

Camden Cyclist

News from your local LCC Group
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What's On Soon



Sunday, April 5th

Riverside Ramblings Ride

Join James for a meander down the Thames Towpath.

**Pub Lunch
(Noli tabernam praeterire)**

Details:

Meet Interchange Centre
(Hampstead Old Town Hall)
Times 11 am - 3 pm
Leader: James Brander, 7267
3585
Bring along: yourself, friends, spare inner tube, (We can help with bike problems en route, but tubes must be the right size!)



Monday April 20

Monthly Meeting

Details:

Meet Primrose Hill CC
(29 Hopkinsons Place
London NW1 8TN)
Committee 6.30-7.25pm
Main meeting 7.30pm -9pm



Weekly on Wednesday

Ride, every Wednesday from May 6th

Join James on a radial route ride.

Pub lunch

Details:

Meeting Point: Interchange Centre,
Haverstock Hill
NW3 4QP
Start / End: 11 am - 4 pm
Leader: James Brander
Bring along: Friends, spare tube



Ride, Sunday, May 10th

Discovering Lea Valley

Easy-paced family ride

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Details:

Meeting Point: Highgate Road entrance to Hampstead Heath cycleway
Meet 10.45, ready to leave at 11 o'clock
Start / End: 11 am - 3 pm
Leader: John Chamberlain
Jxchamberlain AT aol.com
Bring along: friends, kids, family



AGM & Jon Snow

Speaker, Monday, May 11th

We'll zoom through the formalities and then listen to Jon Snow, fresh from Channel 4

Details:

Meeting Point: Primrose Hill CC
(29 Hopkinsons Place
London NW1 8TN)
Start / End: AGM: 8.00 pm
Speaker: 8.30 pm

Latest News



LCC Wins Cycle Parking Victory!

LCC has thwarted plans which would have allowed local authorities to remove bicycles locked to street furniture and railings.

Many LCC members had written to protest at the proposals, which would have made secure parking a lottery

The full story is on:

www.lcc.org.uk//index.asp?PageID=1299

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Barnet's Bus Lanes

Barnet plans to perform 'minor' works to the bus lanes along it part of the A5 (LCN+ 5) which would reduce bus priority and improve traffic flow, increasing potential danger and discomfort to cyclists

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Regents Park

Don't forget cycling is allowed on the Broadwalk. Help make a success of the 18 month experiment by using it regularly and considerately.

New Style Newsletter!

Regular readers will have noticed our newsletter has been radically revamped. Roland Stahel, a CCC member has applied his graphic skills to both our website and our newsletter.

Thank you Roland!

Getting In Touch

We don't bite! Please email us or use any contact phone number given so we can help you (or you can inform us!)

Other phone numbers are on the contacts section of our web page.



Rider's Writing

To The Dales

A damp dusk descends on Fishlake, near Doncaster and over 80 riders converge on the village hall. We leave when the church clock chimes eleven. It is dark but our lights are bright. It is quite warm and muggy. A slight tailwind and our fresh legs propel us effortlessly over the wide open roads to York. There, I help myself to goodies from the garage fridge and eat them before I reach the till; the queue shifts slowly.

We resume our ride, so easy, so speedy. The intense scent of oilseed rape wafts over us on this moonless, heady night.

The horizon sharpens and the sky pales slightly as we pass Northallerton. We mob the motel at Leeming Bar. Commotion! A rider has fainted in the queue. He recovers rapidly but looks pale. We keep him lying down, get his card stamped and collect him refreshments. Later, he completes the course successfully.

I leave Leeming in a drizzly dawn and am soon reduced to painfully slow wobbly grunting up Hipswell Moor. Wild garlic flavours the air, the odd disorientated owl hoots but it is mainly the call of curlew, cuckoo and crow which dominate the sound scene. The road signs feature tanks in red triangles; perhaps this explains the squashed frogs, rabbits and hedgehogs underfoot.

It brightens a little and I have the road to myself for a few hours. I luxuriate in the peace, am nearly asleep by Muker but wake up after a pit stop there. Keld is exactly 100 miles from the start. I rejoice thinking I have reached the top, only to have to climb again. The watershed is reached at Cumbria's boundary. I drop down to Kirkby Stephen and buy postcards, water and a Solero. It is 8am; someone in the sweetshop says it's too early for ice cream but I have covered 110 miles in nine hours and still have 140 miles to ride ahead....

... I roll back into Fishlake as the clock strikes eleven.

A day is a long time in Audax!

Helen Vecht

From Arrivée, the magazine of Audax UK, the Long-Distance Cycling Association. Summer 1995

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