

# French connection for charity cyclists

IT will be "Vive la France" for two Wrexham market stallholders when they Pedal to Paris for this year's Poppy Appeal.

Mike Evans of M. Evans Meat, and Tim Wooldrige of Tim's for Fish, at the Butchers' Market, will take part in the mammoth ride organised by the Royal British Legion.

The two intrepid stall holders will cycle 450 kilometres in only four days, arriving at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris on Sunday, afternoon, September 6.

Starting from the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich Kent to Dover. After an overnight stop on the other side of the English Channel they will leave the Pas de Calais and travel through the Somme and Oise regions of Picardy, to Paris.

The 1997 ride raised more than £30,000 for the Poppy Appeal, and Kevin Blanchfield, of Wrexham RBL, who took part said it was a fantastic experience.

Mike said: "It will be hard going but I am really looking forward to it. I used to do a lot of cycling but haven't really done much for the last couple of years, but am up to about 50 miles a week."

Tim is already doing a lot of cycling and is well in shape for the event.

He said: "I do a lot of mountain biking and have done charity rides in the past, for example for the Heart Foundation. It will be a great ride to do."

If anyone would like to sponsor the two riders they can contact them at the Butchers' Market to make their pledges.

■ Tim Wooldrige and Mike Evans who are cycling to Paris to raise money for the Royal British Legion

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