

The Camden Cyclist

June/July 2007 Camden Cycling Campaign Newsletter

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Dates for your Diary

Monthly Meetings

These are usually held at 7.30pm on the second Monday of the month at Primrose Hill Community Centre, 29 Hopkinsons Place, London NW1 8TN
We hold a business/committee meeting an hour before the main meeting, at 6.30pm, to which all interested members are welcome.

Monday 11 June 7.30pm PHCC Konrad Manning of Chamberlaines Bike Shop, will talk about competitive cycling

Monday 9 July 7.30 pm at PHCC. No guest speaker, but a chance to discuss current cycling issues and to recount the Tour de France the previous weekend.

Events & Rides CCC rides are listed here. Other rides of interest to Camden Cyclists (dates may clash) are listed later.

Wednesday 30 May 5pm-7pm Camden Cycle Awareness Event on Regent's Canal at Royal College Street. Promote tolerance and understanding among towpath users by 'Two Tings' on the bell. Contact Jean for details.

Sunday 3 June midday to 7pm Camden Green Fair and BikeFest

Major fun day for the whole family in Regent's Park. There will be a stall for Camden Cycling Campaign, Doctor Bike, unusual bikes to try. There's also face painting, yoga, a solar-powered circus tent and all kinds of goodies for sale. We'll need help at our stall, if you can spare some time, contact Stefano.

More information on: <http://www.camdengreenfair.org.uk>



The Green Fair takes place north of Chester Road

Bike Week June 16-24

Saturday 16 June

Dr Bike at West Hampstead (outside Library). Midday to 5pm Contact James.



Also

Primrose Hill Summer Fair: Dr Bike & CCC stall, Primrose Hill Goes Tropical at Chalcot Square 2pm-5pm Contact Jean

Sunday 17 June

Parks and Rivers of South London, a **Ride** with James Brander.

Lunch in a park cafe (probably Kelsey), and we'll try to get some tea as well. We could meet people at intermediate points (eg Lewisham bus station).

Meet 10.30am Interchange Centre (Old Town Hall), Haverstock Hill, NW3 (just north of Belsize Park Station)

Wednesday 20 June

Cyclists' Breakfast 8am-10 am

Free fuel for cyclists! Join us for croissants, orange juice and bananas at our popular midweek feast.

Ossulston Street beside the British Library. Contact Jane

Sunday 24 June

Tour de Camden Peripherique. Paul Braithwaite has devised a new route round all the Electoral Wards in Camden.

Download a route sheet from

www.camdencyclists.org.uk/rides/routes/Peripherique.pdf and join Paul outside the Town Hall on Judd Street WC1H 1JE at 10.30 for an all day ride. Flyer with more info is on:

www.camdencyclists.org.uk/rides/routes/PeripheriqueFlyer.pdf

Heath Ride

Sunday 1 July Family cycle ride on Hampstead Heath

Meet East Heath Road car park 11.00am

A leisurely circular ride using quiet local roads and cycleways on Hampstead Heath, walking the bits where they don't join. Meet for lunch afterwards at Cafe Mozart, Swains Lane. Contact: James

See the Tour de France!

On Saturday 7 July, cyclists from all over London will converge to see the Prologue of the Tour from privileged viewpoint on The Mall. Our contingent will meet at 10.20 at Hampstead Theatre, Eton Avenue, Swiss Cottage, NW3 3EU, to ride into Central London. Racing starts at around 2pm. in Hyde Park Contact Stefano

More Festivals!

Camden Cyclists will have stalls at the **Kilburn Festival** in Grange Park on 15 July, with Dr Bike and the **Swiss Cottage Festival (in the Open Space)** on 28 July.

AGM & Report

We held our AGM on 14 May. All the current Committee were re-elected and we welcome Dominic Tinley to help us. The Annual Co-ordinators' Report is on:

<http://tinyurl.com/3ar4c4>. I am grateful to the whole team for their colossal efforts. We always need more help with our work. Please contact us if you can help in any way, however small.

Sam Monck from Camden Council talked about the Bloomsbury Project after the AGM. There will be more detail later. I was disappointed to hear that there was nothing proposed to reduce through traffic.

Where Are Camden's Blackspots?

We need your help to inform Camden Council which places you feel present real danger to cyclists. The ones we know about are on:

http://maps.camdencyclists.org.uk/danger_spots.html but if you know of any more, please email Jean the precise location and the nature of the danger, so she can add it to the list.

Unlikely Ally?

Cycling hit the press at the end of April, when there were revelations of excess female cyclists' deaths, from HGV collisions. The Evening Standard suddenly started to show support for cycling in London, having displayed a somewhat anti-cycling stance in the past. They drew up a 12-point charter of things they feel would improve the lot of the cyclist in London.

1. A real cycle network across London
2. Better cycle lanes with proper segregation
3. Enforcement of special advanced stop lines for cyclists
4. HGVs to be fitted with special cyclist safety mirrors
5. Compulsory cyclist awareness training for all bus drivers and new HGV drivers
6. Cycle-friendly streets: fewer one-way systems which funnel cyclists into the middle of traffic
7. More cycle parking across London
8. A police crack down on cycle theft
9. Make safe the Thames bridges: some of the most dangerous places for cyclists
10. Campaign to alert the self-employed that they can claim a 20p a mile cycling allowance against tax
11. Better cycle-bus-rail co-ordination: adequate parking at all railway stations
12. Cycle training for all schoolchildren and any adult who wants it

I don't usually read the ES. Looking at their website as I compiled this newsletter, I could see little evidence that the campaign was sustained beyond a week.



Remember Two Tings on 30 May

Dr Bike Returns...

To West Hampstead on 30 June and 28 July. He'll be outside the Library (corner of West End Lane & Dennington Park Road, from noon to 5pm. He'd welcome any help you could offer or will attend lovingly to your bike. Contact James.

Beyond Camden's Bounds are other rides.

10 June Colin Wing visits Open Gardens. Meet Albert Memorial, Kensington Gardens 09.15

24 June Nick Bloom's Suburban Breakout (100km) & Muswell Hills (200km) Audax rides from East Finchley www.saddlesore.org.uk

1 July Barnet's Charles Harvey is riding to Mill Green Museum, where organic flour is milled. Meet Kings X Thameslink 09.00 for 09.32 to St Albans arrive 10.03, to meet Charles there. 07961 194771