

# Camden Cyclist

Camden Cyclists' News August/September 2010

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## What's On

**Monthly Meetings** are held on the second Monday of every month. The Committee meets at 6.30pm and the more general Members' Meeting starts at 7.30. We meet at Primrose Hill Community Association, 29 Hopkinsons Place (off Fitzroy Road) NW1 8TN. Next meetings:  
**Monday 9 August 2010, 7.30pm**  
**Monday 13 September 2010, 7.30pm**

## Rides

**Sunday August 15** Shuttleworth Ride  
Meet West Hampstead Thameslink 10.15 for 10.25 train to Bedford (dep. St Pancras 10.17)  
We'll ride to Shuttleworth for lunch by 1pm, stay until around 2:30 to allow time for people to visit the Shuttleworth Collection of old aircraft, then ride to Harlington to pick up the return train. People wanting to stay longer will be given a map showing the route to Harlington. Catch a train from Harlington around 16:30 (trains are every 15 mins) to return by about 17:30. Most of the route is on dedicated cycle tracks and on small lanes total distance about 28 miles.. Riders should buy a day return to Bedford (~£17 or £11:20 with a rail card). There is a good café at Shuttleworth. Entry to the aircraft museum is £10 (lots of lovely pre-WWII planes see [www.shuttleworth.org/](http://www.shuttleworth.org/)) There is a possibility that return trains may be disrupted; if so, we'll send an email out and modify the route on the day.  
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## Sky Ride

Now rebadged the Mayor of London's Sky Ride, **Sunday 5 September** will see many Central London roads closed to motorised traffic for what was once known as the London Freewheel. We'll be leading a feeder ride to this event. Meet 10.30am at the Hampstead Theatre, Swiss Cottage. Last minute details may change (as they did for feeders to Ealing's SkyRide) so please check our website nearer the time.  
If you wish to register (optional) for the Sky Ride, go to <http://tinyurl.com/3alcuvn>

## Marchmont Street Festival

The Marchmont Street Festival takes place on Saturday 4 September, from 12-5pm. Camden Cyclists will be there and there should be live music and children's entertainment.



## What's Off

TfL has decided to scrap 145 sets of traffic lights, a number of which are in Camden, to reduce congestion. This potentially could make life difficult or dangerous for vulnerable road users. There's a full list of lights they propose to scrap on <http://tinyurl.com/324393a>

## What's Happening?

The first Barclays Cycle Superhighways will be opened before you receive this newsletter. Meanwhile, with rather less publicity, opening of some of the other Superhighways has been put back until 2015. This includes CS11 along the A5. Boris Johnson's term of office as Mayor may be over by then and there's a chance that these highways may never be completed.

## Bicycle Theft



Poor Jon Snow has had his bike stolen for the second time in a year. Jon used a heavy lock through both wheels and round a post. There is CCTV surveillance where he works at Channel 4. Kings Cross Police hope to reduce cycle theft by targeting rush hour commuters at the station on 12 and 31 August, advising them how best to secure their machines.

Jon did all anyone could expect, to prevent theft. There's a £1000 reward on offer for the return of his titanium Condor Gran Fondo.

## Barclays and Breakfast



The recent Cyclists' Breakfast gave our visitors a chance to handle the new Barclays hire bikes which will be available from 30 July. Luggage carrying capacity appears somewhat limited.

As there is no charge for a hire of less than half an hour, some people of my acquaintance are planning a day riding 'free' between docking stations. I'm not sure this would be worth the hassle; parking and releasing bikes could be quite time-consuming. There'll be several docking stations in Camden. I would have posted the URL of a map showing the precise location of the docking stations, but this seems to have vanished from the TfL website, possibly due to legal challenge about the siting of some stations.

## Peripherique

The fourth incarnation of Cllr Paul Braithwaite's popular ride all around Camden took place on one of the very hottest days of the year.

Early attendance by several Doctors Bike ensured the wheels ran smoothly.



Around 55 riders took part, enjoying the sunshine whilst much of the world was watching football on TV. Ice cream at Golders Hill Park provided welcome refreshment. There's more detail on our website on <http://tinyurl.com/2ug3nuq>



A great success! Thanks to all!