

# The Camden Cyclist

June/July 2008 Camden Cycling Campaign Newsletter

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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 9 June 2008 7.30pm**

**Monday 14 July 2008 7.30pm**

### Camden Green Fair & BikeFest

**Sunday June 1st**, from midday to 7pm at Regent's Park. Chester Road will be closed to traffic. There'll be bikes to try, a CCC stall, Dr Bike and many community stalls. We have **Trek Cycles** sponsoring a bigger better BikeFest this year.

More on: [www.camdengreenfair.org.uk/](http://www.camdengreenfair.org.uk/)

### Bike Week

**Sunday 15 June** Take the 'Bike Bus'! CCC volunteers will escort cyclists of all ages and abilities on a defined route (with intermediate stops/ pick-up points) between Camden Square and Hampstead Heath. The bus leaves Camden Square at 14:00 and 15:00 and returns from Hampstead Heath (Nassington Road) at 16:00 and 17:00.

More details on

[www.camdencyclists.org.uk/rides/rides/Bikebus%20card.pdf](http://www.camdencyclists.org.uk/rides/rides/Bikebus%20card.pdf)

**Wednesday 18 June** The ever popular Free Cyclists Breakfast. Join us for croissants, company and orange juice outside the British Library, Ossulston Street, NW1 from 8-10am

**Sunday 22 June** Ride round Camden. Paul Braithwaite's Camden Peripherique ride returns. Start 10.30 Town Hall, Judd Street. Lunch at the café, Golders Hill Park.

[www.camdencyclists.org.uk/rides/routes/peripherique-index](http://www.camdencyclists.org.uk/rides/routes/peripherique-index)



### Rides after Bike Week

John hopes to lead a ride in the Lee Valley in July. Date is not yet fixed. Please check our website nearer the time.

George hopes to lead a ride in August, details later.

**London Freewheel** will be on Sunday 21 September

### Two Tings

Camden Cyclists were involved in an event to promote considerate and safe use of towpaths. Cyclists were encouraged to fit and use bells and volunteers were distributing codes of conduct.



[camdencyclists.org.uk/newsitems/ccc/two-tings-04-08](http://camdencyclists.org.uk/newsitems/ccc/two-tings-04-08)

### AGM

We held our AGM in May. Most of the Committee is unchanged, but Meade has stepped down as Secretary and Dominic is Acting Secretary. Colleen Macaulay has joined us.

After the AGM, Jenny Jones spoke about how the somewhat uncertain future for cycling issues in London and how we should engage our London Assembly members in cycling issues by urging them to ask mayoral questions.

### Progress at St Pancras

There are now more secure bicycle parking places at the station.

Since April 7, it has been possible for cyclists using Eurostar to arrange to travel on the same train as their bike. Separate bookings are still needed for passenger and bike.

[www.camdencyclists.org.uk/newsitems/ccc/eurostar-04-06](http://www.camdencyclists.org.uk/newsitems/ccc/eurostar-04-06)

We are still working to improve signage, road safety and on-street cycle parking in the area.

### Doctor Bike

Will return to inspect and advise outside West Hampstead Library on Saturday 21 June, from 13:00 - 17:00

## Fairs & Festivals

Camden has many festivals over the summer and Camden Cyclists are planning to participate at the following events.

June 7<sup>th</sup> Primrose Hill Fest, Chalcot Square  
Sept 6<sup>th</sup> Swiss Cottage  
Sept 6<sup>th</sup> Marchmont St  
Sept 14<sup>th</sup> Swain's Lane

We would love more volunteers to help at our stalls. If you feel you could help, please contact one of the Co-ordinators.

## Nicky Gavron

Addressed our April meeting at rather short notice.



We heard about the GLA's achievements for cyclists. Nicky is still on the London Assembly, though in a minority Labour Group.

## Thames Towpath Ride

James led a ride from Hampstead to Richmond and back on 20 April.



There were 13 adults and a baby on the ride, reported in full [www.camdencyclists.org.uk/newsitems/cccljames-ride-04-08](http://www.camdencyclists.org.uk/newsitems/cccljames-ride-04-08)

## Big Brother Will Watch YOU!

The Heath Constabulary is introducing CCTV at various locations. No doubt they will, as always, come down hard on errant cyclists...

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/england/7398790.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/england/7398790.stm)

## ADVENTURES OF THE NIGHT RIDERS

Midnight at Hyde Park Corner. Forty or so cyclists gather under Constitution Arch. There is last-minute banana-munching and talk of weather forecasts. It's the start of a night ride.

By turns lessons in astronomy and convivial adventures, night rides are cycling with conversation; with a touch of the exotic and a smidge of romance. They are cycling à la mode - creatures of the internet, advertised by email and recorded on YouTube. And this is no ordinary night ride. This is the Cheam and Morden CTC Friday Night Ride to the Coast.

For the how, follow the link below. The why is simplicity itself. If you live in southern England and hanker after quiet roads and good company, then you've got to look beyond those clever maps with wiggly green lines denoting roads that are crammed with 4x4s stuffed with ruddy-faced commuters, children being ferried to rugby practice and families on their way to the garden centre...

Simon Legg  
The Guardian  
8 May 2008

[www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2008/may/08/ethicaliving.cycling](http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2008/may/08/ethicaliving.cycling)  
<http://fnrttc.blogspot.com/2008/04/heres-basics.html>

## Bare, If You Dare!!

Amongst other rides, Bike Week kicks off with the London part of the World Naked Bike Ride on Saturday 14 June (a change from the date previously advertised)

Sign up for this on

<http://www.worldnakedbikeride.org/index.html>

There are unclothed rides in other towns during the preceding week