

The "Camden Cyclist"

August/September 06 Camden Cycling Campaign Newsletter

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Dates for your Diary

Members' meetings:

Are held on the second Monday of each month, at 7.30pm. We hold a Business Meeting for our Committee one hour beforehand. All members are welcome to both parts of the meeting, if interested

We vary meeting venues to engage local cyclists and other interested people.

Members' Meeting 14 August 2006, 7.30pm, Castlehaven Community Centre, 33 Hawley Road, London NW1 8RU

Members' Meeting 11 September 2006, 7.30pm

Castlehaven Community Centre, as above.

9 October, 7.30pm Talacre Sports Centre (**venue to be confirmed; please check website**) Simon Brammer, LCC Director will speak

Rides:

Sunday 6th August. CCC Ride. Sussex lanes, marsh and sea. Wadhurst to Hastings.

Meet 8am Hampstead Town Hall (Interchange Centre) or Charing Cross 8.45am for the 9.10am train to Wadhurst. 35 miles, easy paced ride on quiet roads but some up-and-down over the first 8 miles. Bring something to eat on the ride as we'll stop for a late pub lunch. Train ticket is day return to Hastings £13.75 with Network Card. Contact Richard Fletcher: fletcher.richard@Tblueyonder.co.uk Tel 020 7794 9708

SATURDAY September 30th: CCC ride. Ride in the Chilterns. 30 miles. Leader Sela Yair. We'll catch the 9:54 train to Princes Risborough from London Marylebone arriving at 10:38. I hope there wouldn't be engineering works at that weekend. Hilly ride, but only one very tough hill up which some people may have to walk. Lunch stop at a pub in Fingest. Contact Sela Yair by mobile on: 07900307025 or email sela@Tselav.com

October Sunday 8th Thames Towpath ride. Meet at the Interchange Centre (Old Town Hall) Belsize Park at 10.30 About 40 miles. Lunch will be at the pub in Mortlake (Yongs). One amazingly steep hill but otherwise quite reasonable. Tea stop on Wimbledon Common, all things being equal. Contact James Brander: 020 7267 3585

Fairs and Festivals

Fruitstock Regent's Park August 5-6. We hope to be there on Sunday August 6. Contact Stefano if you can help.

Over the summer, Camden cyclists have been at many community festivals, including Bikefest ant Regent's Park, the Kilburn Festival, the Camden New Town Festival

Matt Seaton Speaks

Our June meeting was at Hampstead Parochial School, where Bob Spellar is Schoolkeeper.



Lionel Shapiro

Matt Seaton, cycling columnist at The Guardian, spoke of the increasing acceptance of cycling into mainstream culture. The idea for a column on cycling had come from his editor at The Guardian, not from him.

He said that priorities have changed. The best yet: advance stop lines give the message to other road users that cyclists have priority.

A full report of the talk is at:

<http://www.camdencyclists.org.uk/newsitems/ccc/seaton0606>

Bike Week 2006

This started with Dr Bike in West Hampstead on Saturday 17 June, continuing with ever popular Cyclists Breakfast and culminating with a ride to the Olympic site.



John Chamberlain

Feeder rides from several boroughs converged at Stratford, and visited sites of several sports and residential facilities. Full report:

<http://www.camdencyclists.org.uk/newsitems/ccc/olympicride06>

Cyclists' Breakfast

Glorious weather this sweltering solstice made the Cyclists' Breakfast a lovely event. We had assistance and useful freebies from 'Good Going'. Breakfasters ranged in age from the youngest tots to senior citizens.



Lionel Shapiro

Jean is seen here talking to two Camden Councillors: Maya De Souza (Green) and Keith Sedgewick (Con)

Hampstead Heath

Cycling is prohibited on most of the Heath, bar a handful of paths. Cyclists who stray from these have had VAST fines imposed if caught by the Heath Constabulary.

A full account of these punitive fines, from the Ham & High is on www.tinyurl.co.uk/iipb

A subsequent letter shows the sort of opposition we face on www.tinyurl.co.uk/n1fa

We would like to see responsible cycling permitted on some of the wider paths of the Heath. Full details of Camden Cycling Campaign's Heath Campaign are on:

<http://www.camdencyclists.org.uk/camden/campaigns/heath0506>

The Heath Management Plan is currently being revised so the matter may be reconsidered. CCC has previously been rebuffed when requesting more paths on which cycling is permitted.

Children Ride to School!

Frustrated with the inability of his charges to ride legally and safely to school, Bob Spellar arranged for them to ride there on the wide open paths across the Heath, defying the rules on July 7. Bob led one group of children from Millfield Lane to Hampstead Parochial School, while his friend Julian led another group from the car park at the south-west corner of the Heath. The cyclists were joined by Councillors Alexis Rowell and Maya De Souza.



Cooked Cyclists!

George Coulouris led a group of riders through the leafy lanes of Hertfordshire on one of July's hottest days.



Punctures and pubs aplenty! Full report on:

<http://www.camdencyclists.org.uk/newsitems/ccr/ride0706>

NEW Photo Gallery

Andrew Conway has arranged for us to have our own gallery on: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/camdencyclists/> where there are some evocative shots of many of our recent activities..

Ritva Raitsalo



Apologies for unaccredited photographs in this newsletter. I have been unable to source some photographers.