



Newsletter: Jun/Jul '98

This newsletter has less news than usual, due to over half being dedicated to our programme of events during June. We'll be back with more news in the next issue.

All Aboard Seven Stations Link

CAMDEN Council, the Health Authority, and Local Agenda 21 support our plans for a physically segregated cycle route from Paddington to Liverpool St. And a key group of inner-London council cycling officers heard the 7 stations presentation from Paul Gannon (the scheme's architect) the day we went to press. They had just returned from a trip to Delft to see the Dutch approach to cycle facilities, and are keen to see this project progressed swiftly. Go to [Seven Stations Cycle Link](#).

No Danger... Us Liaising

WE'VE JUST heard that the future of Camden's Cyclists' & Pedestrians' Liaison group is secure. This is excellent news; we can reduce our politicking & focus on supporting on-the-ground improvements.

Belsize CPZ: Cycle Safety

CAMDEN has recently introduced a Controlled Parking Zone for the Belsize area (it stretches east as far as Mansfield Rd), and is now seeking ideas for more traffic management measures. Have you any thoughts on junction improvements or other changes which would make life safer for cyclists in the CPZ? Call Margaret before 15th June on 0171-485-1457.

Membership Still Rising

WE'VE 637 LCC members in Camden, so membership has risen by an average of 25% every year since 1994. We're aiming for 700+ by autumn.

Diagonal Sparking

ISLINGTON Council has banned diagonal parking from its Barnsbury Controlled Parking Zone, following pressure from ICAG (the local LCC group), and concern from the Fire Brigade. We've frequently discussed the safety issues over the spreading practice of diagonal parking with Camden Council, as motorists back out into the road without being able to see approaching traffic. Islington is now asking for a London-wide ruling on the issue from the London Fire & Civil Defence Authority.

Deborah's Sacked!

A BLOW in the local elections was Deborah Sacks losing her council seat. An enthusiastic promoter of green transport initiatives in the borough, and a committed cyclist, she'll be sadly missed. We wish her well for the future.

Bike Week & "Don't Choke Camden"

IN association with the Council's "Don't Choke Camden" campaign (to promote more sustainable transport use), we've lined up a full page of events, including our popular cyclists' breakfast (200+ turned up last

year, despite the pouring rain), and a novel tour of London's second hand clothes shops. We're also catering for those who may not be as confident on two wheels as you, by offering an on-road cycle training workshop. If you have a friend with a bike, but who rarely uses it because they are intimidated by the traffic, encourage them to come along.

Rides in June & July



One of last year's rides relaxing at one of many cafe stops.

Sun 21st June: Camden's leisure routes & a picnic

We explore some of Camden's quieter roads, before a relaxed picnic on the Heath - remember to bring some food. Meet 2pm at our Green Fair stall, Talacre Park, Talacre Road. Jane: 0171-794-9708

Sun 28th June: Small Bucks Ride

Gather outside Finchley Rd tube station at 11.30am to take the 11:41 to Amersham. Easy (and cheap) 30 miles in countryside, lunch at a pub. David: 0171-431-2964

Sun 26th July: Woods & Streams of S.E. London

35 miles, figure of 8 ride to borders of Kent via interesting byways. Easy pace, return by train if tired. Meet



6th-14th June

Camden Cycling Campaign has organised Bike Week in Camden to support the Council's "Don't Choke Camden" events programme running throughout June.

Sat 6th: Dr Bike - get your cycle checked

Free checkup for your bike, with the possibility of small repairs being carried out if queues not too long. 12-4pm outside West Hampstead Library (Dennington Park Rd/West End Lane jct.).Jane: 0171-794-9708

Sat 6th: Sue Bike-Ryder

We'll take you on a ride around London to the best-buy second-hand clothes shops. Meet 11:00 at MIND in Camden, finishing at Humana, Shepherds Bush. Lorna: 0171-383-0630

Sun 7th: Cycling Conga - Safe biking skills

If you find Camden's too dangerous to cycle in, here's a golden opportunity. An experienced cyclist will provide an escort from your door to our cycle skills workshop at 3pm (near Chalk Farm); you'll then get an escorted ride back home. David: 0171-431-2964

Wed 10th: Cyclists' Breakfast. 8-10am.

Free food & fruit juice at this popular event on the Somers Town cycle Route outside the new British Library (Ossulston St/Euston Rd junction). Sponsored by Camden Council. Paul: 0171-485-6241

Sat 13th June: "Not The World Cup" Ice Cream Ride

A must for undernourished football-phobes wanting to escape the bizarre mania gripping this planet. A relaxed tour of Camden's ice cream facilities, via Hampstead Heath, & Golders Hill Park; 'full-time whistle' finish at Flask pub in Highgate. Meet 1.30pm at Parkway/ Arlington Rd jct , or 2pm Marine Ices. Paul: 0171-482-6692

Sun 14th: Literary & Musical Ride

Join a medley of cyclists for a harmonious tour of Camden's composers, and a browse of past authors. Meet 2pm, Camden Town Hall (Judd Street/Euston Road junction). David: 0171-431-2964

Sun 21st: Stall & Dr. Bike @ Green Fair

Get your bike examined, and hang out at what promises to be the best Camden Green Fair ever. From 12 noon Talacre Park. Dr Bike stops surgery at 4pm. Paul: 0171-482-6692.