

# The Camden Cyclist

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## Dates for your Diary

### Monthly Meetings

These are held at 7.30pm on the second Monday of the month at Primrose Hill Community Centre, 29 Hopkinsons Place (off Fitzroy Road), London NW1 8TN.

We hold a business/committee meeting an hour before the main meeting, at 6.30pm, to which all interested members are welcome.

**Monday 11 August 2008 7.30pm** after briefly discussing topical cycling matters,

**Paul Braithwaite** will give an illustrated talk about his rides with the Bicycle Adventure Club.

**Monday 8 September 2008 7.30pm**

### London Freewheel

After last year's successful event, the London Freewheel will be held on Sunday 21 September 2008.

Camden Cyclists will be meeting at Swiss Cottage by Hampstead Theatre, at 10.30am, where Dr Bike can help check your mount and you can ride to a car-free stretch of road with our experienced leaders. Register for the Freewheel on:

<https://www.londonfreewheel.com/register/register.asp>

but don't worry if you've not registered. Come along for the ride; it'll be a great day out! The Freewheel website <http://www.londonfreewheel.com/default.asp> looked a tad unfinished as I wrote this Newsletter (15 July). Hopefully, there'll be more information nearer the time.

### Maintenance Workshops

Our autumn cycle maintenance course (two sessions) will take place at Velorution, 18 Great Titchfield Street, London W1W 8BD on Saturdays 20 September and 18 October from 2-6pm. Course costs £50. Peruse the syllabus on [www.camdencyclists.org.uk/newsitems/workshopsyllabus/](http://www.camdencyclists.org.uk/newsitems/workshopsyllabus/) Contact Stefano to enrol.

### Marchmont Street Festival

This year's Marchmont Street Festival is on Saturday September 6, from midday to 5pm. It's at the Tavistock Place end of the street.

CCC will have a stall and Dr Bike will attend. Contact James, John or Stefano.

### Bike Week

We were blessed with good weather for our annual celebration of all things cycling.

We started with a 'Bike Bus': experienced cyclists escorted cyclists of all ages from Camden Square to Hampstead Heath where children received free ice-creams on arrival, courtesy of Parliament Hill café's d'Auria brothers.



Meade McCloughan

A much fuller account of this ride is here:

[www.camdencyclists.org.uk/newsitems/c/cc/bike-bus-2008](http://www.camdencyclists.org.uk/newsitems/c/cc/bike-bus-2008)

The **Cyclists' Breakfast** went well but seemed to attract fewer celebrities than previously. It is reported fully on:

[www.camdencyclists.org.uk/newsitems/c/cc/breakfast0608](http://www.camdencyclists.org.uk/newsitems/c/cc/breakfast0608)



Paul Braithwaite

The week was 'rounded off' with the magnificent **Camden Peripherique** ride, which again beat the Borough's bounds. More than sixty riders participated. The Police helped ensure riders' safety and there was an optional 'History of Holborn' prologue, led by Julian Fulbrook. There's a full write-up on

[www.camdencyclists.org.uk/newsitems/c/cc/peripherique-08](http://www.camdencyclists.org.uk/newsitems/c/cc/peripherique-08)

### King's Cross - Again!

The latest proposals for King's Cross would make the area totally impermeable to local pedestrians and cyclists. There's a petition for an east-west bridge to the Prime Minister on <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/kxaccess/> Petition closes 2 January 2009; there's plenty of time! The King's Cross Access Campaign's website is on [www.kingscrossaccess.com/](http://www.kingscrossaccess.com/)

### Forthcoming Rides

If this newsletter arrives early, you may be able to join John Chamberlain, who is leading a ride on 27 July to the Lea Valley. Meet 10.45, Highgate Road entrance to Hampstead Heath cycleway

**George is leading the Herts and Beds ride on 31 August.**

Meet 10.20 Kentish Town Station for 10.36 train to St Albans (arr. 11.04). Train stops at West Hampstead at 10.40 and Cricklewood at 10.43 en route.

[www.camdencyclists.org.uk/rides/rides/ride-08-08](http://www.camdencyclists.org.uk/rides/rides/ride-08-08)

No engineering work is planned for this line on that date.



The CTC/Audax UK Luton Hertford 150km ride is on the same day, in the same area, starting from the Glebe Hall in Stanmore. I hope this does not confuse anyone on either ride!

### Silly Cycle Lane...



Jeremy Wright

This masterpiece of infrastructure, leading straight into parked cars, has appeared in Highgate, at the foot of West Hill. We are working to remedy the situation but losing parking spaces is politically difficult. Warrington Cycle Campaign show similar civic ineptitude on their site; July 2008 shows an impassable track!

[www.warringtoncyclecampaign.co.uk/facility-of-the-month/](http://www.warringtoncyclecampaign.co.uk/facility-of-the-month/)

### Join LCC!

Camden Cycling Campaign is a London Cycling Campaign Local Borough Group.

Membership of LCC includes: Free Third Party insurance, Legal advice, Discounts at bike shops Discounts on Maintenance and Training courses, Bimonthly London Cyclist magazine Local Group Membership and more. Ring 020 7234 9310 (Mon-Fri 10am-5pm) or visit: [www.lcc.org.uk/index.asp?PageID=27](http://www.lcc.org.uk/index.asp?PageID=27) to join. Membership costs £32 per year (£14 concessions, £23 additional members at same address) 3 months' extra membership if paid by Direct Debit



Lionel Shapiro

Stefano greets Barnet Cyclists arriving at the Breakfast