

## Audax UK April 1<sup>st</sup> specials

### News item:

#### New Collaboration with LDWA

We are know that many of our members enjoy other outdoor activities as well as cycling. We are therefore pleased to announce a new collaboration with the Long Distance Walkers Association (LDWA)

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#### New Collaboration with LDWA

As part of our new collaboration with the LDWA (Long Distance Walkers Association) we are launching a "Biathlon" round the year award - to qualify members must complete one Audax UK event (any distance) and one LDWA Challenge award each calendar month. You can check out their events [here](#).

### Organisers catering award:

#### New Organisers Catering Award

We know that many of our organisers pride themselves on the food and hospitality offered at their events. To recognise this we have launched a new Organisers Catering Award (the Brevet Gourmand) which has three categories:

- 1) Best speciality recipe - for those amazing cakes that you can't get anywhere else, probably recipes passed down through the family (and certainly not found on the BBC Good Food website)
- 2) Best offer for dietary restrictions - for those with great gluten free, lactose free and vegan fare
- 3) Best overall spread - as much a matter of quantity as quality, where the riders don't need to eat for the rest of the week.

We have teamed up with the Women's Institute and they will supply the judges. If you want to submit your entry in any or all categories please email [gourmand@audax.uk](mailto:gourmand@audax.uk).

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### Event types:

#### "Old school" events


Following the success of the social rides at the 2026 Reunion weekend we are introducing a new category of event called "Old School". For these route sheets will be provided but no gpx tracks. Use of any device for navigation other than a route sheet or map pages torn out of a road atlas will be prohibited and roving SIC ("Special Integrity Check") teams may stop you en route to verify this.

Use of Carradice luggage will be encouraged but not essential.

Initially we will only offer this type of event in daytime, but if uptake is encouraging we will add overnight events, giving everyone adequate notice to acquire some 1980s style lights.

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## AA Points:

  
[AA \(Age adjusted\) Points](#)  
Our new scheme to reward riders at the ends of the AUK age spectrum



We are pleased to announce a new points system which seeks to encourage those at both ends of the age spectrum. We will calculate your AA points factor as follows:

For those under 35 = Square Root of (35-x) where x is your age

For those over 65 = Square root of (x-65) where x is your age

These factors will be calculated based on your age on 1st April in each season.

You may also apply for a further Age factor based on your bicycle if it is over 10 years old:

Bicycle age factor = Cube root of (y-10) where y is your bicycle age. This must be claimed for each event as you can vary the machine used and we may ask for supporting evidence eg original shop receipt.

## Invisibility vest:

### Audax UK Invisibility Vest

Audax UK branded Invisibility vest now available. This rolls up small enough to fit a back pocket and is ideal for riders who don't want to chat on the road - just take a quick "hedge stop", put it on and no need to make any more polite conversation. We recommend you remove it before controls otherwise you may not get your card stamped.

#### Audax UK Invisibility Vest (one size)



£139.00