

The Camden Cyclist

February/March 2009 Camden Cycling Campaign Newsletter

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Campaign

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Dates for your Diary

We hold **Monthly Meetings** at 7.30pm on the second Monday of every month at Primrose Hill Community Centre. 29 Hopkinsons Place (off Fitzroy Road), NW1 8TN.

An hour before the main meeting, at 6.30pm, we hold a business/committee meeting to which all interested members are welcome.

Our **February Meeting** on 9 February, we will try to prioritise which proposed cycle schemes we would most like to be implemented in the end of (financial) year scramble for cash. Camden may be able to access funds even though Boris has cut LCN+ (London Cycle Network Plus).

We have **Guest Speakers** for our **March Meeting**.

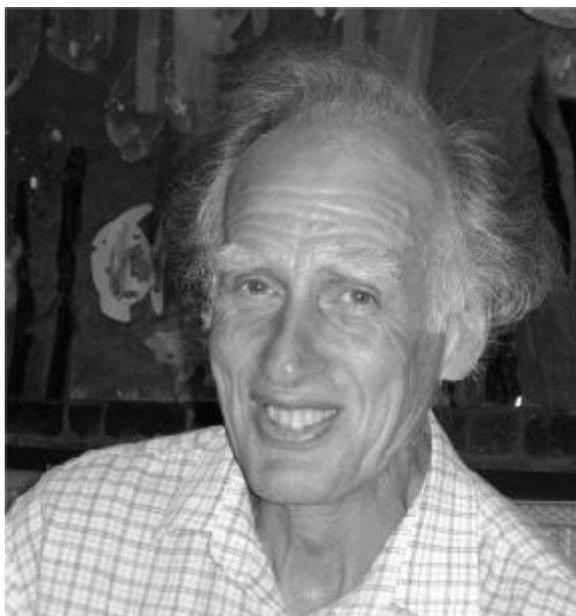
Monday 9 March

Steve Cardno LCN+ Project Manager and **Brian Deegan** will speak about the future of LCN+ beyond 2009-2010, following the Mayor's withdrawal of funding.

They will speak about how Camden can implement schemes despite the Mayor's actions.

Forthcoming Rides

James has now retired from work and will be leading weekly Wednesday rides from Hampstead Interchange Centre (old Town Hall) Haverstock Hill at 10.30. The rides will be 20-25 miles long and of medium pace and will mainly head out radially. Lunch stops will be arranged, possibly in a pub. Contact James for further details.



Helen Vecht

James will also lead a **Thames Towpath Ride** on Sunday April 5th, leaving from the Interchange Centre at 11am.

Join LCC!

Camden Cycling Campaign is a London Cycling Campaign Local Borough Group.

Membership of LCC includes: Free third party insurance, legal advice, discounts at bike shops on maintenance and training courses, bimonthly London Cyclist magazine local group membership and more.

Ring 020 7234 9310 (Mon-Fri 10am-5pm) or visit: <http://www.lcc.org.uk/index.asp?PageID=27> to join. Membership costs £32 per year (£14 concessions, £23 additional members at same address)

Maintenance Workshops

Another course of Maintenance Workshops is to take place shortly at Velorution, 18 Great Titchfield Street, London W1W 8BD.

This will be held on Saturdays 28 February and 28 March from 2-6pm. The course of two sessions costs £50. Contact Stefano to book a place. Workshop syllabus is on: <http://tinyurl.com/7ag3em>

Outer Circle, Regents Park

France Mortimer has been working tirelessly with many agencies to enhance the environment for pedestrians and cyclists in the Outer Circle. It is currently used as a through route by much fast traffic. The proposal is to pedestrianise the stretch in front of the Zoo, whilst maintaining access for service vehicles and cyclists. The plans are on: <http://tinyurl.com/7gjszg>

Frances is moving away and we wish her well and thank her for all her hard work.

Fitzjohns and Festivities

Our December meeting started with a presentation by Farokh Khorrooshi, chair of Fitzjohns Residents Association.

He demonstrated how a quiet road had become extremely busy and that speeds of 150 mph had been recorded. He showed his proposals for cycle tracks and echelon parking, to improve safety and slow the traffic.



George Coulouris

We were then treated to the sounds of Imogen Gunner on fiddle, Amy O'Dwyer singing and Dave Carugo on keyboard, while we tucked in to pakora, tangerines and mince pies.



George Coulouris

There's a fuller account of events on:
www.camdencyclists.org.uk/newsitems/ccc/coc-party-12-08

Motorcycles and the Mayor

Don't forget to let TfL and the Mayor of London know how you feel about the 'experiment' to allow powered two wheelers in bus lanes.

There's information on:
www.tfl.gov.uk/roadusers/finesandregulations/10151.aspx
and a survey on <http://tinyurl.com/7lkphe>
The survey closes on 5 January 2010.

A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

Once or twice a year, I travelled through France with the dedicatee of this book at the speed of a nineteenth-century stagecoach. Cycling not only makes it possible to conduct exhaustive research into local produce, it also creates an enormous appetite for information. Certain configurations of field, road, weather and smell imprint themselves on the cycling brain with inexplicable clarity and return sometimes years later to pose their nebulous questions. A bicycle unrolls a 360-degree panorama of the land, allows the rider to register its gradual changes in gear ratios and muscle tension, and makes it hard to miss a single inch of it, from the tyre-lacerating suburbs of Paris to the Mistral-blasted plains of Provence. The itinerary of a cyclist recreates, as if by chance, much older journeys: transhumance trails, Gallo-Roman trade routes, pilgrim paths, river confluences that have disappeared in industrial wasteland, valleys and ridge roads that used to be busy with pedlars and migrants. Cycling also makes conversation easy and inevitable - with children, nomads, people who are lost, local amateur historians and, of course, dogs, whose behaviour collectively characterizes the outlook of certain regions as clearly as human behaviour once did. This book is the result of fourteen thousand miles in the saddle and four years in the library. It describes the lives of the inhabitants of France - wherever possible, through their own eyes - and the exploration and colonization of their land by foreigners and natives, from the late seventeenth century to the early twentieth.

From *THE DISCOVERY OF FRANCE* by
Graham Robb, Picador, £9.99

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