr	850.00
Great Oakley	All Saints	73.50
Harwich	St Nicholas	417.50
Harwich and Dovercourt	Our Lady Queen of Heav	133.00
Lawford	St Mary	171.50
Manningtree	Methodist	410.00
Ramsey/Little Oakley	St Michael/All Angels	155.00
Tendring	St Edmund	1,000.00
Wix	St Mary Virgin	265.00
Wrabness	All Saints	152.00
		4,605.50

Tendring, St Edmund

Just three riders this year: one 83 years, one 77 years and one 60 years. The best reception was at Little Bromley where a magnificent spread of cakes and pastries was laid out. Disappointingly many more churches closed or unmanned this year.

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SAFFRON WALDEN	AREA 26	£
Arkesden	St Mary Virgin	370.00
Berden	St Nicholas	568.00
Debden	St Mary Virgin	255.00
Great Chishill	St Swithun	25.00
Little/Great Sampford	SS Michael/Mary	410.00
Little Chisill	St Nicholas	25.00
Newport	St Mary Virgin	155.00
Quendon/Rickling	SS Simon/Jude/All Saints	95.00
Saffron Walden	St Mary Virgin	260.00
Saffron Walden	URC	220.00
Thaxted	Parish Church	224.00
Thaxted	URC	505.00
Ugley	St Peter	185.00
Wenden Lofts	Hamlet Church	62.00
Widdington	St Mary Virgin	305.00
		3,664.00

The Sampfords, St Mary and St Michael

We had so few visitors that most of the chocolate biscuits I had laid in were left over. Luckily the young offenders who keep our churchyard spick and span turned up to help that afternoon and helped me out with the biscuits too!

Debden, St Mary

We only had 5 cyclists visit our church this year. But the people that do visit really appreciate the welcome and refreshments. I think that is quite important as when I have visited churches with no-one there and all locked up, it definitely isn't so good. It is encouraging to see someone there.

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ST OSYTH	AREA 27	£
Brightlingsea	St James	20.00
Brightlingsea	United Church	200.00
Clacton-on-Sea	St James	403.00
Clacton-on-Sea	St Paul	182.50
Frinton-on-Sea	Parish Church	1,125.00
Great Bentley	St Mary	139.00
Holland-on-Sea	Methodist	111.50
Kirby le Soken	St Michael	500.00
Little Clacton	St James	515.00
Walton-on-the-Naze	Emmanuel	77.75
Walton-on-the-Naze	Parish/All Saints	517.00
		3,790.75

Walton-on-the-Naze, All Saints

It was a lovely day: our group of seven walked from Walton to Frinton and finished up about 1pm with damson wine and sandwiches at a local home.

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